An unknown poet wrote the following:

"Though the cover is worn and the pages are torn, and though places bear traces of tears;
Yet more precious than gold is this book worn and old, that can shatter and scatter my fears.

When I prayerfully look in this precious old book, as my eyes scan the pages I see;
Many tokens of love from the Father above, who is nearest and dearest to me.

This old book is my guide, 'tis a friend by my side, it will lighten and brighten my way.
And each promise I find soothes and gladdens my mind, as I read it and heed it today."

HARMONY DAY

This week in Auslan classes we celebrated Harmony Day...a day to celebrate and to learn and understand how Australians of different backgrounds can live together in peace.

Since 1945, 7.2 million people have migrated to Australia. We identify with approximately 300 ancestries and today around 45 percent of Australians were born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas.

We speak approximately 300 languages, including indigenous ones and four million of us speak a language other than English at home, including Auslan.

Harmony Day provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the benefits and potential that cultural diversity brings. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, while also recognising our indigenous people.

Cultural diversity is in Australia’s national interest, building our productivity and enriching our lives.

REMINDER

Koorong Kids Book Orders are all due in to the office tomorrow March 21st.

PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

Following our last morning of classes and clean-up for the end of term, students and staff will break for lunch at 12.30pm with the Afternoon Presentation to follow from 1.15pm onwards. Parents and family members and friends are all invited to attend to see the students receive their term awards for character and academic excellence and encouragement.

Students will be dismissed at approx. 2.30pm.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

It is the expectation of all staff that students complete their work for the term by the end of week 9 - next week. It is expected that those students who do not complete their work by this date will be attending school on Monday to complete work outstanding.

Would parents please support the College in developing good, consistent study habits which will stay with them for life.
HONOUR ROLL DAY will be held on Monday 31 March. Students who complete their term’s work will have an end of term trip to celebrate their diligent work. (Students who have not completed their term’s work will be required to attend school on the day to complete their outstanding work).

SECONDARY Mystery Progressive Dinner Monday 31st March commencing at 5pm and concluding at 8.30pm.
This term the Secondary students will be taking part in a Mystery Hunt and Progressive Dinner around Castlemaine.
Students will be working in groups and will have to find the host’s house after following some questions and instructions.
The mystery hunt will commence at the Burke and Wills Memorial at the top of Mostyn Street. The final destination will be announced at a later date.
The cost for the Mystery night is $10 which will assist to cover the costs.

PERMISSION SLIP HROLL SECONDARY
I give my permission for _____________________ to attend the Honour Roll Trip to the Mystery Progressive Dinner on Monday 31 March from 5pm to 8.30pm. Cost will be $10 to assist in covering costs.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

GRADE 5 - 6 OAK FOREST TRIP
The year 5 - 6 Honour Roll trip for Term 1 will be held on Monday 31st March during normal school hours. Students who have reached their Honor Roll will be travelling by Olivet bus to the Oak Forest on Mt Alexander near Harcourt.
We will enjoy a day of outdoor activities in the open, weather permitting. Students will need to bring picnic lunch, drinks and snacks for the day.

PERMISSION SLIP HROLL GRADE 5-6
I give my permission for _____________________ to attend the Honour Roll Trip to the Oak Forest on Monday 31 March.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

P-2 and 3-4 BOTANIC GARDENS (Combined)
To make the most of our pleasant autumn weather we will spend our morning at the Castlemaine Gardens for a walk, games and activities on the playground. We will share a BBQ lunch and return to school for indoor games in the afternoon. Children will need to wear sports uniform and bring along snacks and drinks for the day. Please complete the Permission Slip below or online at www.olivet.vic.edu.au under the Forms tab

PERMISSION SLIP HROLL PREP - 2 & 3-4
I give my permission for _____________________ to attend the Honour Roll Trip to the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens on Monday 31 March.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

SECONDARY SPORT
Tomorrow will be Tennis at the Lawn Tennis courts in Castlemaine. All students are to bring their yellow Olivet top, black shorts and runners. Students will change into their sports uniform at lunchtime, then change back into their summer uniform at the end of the day.
If you have a tennis racquet or two at home, could you bring it with you tomorrow please.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the LYNE MANNING McARDLE and McCOY Families.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN
Grades 3 to 6 students will be running in the Castlemaine and District Schools Cross country to be held on Friday 28 March at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens.
Now is the time to do some regular training with the cooler evenings setting in and jogging is a good way to develop fitness and general health. Any distances up to 3 km will help to build stamina and prepare students for the interschool run.

Please complete the Permission Slip below or online at www.olivet.vic.edu.au under the Forms tab.

PERMISSION SLIP CROSS COUNTRY RUN PREP - 2 & 3-4
I give my permission for _____________________ to attend the Cross Country Run at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens on Friday 28 March.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

MISSIONS TRIP TO SARA VILLAGE , VANUATU
Mr and Mrs Donaldson are travelling to Vanuatu these holidays with a church group to complete the pastor’s house that was started 18 months ago and to commence building a teacher’s house for the village. The school library is in very poor condition, and water damaged. Mrs Donaldson is looking for donations of books in good condition to donate to the school. The books would need to be for Primary aged children and easy to read. Thank you very much for your help. Mrs Donaldson