Character Trait—Initiative
For the next three weeks the students will be learning about the character trait of initiative. Character First states that the “I wills” of initiative are:

- I will do what is right before being told
- I will not put off until tomorrow the things I can do today
- I will contribute to the success of the whole team
- I will be a part of the solution rather than the problem
- I will look for ways to help others

12 Most Inspiring Leadership Lessons from Bible Characters
By Doug Rice
Isaiah: Leaders rise to the occasion. In a vision Isaiah has in Isaiah 6, God asks who he should send as a prophet to His people. Isaiah responds, “Here am I. Send me!” Leaders don’t wait to see if anyone else is going to step up when something needs done. They take initiative. They are first to raise their hands. First to stand. First to speak up. First to make decisions. Leaders shun inaction and are always ready to take the plunge at a moment’s notice.

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

BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF SURVEYS
Thank you to the Board Members and staff who have completed their surveys.

SECONDARY DEBATING DAY
Tomorrow, Ron Thomas, from Speak with Power, Consummate Communication, will be coming to Olivet to teach the 7-10 students debating skills.

INTERNATIONAL 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 ___________________________ Please return these in this week.

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.

COLIN PUNTON PERPETUAL TROPHY
End of Year Award
Just a reminder that Year 9/10 students are eligible for this award. The criteria for the award includes Christian character qualities, service, school spirit, excellence in a number of areas, and a student who makes an effort to complete work.

MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE
Week 6 Monday 19 August—Wednesday 21 August
The Year 9/10 students are preparing for the Melbourne Experience Camp where they will have many opportunities to learn more about Melbourne, the transport system and living for a couple of days in the city. The three days will be packed with activities which will be an extension of the curriculum and fun activities as well.
The following is a brief outline of the program

Day 1
Train from Bendigo and Castlemaine
Australian Centre for Moving Images—Making a Digital Diary (this will take most of the day)
Shaun Tan’s—The Lost Thing. From Book to Film—also at ACMI
Indigenous Art—Federation Square
The Space Hotel—accommodation
Dinner—International cuisine
Games Night

Day 2
Breakfast at the Queen Victoria Market (very early)
RMIT Challenge
The Old Melbourne Gaol—Courtroom Drama—Culpable Driving Trial
Lunch at Docklands
The Shrine of Remembrance—World War II
Urban Seed (The City is our Home – Urban Issues Walk) by the Collins Street Baptist Church
Dinner at Southbank Food Court
Eureka Skydeck 88

Day 3
Breakfast at the Space Hotel
Melbourne Aquarium Underwater Zoo Program
Koori Heritage Cultural Centre River Walk
YMCA docklands Tour
Lunch
Home on the train

Could parents please return the Medical form by Monday. Thank you.

SECONDARY STUDENTS
Could Secondary students please purchase a USB memory stick so you can take your assignments home to complete if you need to.

GOING HOME WITH A FRIEND
If students are planning to go home with a friend on one of the school buses there needs to be a note in the child’s diary and the office contacted to see if there is a seat on the bus that day.

Also, if a student is going to a friend’s house after school there needs to be a note in their diary so the diary can be shown to the teacher on duty. Thank you.

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