Our first placed secondary girls Futsal team at the South Pacific Convention at Phillip Island last December. Annaliese, Naomi, Jasmine, Eli and Erin seeing who can get their feet wet. Would you believe, a secondary music class?

FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR THE YEAR!
Well here we are at the beginning of a new challenge as the 2017 school year gets under way. I’m thankful that we can rely on our heavenly Father to lead, encourage and equip us as we step out into both the known and the unknown this year.

As I spoke with the students, staff and some parents at Monday morning’s assembly we were reminded that the power of God is available to us as we move forward this year. The verse we considered was from Isaiah 43:19 “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth: shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.” We discussed the fact that all of us at school are facing new challenges this year. I believe God wants to give each of us new strength, new ideas, new breakthroughs, new blessings and new peace. I am encouraged that God will make a way for us and we shall know it.

Steven Nicholas
PLEASE PRAY This week for the, Amy, Arendtsz, and Bignoux families.

Mrs. Jemima Morcos has taken up a new position at Bendigo KANGAN TAFE. Jemima applied for and gained this position after our school year ended in 2016 so we were unable to farewell her as a school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jemima for her dedicated work here at Olivet over the past four years. She has had much input into both the lives of the students, their families and staff. We wish her and Justin God’s richest blessings for the future.
Mrs. Rebekah Alexander traveled to the United States at the end of the 2016 school year to visit her elderly parents. Her father’s health was a concern to her and when she arrived in the USA she found her Father to be in poorer health than she had anticipated. So much so that she has had to take up to six months leave of absence from OLIVET. Please keep the Alexander family in your prayers as Rebekah plans to return to Australia for several days to pack up her house, store their belongings and return with her husband and daughter to the USA to care for her parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NEW STAFF

Because of the changes in staffing we have made some adjustments to our plans for this year. We are thankful for the way the Lord has met our staffing needs here at OLIVET and also we thank those staff who have graciously and willingly accepted and made changes to their responsibilities for this year. We particularly thank Debbie Bish who has at short notice joined the team here.

It is with much pleasure that we formally announce the appointment of our new staff for this year:-

Mr John Round will teach,
Primary and Secondary Auslan,
Primary and Secondary Digital Technology (ICT)
Secondary Health and
Secondary Mathematics.

Miss Alisha Mitchell will teach,
Primary—Preps
Primary and Secondary Music.

Mr Jesse Cutler will teach,
Primary—Years 3&4
Primary and Secondary Sport.

Mrs Debbie Bish will teach,
Secondary English, History and Civics.

Welcome also to Mrs Lauren Thomas who will be working in the office part time this year.

We also welcome to the College this year our new Preps (Foundation) students; Urijah and Azariah Arendtsz, Priscilla Brown, Kyrah Harris, Blake McKay, Isabelle Roberts, Phoebe Sandeman, and Scarlett Thomas. Welcome also to Maddison Amy yr.10, Ryan Musgrove yr. 7, Jackson Musgrove yr.5 and Isaac Amy yr. 2.

Upcoming Events in Term 1

Swimming
Our swimming program began today at the Chewton swimming pool. Sessions are booked for Thursday afternoons for the Primary grades. The program will continue to mid March if we have favourable weather. Remember that students will need to bring bathers and a T-shirt, towel, plastic bag (for the wet things), goggles and spare underwear if needed and sunscreen (extra will be supplied) Sports uniform is to be worn on swimming days.

Year 7-10 will be involved in their swimming program at the Chewton Pool on Friday afternoons beginning tomorrow. Sports uniform and swimming gear (i.e. bathers and a T-shirt ) are to be brought for the first four weeks. Don’t forget the sunscreen!

School swimming sports— The date will be announced later in the term.

Dedication service and shared tea – Tuesday February 14 at 6:30 pm.

House Captains
Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed house captains for 2017
David House Andrew House
Jono Lacey yr.10 Will Lyne yr.10
Josh Lacey yr.8 Eli Jones yr. 8
Lydia Brown yr.6 Hallie Roberts yr.6
Isaiah Tolley yr.4 Adelaide Roberts yr.4
Lachlan McKay yr.2 Alexander Thomas yr.2

The staff and students will look forward to working with the new house captains during 2017.

Thankyou!
A big thankyou to the Wilson, Miller, Arendtsz, Smith and McGrath families who volunteered their time, talents and muscles to prepare the school and grounds for the start of school at our working bee. We had a great time working together and achieved our goals for the day. Thankyou also to the Michael Kelly family for having their own working bee last Friday.

SOUTH PACIFIC CONVENTION  All results are attached.

Would students and parents please ensure that all entries from South Pac. are picked ASAP from school.