Year 9 and 10 Melbourne Experience: Courtroom Drama and view over Etihad Stadium and Melbourne City

**PSALM 37:23-31 NEXT PASSAGE**

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.” Verses 23-24

Accompanying the study of this passage we will be also be looking at the character trait of being steadfast.

What does it mean to be steadfast?

I have a picture of a building by the water’s edge being bombarded by the waves of a storm, and yet the building because of its strong foundations, stands firm and is able to withstand the threat of destruction and damage from the forces around it.

I Corinthians 15:58 reminds us all to be “Steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (KJV)

**WELCOME BACK** to Mr and Mrs Chapman after their Long Service Leave break from school life. Welcome back also to the Year 9 and 10 students who enjoyed three full days experiencing Melbourne together and walking everywhere!!! What a terrific program seeing the sights and sounds and getting a taste of a great city. However it is always lovely to return to the friendly atmosphere of the country!

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the WILSON BALZAN and BAXTER Families.

**GAMMA SPORT**

For the next two Mondays Gamma students will travel to the Campbells Creek oval for special training in AFL Nines. AFL Nines is a nine-a-side competition where players have to stay in their third of the ground and only touch tackling is permitted.

Rick Coburn will be running activities and instructing students on how to play this modified football game. In Term 4 we will have the opportunity to enter teams in an interschool games day. The 1 hour sessions are booked in for 1:30 Monday afternoon. Students will need to wear their normal sports uniform. The class will take the school bus to the oval.

**GAMMA AFL 9s PERMISSION FORM**

I give permission for ______________ to travel by bus and participate in the AFL Nines on Monday August 26 and Monday September 2 at the Campbells Creek Oval.

Signed _________________________

**ADIDAS FUN RUN**

The school has now activated the online fundraising option. Please make the most of this opportunity, simply log onto schoolfunrun.com.au and create your very own online fundraising account. 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. Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!
FATHERS’ DAY STALL
On Friday August 30th we will be holding our Father’s Day Stall for students to purchase small gifts for their fathers, grandfathers and special male friends in their lives. Gifts will be priced from $1 to $6 and the funds raised from the stall will go towards the Olivet Excursion and Camping Program which benefits all students. If you have any suitable gifts or cards that you would like to donate to the stall, please send them to Mrs Revell in the office this week. Thank you in anticipation.

FEDERAL ELECTION
You may be interested to see how all of the political parties stand on different issues in light of our federal election on Sept 7 – see the Christian values checklist at http://www.christianvalues.org.au/index.php/checklists/current-elections

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (VIC)
PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY 2013
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 You have been sent an email with this link today. If you can’t see it in your inbox please check in your junk mail.

REMINDER THAT SCHOOLPIX WILL BE AT OLIVET TOMORROW MORNING TO RE-TAKE THE WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO FROM APPROX. 9.20am.