

Thurs 6 Feb 2014

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TACKLING NEW CHALLENGES

The New School Year is a great time of year, often with opportunity of a new start, doing things in a new and better way, and being optimistic about the year ahead. There are also reminders as we move on into the year of those things we never quite mastered or did well from the previous year.

If these things which we know we need to do better at are small challenges, such as learning a new Scripture passage, or learning my times tables more thoroughly, or spelling a word correctly which I always get wrong, these can be very successful ways of turning our challenges into success stories. Can I encourage us all to take hold of some simple challenges we all face and to turn them around so we see success.

Some of the things are bigger challenges, like the bill that never gets paid off fully, or the renovation that is not nearly finished, or the person I haven't spoken to for months, or the job I have been putting off for weeks. All these take purpose and courage to face, and it is with God's strength that we can feel strong enough to look these challenges in the eye and be an overcomer.

Joshua 1:9 is one verse that reminds us of the need to be strong and courageous, and to remember that the Lord goes with us wherever we go. It is as we take that first step in our challenges that the road ahead does not appear so daunting.

May I encourage us all to face our challenges, whatever they may be, that we may see victory in our lives as we walk the journey with our Lord Jesus Christ.

YEAR 7/8 ROUND THE BAY TRIP

Year 7 and 8 students are currently travelling around Port Phillip Bay for their 3-day orientation class trip. They are thankful for "cooler" weather and for the opportunity to see firsthand God's wonderful coastal scenery of the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas but also much of Port Phillip Bay.

After staying overnight at Rosebud Baptist Church Hall last night, students boarded the ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff to visit the Marine Discovery Centre and then to Point Lonsdale for the night.

Students are expected back at Olivet tomorrow at approx. 4.45pm and to Olympic Parade, Bendigo at approx. 5.45pm.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO BEGAN AT OLIVET ON MONDAY THIS WEEK:-

**Messlynn Bitutu in Grade 2,
Isaac Duncan in Grade 5 and
Shianne Duncan in Year 7 together
with their families.**

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2014

The following students have been asked to lead the student body as House Captains for 2014:-

ANDREW HOUSE

Alanah Burt, Joshua Mitchell, Olivia McCoy, Talon Manning, Claire Jones

DAVID HOUSE

Lois Brown, Cohen Donnan, Monique Percy, Amaya McKenzie, Orin McKay

We look forward to inducting these students to their roles on Dedication Night next Tuesday.

OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Grades 5 - 6 and Years 7 - 8 will be completing an Open Water Learning activity session at Crusoe Reservoir Bendigo on Friday afternoon 14 February. There will be a number of water activities in order to give students experience in water situations, including rescues, DRSABCD, PFD's and general Water Safety.

Students will be taking their lunch break early and leaving Olivet at 12.30pm for a 1.20pm - 2.45pm session. It is important that students come dressed in their bathers, with their summer uniform over the top, as there are very limited facilities on site.

Students will also need to bring with them T-shirt, enclosed shoes which can get wet (not thongs), towel, board shorts and sunscreen.

BUSES WILL BE 15 MINUTES LATER TO ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATIONS ON FRI 14 FEB.

DEDICATION NIGHT

Next Tuesday 11 Feb is an important for all College families and staff as we come together to dedicate the school year to the Lord and for His purposes.

We will begin with a tea at 6pm with all families bringing along finger food please.

Then at 7pm in the Assembly area, we will hold our Dedication Service for the year ahead. All groups within the school will be part of the program whether they are students, House Captains, parents, staff, class assistants, bus drivers, or members of the Reachout company.

The evening should be concluded by 8pm.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the AMY BENNETT and BIGNOUX Families.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

All parents who have claimed the Conveyance Allowance previously do not need to fill in another form unless their address has changed. If your address has changed and you have not notified the office please let Mary-Anne know on 5472 3817 asap and she will send you a new form. If you live further than 4.8km from the college you may be eligible.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if you have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

If you have not completed a form this year and you are eligible please send an email or phone Mary-Anne to ask for a form now.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES

Term 1: Tues 28 Jan - Fri 4 April

Term 2: Mon 28 April - Fri 27 June

Term 3: Mon 14 July - Fri 19 Sept

Term 4: Mon 6 Oct - Thurs 11 Dec