Maths Games Day with Claire Jones, Isaiah Tolley, Will Patterson and Crystal Lamers.

CHANGING OF THE SEASONS

It has been fascinating to watch our “Indian summer” of warmer weather reach into the later days of April. Equally as interesting is the rapidity of the change to cooler weather which has caught many on the hop with the cold mornings. Year 9 and 10 students have had to cope with a few cold mornings in their home room this week without a heater! But all is well now!

How well do we cope with change? Do we get irritated, challenged, turn off, put our heads in the sand? Or do we look for opportunities to improve in the changes, to grow stronger, to look at fresh ideas, to be more flexible.

Change does move us out of our comfort zone and does force us to look at things from a different angle. Unless we are willing to change, we will not grow. We can all ask God to give us the emotional and spiritual strength to embrace the changes He’s bringing into our lives and to help us to see them as being for our good (Romans 8:28)

And remember, the One person who does not change is Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, and we are eternally grateful for that!

Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the CRITCHLEY DONNAN HODGES and JOHNSTON families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomorrow
Fri 6 May Mothers’ Day Stall

Next Week (Week 5)

Tues 10 May NAPLAN Testing Language Conventions & Writing
Wed 11 May NAPLAN Testing Reading
Thursday 12 May NAPLAN Testing Numeracy

Fri 13 May Bendigo Regional Primary Cross Country Bendigo Racecourse
Chelsea and Elizabeth Patterson, and Stella Wilson will be representing Olivet in the Bendigo Region Cross Country Run.

**Week 6**

**Tues 17 May** District Orienteering Day  
Primary Yrs 5/6  
AGM Reachout 6pm  
**Wed 18 May** District Orienteering Day  
Primary Yrs 3/4  
**Friday 20 May** Walk Safely to School Day

**Week 7**

**Thurs 26 May** District Chess Challenge Primary  
**Friday 27 May** District Chess Challenge Secondary at the Old Castlemaine Gaol

**Week 8**

**Friday 3 June** School Photos

**Week 9**

**Fri 10 June** Term 2 final assessments for reports due from all students

**Week 10**

**Fri 17 June** Reports finalized

**Week 11**

**Mon 20 June** Proof reading and collation of reports (No students required)  
**Thursday 23 June** Honour Roll Trips  
**Fri 24 June** Last day of Term 2  
**Monday 11 July** First day for Term 3

**TERM DATES FOR 2016**

*Term 3:* Mon 11 July - Fri 16 Sept (10 weeks)  
*Term 4:* Mon 3 Oct - Thurs 8 Dec (10 weeks)  
**South Pacific Student Convention** for secondary students will run from Sunday 11 - Friday 16 December.

**WELCOME TO THE TURNBULL FAMILY**

On Tuesday this week, we were excited for Emily Year 6, Hayley Yr 4 and Thomas and Caitlin Prep to join us at Olivet. We welcome the whole family to their new life here in Campbells Creek and trust you will find at Olivet great learning both academically and spiritually, as well as terrific fellowship with other families.

**WELCOME ALSO TO CLAIRE LACEY** who is assisting us in the Yr 5/6 class while Mrs Lourey is travelling for the next few months.

**NAPLAN TESTING NEXT WEEK**

Next week students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy or NAPLAN as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested will be reading, writing, language conventions including spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are completed at school within time limits and are considered part of the curriculum program. Olivet uses the results of NAPLAN as one indicator of how students are meeting the learning requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

It is important for parents and students to remember that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail situation, but an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in certain areas of the curriculum.

The best way for students to prepare for next week’s testing is to have adequate sleep before hand and during the week, and to have a good breakfast before coming to school. We trust that this will assist students to perform at their best on the testing days.

Later in the year, parents will be given an individual NAPLAN report that will identify how your child is progressing. More information can be obtained from the NAPLAN website.

**SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW**

We will be playing 5-a-side Soccer/Futsal. Students are reminded to be diligent and remember to bring your correct sports uniform and runners. I always find it helps to put them out the night before and then I don’t forget them on the day. Please no leggings—longer shorts or track pants.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ELOUISE JONES**

Last week Eli Jones was selected into the Under 13 Interleague Netball Team for the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League (MCDFNL). This is a fantastic achievement and well done to Eli!

**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL TOMORROW**

Mothers’ Day Stall here at school tomorrow on Friday May 6th as a fundraiser for our students’ programs. Items can be purchased from the stall, and prices range from $2—$6. Special (fragile) gifts are also available for $20. Thank you to all who have contributed items towards the stall tomorrow. We really appreciate them.