Our character trait for the past two weeks has been honour—Honouring God, our parents, our government and honouring each other.

Tomorrow we are honouring Mark Best as several of the staff and parents attend Mark’s Thanksgiving Service. Mark and his wife, Julie, were parents at Olivet and their daughter, Kelly, was a student here for many years. Mark died two weeks ago in France.

Mark continued his involvement with Olivet as our plumber and we have appreciated his assistance over many years.

When I was thinking about Mark, I was reminded about the following verse:

“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.” Proverbs 22:1

Mark had a good name in this community. He was well loved and respected by all who knew him.

During Assembly and Chapel this week, the staff shared with the students about honour. The students were challenged to be young people who are known for honouring all those whom God has placed in authority over them and to honour their friends as valued people. If they learn to honour God and others, they will have a “good name”.

Thank you to the parents who are collecting the students on Friday afternoon and all the staff for taking on some additional duties, so other staff can attend the Thanksgiving Service.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the PATTERSON, PERCY AND SANDEMAN families.

2013 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (VIC) PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY 29 July to 30 August

This survey will be forwarded to families by email or via the school envelope. We would appreciate it if you could complete the survey. The email/letter explains the reasons for the survey and why it is important. Thank you for your assistance. The link to complete this survey is: http://research.is.vic.edu.au/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/328722/lang/en

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

All students in Years 7-10 have entered the Australian Maths Competition today.

SECONDARY DEBATING DAY

Next Friday (9 August), Ron Thomas, from Speak with Power, Consummate Communication, will be coming to Olivet to teach the 7-10 students debating skills.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday August 12th Gamma students will be competing in the Castlemaine and District Schools netball competition. The Grade 5/6 comp has been split over two days to allow for greater student participation and our school is in the Monday pool. Then, on Wednesday 14th, Delta will have their opportunity to play. Both days are held at Wesley Oval with games going from 10.00am to 1.30pm.

We will travel there by school bus and arrive around 9.30am and return to school around 2.00pm.

Students will need to wear sports uniform and bring along lunch, snacks,
drink, medications and clothing appropriate for an outside day. There is a need for umpires and helpers (see Geoff), and parents and supporters are invited.

Permission Slip
I give permission for

______________ to attend the Interschool Netball Tournament at Wesley Oval on Monday August 12 / Wednesday August 14.

Signed__________________________

CONVENTION PREPARATION
Convention preparation is a big priority this term. It is good to go to the website www.scee.edu.au and under school services find the section Student Convention, scroll down to find the Convention guidelines. Study them carefully to ensure that items fit the guidelines, including photography, art/craft/essay writing, etc.

Please make every effort to complete items well ahead of time to avoid the last minute rush towards the end of Term 3.

Mrs Donaldson is the Convention Co-ordinator and will help you with any questions relating to the guidelines.

CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART FRAMING
Students, please remember that Mrs Browning will matboard your photos for around $8.00 each for Convention. If you would like your photos matboarded, would you please bring them to school as soon as possible.

All Artwork for Convention needs to be framed and Mrs Browning can do this for you at a reasonable cost.

Please give your photos and artwork to Mrs Donaldson and she will take them to Mrs Browning.