The students have been learning Psalm 100 last week and this week. This commentary was taken from Word Truth Press which explains Psalm 100 as follows:

Main Thought: Because Christ brought down the wall of sin which separated us from God’s presence, every believer can rejoice in worship – drawing near to God who draws near to us.

1. Preparing for Worship (Psalm 100:1-2)
Entering into worship of the LORD should be characterized by exuberant joy knowing that the LORD has torn down the wall of separation between people and Himself, inviting all to enter His presence.

2. Purpose of Worship (Psalm 100:3)
As we enter the presence of the LORD in worship, we humbly acknowledge who He really is – the one true and living God who created all things and called us to be His people.

3. Power in Worship (Psalm 100:4-5)
The power in worship is found when the LORD Jesus Christ is the focus of our hearts for He is the Giver of all that is good, loving, and true.

Thank you to the staff who have been explaining these verses to the students.

I pray that as parents/carers/teachers that we will set an example to our young people as people who rejoice in worship.

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES
We welcome to Olivet two new families this term—the Evans and Nichols families. Izaac Evans has commenced in Year 3 and Quinn Nichols in Year 2.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the MITCHELL, NATHAN and NICHOLSON families.

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 Coordinator and will help you with any questions relating to the guidelines.

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:

There is also a Student satisfaction survey for Years 5-10. Students will complete this in class time.
SECONDARY CAREERS TERM 3
The Secondary student will be studying Careers this term instead of Geography. This will give the year 7 and 8 students a chance to explore the topic of work and find out what jobs are out there, and will prepare the year 9 and 10 students for their Work Experience week in Week 8.

Careers Topics
Year 7: To work or not to work
Year 8: Pathways to work
Year 9: Managed Individual Pathway Plan
Year 10: Career Preparation

Year 9/10 students need to give Mrs Weightman their work experience preference form by Tuesday 30th July and note that the Work Experience week has been changed to Week 8, 2-6 September.

FIRST AID CLASS
This week, the Year 9 and 10 students commenced a First Aid course with Carol Waddington from CHIRP. On Tuesday, the students focussed on CPR. Could parents who have not yet paid their $35 please send this to the office as soon as possible.

YEAR 7 LITERATURE
The Year 7 students will be presenting their Dramatic Monologue on Monday. Student, please make sure that you have organised your script. This needs to be written out or typed. You will need two copies. One for me, and one for yourself. Please glue my copy into your literature books. Remember to make a costume that reflects your character. Thank you, Mrs Donaldson

ELC NEWS
The preps have nearly finished their word study program which introduces letter names, sounds and formation, and we have made good progress with our frequency words and home reading. This term we have started our new reading Paces in Science and Social Studies. I would like to thank Mrs Lacey and Mrs Kuhle for making themselves available to work with the preps in Mrs Evers absence. They have done a wonderful job! Mrs Evers will be back on deck next week.

NETBALL
The Castlemaine and District Schools have a netball competition coming up in mid-August. Gamma and Delta students will be heading off to Wesley Hill to compete. Stay tuned for further details.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION
All students in Years 7-10 will be entering the Australian Maths Competition next Thursday.