Year 7 Science Prac Studying Chromatography; Mr Gavin Alexander with the Grade 5-6 class during Learn For Life.

KNOWING OUR PURPOSE IN GOD
When Viktor Frankl was sent to Auschwitz Concentration Camp, he had been researching a book on “Finding Life’s Meaning”. But when his clothes were suddenly taken from him, including the manuscript he had hidden in his coat lining, he questioned whether his life had real meaning at all. Then something happened: the Nazis gave him the rags of an inmate who’d just been sent to the gas chamber and Frankl found in the pocket a page containing a Jewish prayer from Deuteronomy 6:4-5:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one God. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

‘How should I interpret such a coincidence?’ he asked himself. ‘Other than to live my thoughts instead of merely putting them on paper?’ Later he wrote, ‘Nothing in the world will so effectively help you to survive as the knowledge that there is a purpose to your life. He who has a “why” to live for, can bear almost any “how”.’

Charles Dickens was lame. Homer was blind. Plato was a hunchback. Sir Walter Scott was paralysed. Paul spent almost seven years of his ministry in prison.

SECONDARY SWIMMING SPORTS
The HOUSE Swimming Sports will be held at Harcourt Pool on Friday 27 Feb from 12.30 - 3pm.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the COX  CRITCHLEY  DONNAN  and DUNCAN families.
DEDICATION NIGHT
Next Tuesday evening 10 Feb we will gather as a College community to celebrate the year ahead and to dedicate the school year to the Lord and for His purposes.
We will begin with a BBQ tea at 6pm with all families to bring along a plate of salad and a sweet please. (Apologies for last week’s notice - it was a little confusing!)

Following the BBQ tea, parents will have an opportunity to see the students’ rooms before we meet in the Assembly area at 7.15pm for our Dedication Service.
All groups within the school will be a part of the program whether they are students, House Captains, parents, staff, class assistants, bus drivers or members of the Reachout company. The evening should be concluded by 8pm.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES FOR 2015
Term 1: Last day of term is Fri 27 March
Term 2: Mon 20 April - Fri 26 June
Term 3: Mon 13 July - Fri 18 Sept
Term 4: Mon 5 Oct - Thurs 10 Dec

NEW CONVENTION GUIDELINES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
All Secondary students will be attending Australia South Student Convention from Monday 12th-Friday 16th October at Rawson Village.
To compete, all students will be required to select their own program of events from the Convention Guidelines which are available at www.scee.edu.au/ssl/conventions/ – final registrations are not required until July but students who are wanting to prepare art and craft need to start planning and working now.
Some events such as metalwork, pottery, needle-work and sewing will need to be completed at home in your own time as they don’t always fit on our timetable. Students - it is important that you check the new guidelines and Judges forms as there have been many changes made this year.
Looking forward to an exciting time of creativity!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTION
Mrs Kathy Fisher, SCEE Convention Co-ordinator, has emailed us with information for anyone planning to attend ISC 2015.
When: May 23-28 2015
Where: New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
Kathy has also attached to the email the ISC Financial and Information Booklet for Non US Schools. If you wish to have a copy sent to you, please let Mr Chapman know.
If you are planning to attend ISC please let me know as soon as possible.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
All parents who have claimed the Conveyance Allowance previously do not need to fill in another form unless their address has changed.
If your address has changed and you have not notified the office please let Mary-Anne know on 5472 3817 asap and you will be sent a new form as you will need to meet the guidelines again before payment can be approved.
If you live further than 4.8km from the college and Olivet is the nearest Christian school or the nearer school is at capacity in your child’s grade level you may also be eligible.

OLIVET STUDENT BUS POLICY and the BUSH-FIRE AWARENESS are included for information for Parents.

TEMPORARY ALTERATIONS TO KANGAROO FLAT BUS RUN
Due to alterations to the Harcourt roundabout at the Freeway, the Kangaroo Flat bus may be a little later on its return trip to Bendigo in the afternoons for the next two weeks. (Parents who have been affected received notification of this earlier in the week).
We also understand that work is about to commence on the Ravenswood overhead pass from the Marong turn-off onto the Freeway. It is unknown at this stage what delays will be experienced. We will let parents know details as they emerge.