

**Thurs 13 Aug 2015**

## **ENCOURAGING....EQUIPPING....EMPOWERING**



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**Principal's Writing Competition  
Awards in Assembly last Friday;  
Keegan, Kaleb and Ben.**

### **THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

"The Getting of Wisdom" was the title of the 1910 novel written by Henry Handel Richardson. Wisdom is the key ingredient of Godly character that we desire for every student here at Olivet to have in abundance in their lives:-

Firstly to make good decisions, to avoid making big mistakes and to know what is best to do at every turn;

To be discerning in whatever situation they find themselves, to follow righteousness and justice, but also to show mercy and grace;

As Micah 6:8 reminds us "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you; but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God".

My prayer is that as students grow strong in their faith and become more aware of the Lord's faithfulness towards them, they will develop wisdom and good vision and purpose in their lives.

Phil Chapman

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the MacKINNON-ALLEN McGRATH MILLER and MITCHELL families.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fri 21 Aug Footy Colours Day Gold Coin Donation (see article)**

**Fri 4 Sept Fathers' Day Stall**

**Mon 14 Sept Honour Roll Day**

**Tues 15 Sept Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Wed 16 Sept Mt Alexander Chess**

**Tournament at CSC Junior Campus  
Thurs 17 Sept Nutrition Day "Know Your Food"**

**for Gr 5/6 and Yrs 7/8**

**Fri 18 Sept Last day of Term 3**

**Mon 5 Oct First day of Term 4**

### **FACING CHALLENGES**

I doubt whether any of us really enjoy challenges, but they are good for us, particularly those which demand a lot of thinking power and problem solving to find a solution. I am sure that God intended us to develop our brains by being extended constantly so that we are taken outside of our comfort zone regularly. Dr Marian Diamond, a scientific researcher, found that deliberately induced challenges are required to keep our brains healthy and functioning. In one experiment a group of lab rats was given food, while another group had obstacles placed in front of their dishes. The rats that had to overcome challenges learned to solve problems more proficiently than the comfortable rats. The fewer problems a rat experienced, the faster its brain went downhill.

They also discovered that if you put twelve rats together in a cage and gave them challenges, their brains developed better than when they had to face the same obstacles in isolation.

The fact is, the rats found that the challenging conditions added mental resilience, because they were part of a community, whereas isolation caused their brain power to diminish. The basic fact of life is that we all need a God-given challenge, love and good community!

**(Adapted from The Word For Today, Bob Gass Sat 2 May, 2015)**

# **The Olivet News**

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## VICTORIA'S JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE

As part of the Victorian Government's Anzac Centenary program (2014-2018) a free community roadshow is travelling throughout Victoria. The roadshow includes storytelling, live theatre performances, video, guest speakers and interactive content. Each attendee takes home an Anzac Centenary Commemoration Information Pack, which contains a brief history of Victoria's contribution to the war effort, profiles of Victoria Cross recipients and a small token of remembrance.

Travelling to communities and secondary schools across the state, this free roadshow has been created to educate Victorians about WWI history, encourage them to discover personal connections and inspire them to initiate their own Centenary projects.

Olivet indicated an expression of interest and was accepted to have the roadshow come to the school.

The road show performance will be at Olivet on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am in the hall. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. The show will run for about an hour. Cheryl Donaldson

## PRINCIPAL'S WRITING COMPETITION

The Principal's Writing competition was organised by the Year 8 students. The Year 8 students judged the Primary section.

The competition was a great success, especially for the Primary students. The winners were announced last Friday and given their prize money.

The following students were awarded prizes.

### PREP/FOUNDATION:

*Alicia's Horse* **Alicia Tolley 1ST**

*The Penguin Story* **Alexander Thomas 2ND**

*Motorbike Ban* **Kaleb Smith 3RD**

### GRADE 1:

*Penny's Orders* **Alysia Sandeman 1ST**

*Lily's Birthday* **Susie Brown 2ND**

*Summer* **Zelda Bignoux 3RD**

### GRADE 2:

*Car Crash* **Elijah Sandeman 1ST**

*The New Horse* **Tegan McKay 2ND**

*Camping* **Isaiah Tolley 3RD**

### GRADE 3:

*The Cowboy* **Orin McKay 1ST**

*My Walking Car* **Nova Bodno Hunter 2ND**

*Dinosaur* **Danial Turvey 3RD**

### GRADE 4:

*The Knight* **Aston Wilson 1ST**

*Monkey See, Monkey Do* **Haelie Roberts 2ND**

*The Motorbike Ride* **Ashley Lacey 3RD**

### GRADE 5:

*There's a First for Everything* **Leah Thorpe 1ST**

### GRADE 6:

*The Big Chase* **Naomi Brown 1ST**

*The Camping Trip* **Erin Lyne 2ND**

*The Red Shoes* **Mary Bignoux 3RD**

## YEAR 7/8:

*Stars* **Ruby Salter 1ST**

## YEAR 9/10:

*The Lord's Haven* **Laura Critchley 1ST**

Well done, students. It was great to read your stories and we were very pleased with the standard of writing. Cheryl Donaldson

## SECONDARY SPORT

Table tennis will continue at the Camp Reserve pavilion tomorrow.

Students are asked to bring along correct sports uniform and runners please.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Thank God for His purposes and direction for each of us.
- Praise God for families and friends.
- Thank God for the security of God's love in our lives.
- Pray against sickness and illness for families, students and staff.
- Pray for Mrs Donaldson and the Mission team in Vanuatu.
- Thank God for challenges that God brings us, not to make us feel uncomfortable, but to help us grow strong and resilient.

## FOOTY COLOURS DAY

### Friday 21 August (Gold Coin Donation)

On Friday next week, all students and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite footy colours to school over the top of their school uniform - scarves, beanies, jumpers, footies etc.

We are raising money as part of a Castlemaine Schools venture to go towards a village in East Timor, known as Lolotoe, which is an isolated village near the border with West Timor, and the roads and communication are very difficult. The older children must leave the community and board in the nearest regional centre - a town called Maliana - in order to finish their secondary education.

Money raised will go straight towards scholarships for students from Lolotoe to finish their schooling. The scholarships will pay for students to board at Maliana, and the focus will be on disadvantaged students, mainly those who do not have parents, or from families with very limited means.

Looking forward to a great day on Friday next week for Footy Colours Day and raising money for a very worthy cause.

## WEEKLY PUZZLE

**Who is the current speaker of the House of Representatives in Canberra?**

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

**Can you add eight 8's to get the number 1000?**

**You can only use addition.**

$$888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$$

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## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Please bring along your sticker sheets to school to place in our collection box. We have until 8th September to collect as many as possible..... please ask your families, grandparents etc to help us! Happy collecting!

## 2015 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS VICTORIA PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Most of you will have received the email for this Survey. If you have missed it please check out below.

The school is taking part in the 2015 Independent Schools Victoria Parent Satisfaction Survey. Your opinion is valuable to us and we would therefore like to invite you to participate in this survey. The aim of the survey is to gain general feedback and understand your perceptions regarding the quality of your child's educational experience with the school. The information obtained will be used by us to evaluate parent opinion, in order to improve the quality of education at the school for students, and will enable benchmarking of the school against other Independent schools.

To complete the survey, please click on: <http://research.is.vic.edu.au/index.php?r=survey/index/sid/885537/lang/en>

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by **Friday 28 August 2015**.

Either parent may fill out the questionnaire or both parents may complete the survey together. We ask that you complete the survey for your **eldest** child at the school. However, you may also complete the survey for each child you have at the school, by clicking on the link again and re-doing it for other children. When working through the questionnaire, when you read 'school', think of your child's school and when you read 'student', think about your eldest child.

We would like to emphasize that the survey is completely anonymous. Independent Schools Victoria reports the results to the school in aggregate only. We appreciate your taking the time to participate.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT JUNIOR AFL 9s

Junior AFL 9s Bendigo provides both boys and girls who are turning 8 and no older than 12 in the year they register to practise the basic skills of Australian Football by playing Junior AFL 9s.

The dates will be the 4 Tuesdays from 4pm - 5pm on Tues 25 Aug, 1, 8 and 15 Sept. It will be held at Rodda Oval, Strathdale Park. Cost will be \$25. The website for more information is [www.juniorafl9s.com.au](http://www.juniorafl9s.com.au)