DECISIVENESS
The new Scripture passage for memory is Deuteronomy 6:1-9 which talks about training up our children to honour God and His commandments. This is summarized best by loving God with all of our heart, our soul and our might and to love others as well. Parents are encouraged to teach their children diligently whether sitting, walking, lying down, in fact 24/7! And we shall enjoy the richness of family fellowship with God at the head of the family. As Joshua 24:15 reminds us “. . . . Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve . . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

SECONDARY SWIMMING
YEAR 7 - 10 students will be attending swimming at Harcourt Pool tomorrow as our last preparation day before the swimming sports next Friday 28 February.

SCHOOL CROSSING LADY
Prep and Grade 1 students had a visit from the School Crossing Lady this week. Here is some general advice to benefit us all

AS A DRIVER
• You must approach the School Crossing at the designated speed limit. Most of the Schools Crossings in the Mount Alexander Shire are in “School Zones” which means 40km/hr between 8.00am and 9.30am and then again between 2.30pm and 4.00pm.
• If a Crossing Supervisor is on the crossing, you must wait until the stop sign no longer faces you and the Supervisor is COMPLETELY OFF the crossing before proceeding.
• Always obey TRAFFIC/PARKING signs around the Crossing. Failure to do so may result in a fine of $143.
• NEVER STOP in the crossing area to pick up or drop off children.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the COX CRITCHLEY DONNAN and ELLISON Families.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SWIMMING SPORTS
Friday 28 February
Students will arrive at school at the normal time in their summer uniforms. Students will have prayer groups as normal and then work 3 shorter periods till 11am.
Lunch will then be taken and then at 11.45am all students will head off to Harcourt Pool in buses and cars.
All are invited to attend and to join in the carnival atmosphere of the Swimming Sports which will get underway at 12.30pm. A little warmer than today would be good!
Dismissal at the end of the day will be from the Harcourt Pool at approx. 3.15pm. Parents collecting students from Kangaroo Flat and Strathfieldsaye are advised that the bus may be a little earlier than usual, perhaps up to 15 mins earlier.

Students are asked to bring with them their bathers, T-shirt, towel, hat from home, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, as well as a plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.

Thank you to all the Staff for your planning for the day, which promises to be a great day for all.

PERMISSION SLIPS ON-LINE
This is a friendly reminder that you can complete your Permission Slips for any event as required online. All you need to do is go to school website www.olivet.vic.edu.au - go to the Forms tab and select Permission Forms and complete the details including the event you are giving permission for. Hit the submit button and it will automatically appear on the office computer.

ABSENTEE FORMS can be completed in the same way.
The website is now mobile phone friendly so give it a go.

LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
Is your child learning a musical instrument?
There is much evidence available to prove the great benefits to academic learning when students learn a musical instrument.
Whether it be keyboard, guitar or violin, students develop skills in self-discipline, commitment, time management, and self-esteem when they learn an instrument.
Several of our past and present Olivet students have gained great benefit from joining a brass band and learning an instrument there.
If you live near Castlemaine, the Thompsons Foundry Band have a learners’ program on a Tuesday afternoon after school where children and adults are provided with the loan of a brass instrument e.g. cornet, tenor horn and are given lessons for free.

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

If you are interested, please contact Ed Wilcock mobile 0447 853 979.
There are several bands in Bendigo e.g. Bendigo City Brass Band and Eaglehawk Citizens’ Band …also the Maryborough City Brass Band who may have a similar arrangement.

NUTRITION SCIENCE
Students in Year 7 and 8 have been working diligently to complete the start of their Nutrition course, on having a balanced diet. Part of this course involves them examining their daily eating habits, particularly in the consumption of salt, sugar and fats.
As part of the assessment of the subject, students must complete a recipe at home to produce either fruit and bran muffins or breakfast cookies, two healthy options.

EXCURSION TO MARKET BUILDING
Secondary students travelled to the Castlemaine Market Building today to view the exhibition on Indigenous Australians at War. The tour is from the Shrine of Remembrance.

HARCOURT APPLEFEST
Saturday 8 March
Students are invited to enter the children’s art competition and junior baking competitions at the Harcourt AppleFest.
Entry forms are included in the Newsletter today. The Harcourt AppleFest is a family-oriented event and students are encouraged to enter to provide added interest on the day.
Further info may be obtained from the website www.harcourtapplefest.org.au