The Greatest Christmas Gift

“This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.”
- Frank McKibben

Each year we are reminded that Christmas should not be just about giving and receiving presents. But, if we truly think about Christmas, it is, indeed, all about gift giving! At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the greatest gift ever given, by the greatest gift-giver of all, our wonderful God and Father!

Let’s remember God’s gift to us as we celebrate our Saviour’s birth with our family and friends.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER
All students are required to attend school in school uniform for the day. Preparation for both morning and night will be made, rehearsals for items, and cleaning up of the classrooms will be done for the end of the school year.
Primary students will be attending Castlemaine Church of Christ for the rehearsals on Wednesday at 1.15pm and returning to the College by 3pm.

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER
This is the last day of the school year for students. Students are to be dressed in their summer uniform please. Both occasions are to be held at the Castlemaine Church of Christ, Blakeley Road, North Castlemaine.
Buses will deliver students to the Church of Christ, not Olivet on Thursday morning by 8.45am. Rehearsals will then take place for both the Morning Presentation and Presentation night.
Buses will do the return trip leaving the church at approximately 12 noon arriving at their destinations - Kangaroo Flat 12.30pm. and Maryborough 12.45pm.

PRESENTATION MORNING 11AM
Presentation of Term 4 character traits, items, awards, and certificates.
Parents and family members are invited to come along to support the students at the Castlemaine Church of Christ.
Families are to receive their Semester 2 reports and the 2014 School magazine after Presentation morning.

12.30pm Staff and Board Luncheon.
Students have the afternoon to read their reports with their parents.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 6.45PM
This is the climax of the school year for Olivet Christian College. All families are expected to attend this formal occasion where we celebrate the students’ achievements and annual awards are presented.
Students are asked to please be at the Church by 6.30pm in correct summer uniform. Please check socks and shoes as well as the uniform.
We do welcome other family members, past students, families and friends of the College to this wonderful celebration.

PRIMARY MUSICAL
The Primary students and Staff are all busy with preparations for the school musical “Noah and the Ark” to be performed on Presentation Night. Thank you for your support.
you to all our Primary Staff and Miss Mitchell for your preparations.

STAFF DAY Friday 12 December
No students are required at school this day.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the BODNO, P & G BROWN, P & J BROWN and BURT families

CONGRATULATIONS to Maddison Amy for being awarded the most outstanding army recruit award for 2014. This was presented by a Brigadere Major, the second highest rank in the army. Well done Maddison!

YEARS 5-6 and SECONDARY SPORT
Can students please bring along their correct sports uniform with black shorts. The students are travelling to the Castlemaine Table Tennis at Camp Reserve tomorrow at 1.30pm and returning at 3pm.

TERM 4 AND END OF YEAR DATES
Monday 8 Dec Honour Roll Day
Secondary students are not required to attend on Monday. Honour Roll notices for Primary classes will be sent out by class teachers.
Tuesday 9 Dec Report Final Collating and Awards set-up plus Secondary Formal Dinner
No students are required to attend on Tuesday.
Wednesday 10 Dec Last day at Olivet for the students plus rehearsals for the presentation day tomorrow
Thursday 11 December Presentation morning 11am
Staff Lunch Presentation night 7pm.
Friday 12 December No students required at school. Last day for Staff

2015 DATES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
Thurs 22 and Fri 23 January Staff Days
Monday 26 January Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 27 January First day for students
Friday 27 March Last day of Term 1
   (students will have 3 weeks holiday break including the Easter weekend)
Friday 3 April Good Friday
Monday 20 April First day of Term 2
Sat 25 April Anzac Day

COMMUNITY NOTICE
Campbells Creek Fire Brigade Annual Community Christmas Party - Saturday 6 December at the Fire Station commencing at 6.30pm.
Free BBQ - sweet or salad appreciated.
For more info 0418622281
(Please bring a small present for your children to the Fire Station Office on the night)

HONOUR ROLL TRIPS
EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
We celebrate the end of Term 4 with a fun activity day on Monday that will include craft, sport, games, cooking, icypoles, computer, water in the sandpit, Christmas-themed art, music, dance and anything else we can fit in before home time. Sports uniform would be the most appropriate set of clothes for the day and children need to bring snack, lunch, drink and lots of energy!

YEAR 3 and 4 students will be attending
THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM
On Monday 8 Dec, the Grade 3/4 class will be travelling to Melbourne by school bus for the evening presentation of The Road to Bethlehem. More details of times were sent home by letter. Could parents please return their permission slips by tomorrow. Thank you.

YEAR 5 and 6 will be travelling to Creswick to the TANGLED MAZE. A separate letter was sent home.

SECONDARY STUDENTS FORMAL DINNER
There will be no school on Monday for the Secondary students. Students are invited to attend the Formal Dinner at the Yin Yang Chinese Restaurant in Kangaroo Flat on Tuesday 9th December. Students need to reply formally to the invitations that were sent out by Friday 5th December, so the restaurant can be contacted regarding the final numbers.

THANK YOU
Thank you to our wonderful bus drivers Kim Evers, Brad Gawthrop, Ken Geyer and Peter Chaffey who drive the students to school each day with care. We thank them also for their attention to safety and maintenance of the buses.

Thank you to our cleaners - Glenys Day, Kathleen and Michael Ellison, Elle Pedersen and Marie Salter for their diligent cleaning and care of our buildings.

FAREWELL TO MRS WEIGHTMAN
It is sad to say farewell to Mrs Elissa Weightman. We have appreciated her Indonesian language skills and Humanities skills over the past two years. May the Lord bless her and Rory as they move into further ministry.

THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES for your continued prayers and support during 2014. May the Lord bless you richly this Christmas season.