

Thurs February 1 2018

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2017 Presentation Evening



Working Bee— consulting the plan

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The Olivet News

Here we are at the beginning of another school year. I trust you have been able to spend time together as families and create some lasting memories. This year everyone from staff to students will face something, or lots of things, that are different or perhaps brand new to us. It's exciting but also a bit scary. There will always be unknowns. There will always be things outside our control. There will always be bumps in the road. Whatever comes along, we can trust God to help us. The "what ifs" in life only have power over us when we forget that God is with us. For what lies ahead is no mystery to God. He knows all the tough times ahead, and He knows just how He will help us get through and succeed. It is encouraging to know that whatever comes, we will be able to deal with it with God's help. As we begin our new school year we can be excited to see what God will do for us.

"In the day when I cried thou answered me, and strengthened me with strength in my soul." Psalm 138:3

Steven Nicholas.

PLEASE PRAY This week for these families: Amy, Arendtsz, Bignoux, Bodno and Brown families.

WORKING BEE THANKYOU

A really big thank you to the Arendtsz, Brown, Jones, Kelly, McKay, Miller and Roberts families who braved the heat last Saturday to come to the College to work on the many tasks to prepare the building and grounds for Term One. A lot was achieved for which we are very grateful.



Working Bee — Blown away

PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM

This year's swimming program will be held over Term 1 at the Castlemaine heated swimming pool. Sessions are booked in for Tuesdays, beginning February 6th, with swimming sports in mid March. Students will need to bring bathers and T-shirt, towel, plastic bag (for the wet things) and goggles if needed.

School sports uniform should be worn on swimming days. This program will build on the swimming programs from last year.

Grade 5-6	12.00
Grade 3-4	12.30
Prep to grade 2	1.00

Please complete the separate permission form and return to school tomorrow.

SECONDARY SPORT

On Friday, students will travel to the Campbell's Creek oval for a big bash competition. Water bottles are essential as we are off site. Our swimming program will start the following week, hopefully with hotter weather. We will attend Newstead or Chewton pools depending on availability.

DEDICATION NIGHT

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 13 Feb free for all families and staff to come together for dedicating the school year to the Lord and for His purposes. We will begin with a BBQ tea at 6.30pm with all families bringing along a plate of finger food please.

Following the BBQ tea, parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms of their students for a time, and then we will assemble in the Assembly area for our Dedication Service. All groups within the College 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 8.30pm.

BUSHFIRE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The school has developed a policy that will enable us to respond to the event of a bushfire in our locality.

1. Children should be safe at school if a major fire threatens. It is considered that the school building and grounds provide a safe refuge and students should be kept inside until the danger has passed.

2. During a crisis parents will be advised NOT to try to collect children from school as the school is a safe refuge and all students will be well cared for during such a crisis. Nevertheless should parents wish to collect their children then students will normally only be released to a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN

3. The school bus may not be travelling if there is any known danger along the bus route. Parents should expect delays if there are local fires and they may obtain information in this regard by ringing the College and speaking to the office staff. Please contact the school if you know of possible dangers along the bus route.

4. Bus drivers have instructions to stop and seek information if they see evidence of fire. They will not drive through smoke and will seek a safe refuge if there is any possible danger. Children will not be left at bus stops when there seems to be potential danger from fire unless there is someone to collect them.

5. If the bus is delayed school will attempt to contact the concerned parents. Please remember however it is not always possible to make these telephone contacts.

Parents are reminded that the most dangerous

place to be in the event of a wildfire is on the roads or caught in the open. Parents should not place themselves or others at additional risk by driving to school if conditions on the road are hazardous.

SCHOOL BUSES AND HIGH FIRE DAYS

A school bus route will be closed if it has to pass through an area affected by fire even if the associated school is not affected by fire and remains open.

If a bus route is threatened by unexpected fire, the school will enact its local emergency management plan. Information on changes to bus routes or cancellation of services will be provided by your school via SMS, email and telephone calls. If you have any changes to your email or mobile phone numbers please let Mary-Anne know now.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues Feb 13	Dedication Evening.
Friday March 9	Swimming Sports.
Monday March 12	Labour Day

DATES FOR 2018

TERM 1

Monday March 12	Labour Day
Thur Mar 29	Last Day of Term One

TERM TWO

Mon April 16 - Wed Jun 27

TERM THREE

Wed July 18 - Fri Sept 21

TERM FOUR

Mon Oct 8 - Thur Dec 6

**South Pac. Secondary Conference-Sun 9-Fri 14
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