HOW DID DAVID ILLUSTRATE INITIATIVE?
Character Council of Indiana, Inc. ~ November 2001 Biblical Character Study

David wrote in Psalm 37:4, “Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” In other words, He will place His desires within us.

Scripture gives David the awesome title of being “a man after God’s own heart” (see Acts 13:22). Even as a young boy, David demonstrated amazing initiative. As a shepherd, he could have spent all his time sitting around watching the sheep. Instead, he took initiative to meditate and memorize the Law of God, to skilfully play the harp, and to accurately sling stones at the predators of his sheep. These initiatives made him a skilled shepherd and prepared him to lead the nation of Israel.

As king, he decided to build a temple for God. Notice how his initiative began with words, “The king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains” (II Samuel 7:2). Even though God pointed out that it was impossible for a house to contain Him and that David was unqualified to build it, He honoured David’s initiative by allowing David’s son to build the temple, and God made it a centerpiece of his dealings with Israel (See II Samuel 7:6-17).

Well done Alyssa McArdle and Kaden Turnbull for showing initiative in the yard this week.

2013 BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION
45,576 students participated from 585 schools
Congratulations to the following students who gained awards:
Intermediate
Distinction   Lois Brown
Junior
Distinction Alyssa McArdle
Oscar Thorpe
Credit        Kris Evers
Well done students!

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the WHITE, WOOD and AMY MUSGROVE families.

2013 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (VIC) PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY
29 July to 30 August
Thank you to those parents who have completed this survey. If you have yet to complete the survey, please note the attached link. http://research.is.vic.edu.au/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/328722/lang/en

SECONDARY DEBATING DAY
The Secondary students had a great day mastering their debating skills with Ron Thomas. Well done to Oscar Thorpe, Callum McKinnon-Allen, Kris Evers and Joel Lourey for excellent scores.
LOST PROPERTY
There are quite a number of items in the lost property box in the hall. At Assembly, students are advised regularly to check the lost property but there are still several un-named jumpers and sports tops in the lost property box.

FREE DRIVING LESSONS are available for young people learning to drive. Check this website for further details. www.keys2drive.com.au

SECONDARY FIRST AID
Over the past four weeks the Year 9 and 10 students have been instructed and trained in First Aid. The students need to receive 75% on their exam and workbook to qualify for a certificate. All students conducted their on Tuesday, but still require to finish their workbook. This workbook must be completed by the end of this week, so it can be submitted for marking. Please make sure your child returns their completed workbook to Mr. Steel no later than Friday 16 August. Thank you

SECONDARY SUPERMARKET EXCURSION
This Friday the Year 7 and 8 students will be taking a trip to the local supermarket. This trip is part of their nutritional food labels assignment. The students have been learning about the information contained on nutritional food labels and how this information can help them and others make decisions about their food intake. The students will be given several scenarios where they must choose an item that best suits the needs of their client. This activity will be carried out in groups. Please make sure to write a note in your students diary or sign the permission slip below.

I give permission for ..................................to attend the supermarket excursion tomorrow.
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Parent’s signature

SECONDARY CONVENTION PRACTICE
As we know convention is fast approaching, it is important that all students be practicing for their events. We have been in contact with another ACE school, River City Christian College, to organise a two day trip. The aim of this trip is for students to practice for their sporting events, such as Basketball, Volleyball and Futsal in a safe and supportive environment. It will also be a good opportunity for students to make new friends or strengthen past relationships. The students will leave on Wednesday 18 September, stay the night at the College and arrive back to school on Thursday 19 September. There will be more details to follow.

ADIDAS FUN RUN
As mentioned in your parent letter, we will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this term. We want to send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. For this event to be a success we encourage all families to participate not only in fundraising, but also cheering, running or helping out on the day. Please keep Wednesday September 4 free in your diary and make it known how you would like to assist. Do not forget to make it known to family and friends about the Baker’s Delight Doughraiser. Please refer to your parent letter for all other information about student sponsorship and eligible prizes for students to win. Thank you and happy fundraising!

MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE
Mrs Donaldson and the Year 9/10 students will be in Melbourne from Monday to Wednesday next week on their Melbourne Experience. Students, please remember to arrive at the Bendigo or Castlemaine Railway Station early so you don’t miss the train.

GAMMA’S NETBALL TOURNAMENT
by Maddison Amy.
On Monday 12th August Gamma went to a netball tournament at Wesley Hill. We had two teams, Olivet 1 and Olivet 2. The first game Olivet 1 played was a bit of a challenge because the other team had the same ability as us. They won by three points. The second game was really easy because the other team had short players. We won by seven points.

The rest of the games were a bit harder because the other teams had tall players. When we were about half way through the fourth game it started hailing, so that game got cancelled. We had a few breaks in between so we could have a little rest and get to our next court. The two teams that made it into the finals were St Mary’s 2 and Newstead. They were both on twenty-four points and Olivet 1 was on nineteen. We played six games altogether. Olivet 1 lost two games, won three, and came a tie in one. Olivet 2 tried their hardest and did well. They won two games. It was a fun day.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT by D’Arcy House
On Monday 12th August, Gamma students participated in the Interschool Netball Tournament at Wesley Hill. Some of the schools that participated were Olivet Christian College, St Mary’s, Castlemaine P.S and Newstead.

Gamma students entered and played their game by having fun, not caring about winning or losing or drawing. Gamma 1 played with fun and ended with nineteen points at the end of the day. Gamma 2 had a total score of 12. What a fun day we had even though we didn’t make it into the Grand Final, but most of all we did it for God.

I want to say thank you to all the teachers, parents and friends for all their help at netball to make it a fun, great and awesome day.