Dear Parents and Children,

On behalf of the school staff we welcome everyone back to the beginning of our school year and to our first newsletter for the 2015 school year.

Welcome to our new staff, our new students and the new families who join our community this year.

As always there is a great deal of information that we will be sharing with you over the next few weeks of our newsletter. Please note the following:

**ANAPHYLAXIS.** Due to the increasing number of children who suffer from food allergies we ask that you do not provide your child with any nut food substances in their lunches or play-lunches.

**Newsletter day will remain on a Tuesday.** The newsletter is available online on our website and via our phone app. If you don’t have access to the internet you can receive a hard copy if you wish. If so please notify the office and a hard copy will be sent home with your eldest child. Copies can be obtained from the office if they are occasionally “lost in transition!” The Newsletter is the main form of communication that our school has with you as parents so please find a little time each week to keep up to date with school happenings.

**The school canteen** is open for lunch orders and window sales on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

**The school yard** is supervised from 8:40 in the morning and after school until 3.45 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and until 3.30 on Wednesday afternoons. If you collect your children after school and you are running late please notify the office prior to the end of day or try and make some alternate arrangements for the children’s collection. Details of our Out of Hour School Program run by Camp Australia are available on the Camp Australia website and advertised through our newsletter.

School Assemblies are held on Wednesday mornings commencing at 9.00 (weather conditions permitting). This is an opportunity for us to gather together to share news of events that happen around our school. We will hold our first Assembly this week.

Find below our staffing for 2015.
2015 STAFFING

Classroom Teachers
Prep B  Ria Byrne
Prep H  Shelley Hackett
Prep M  Giulia Mazzarella

JB  Jane Bayley
JC  Caryn Inglis
JL  Kathy Lalor .8 / Ann Marazita .2 (Th)
JR  Clare Rayner .8 / Shan Marshall .2 (Fri)

MB  Elise Barrett
MJ  Jessica Trimming
MK  Lauren Klymenko
MT  Jessica Toniolo

SC  Lisa Cadman
SD  Anne De Cata
SG  Cecilia Garden
SM  Robert McKenzie

Leadership
Principal  Alan Sweeney
Deputy Principal  Mary Kearney
Wellbeing  Libby Sheedy
Religious Education  Trish Segrave

Teaching and Learning  Mary Kearney
English  Jaki O’Halloran
Mathematics  Sue Leighton
I.C.T.  Giulia Mazzarella
Sport  Giulia Mazzarella
### Specialist Teachers

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### Curriculum Support

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| **Teacher Aides/Library**              | Kerrie Weller                 |
|                                       | Sylvia Van Meel               |
| **Teacher Aide**                       | Tash Zampogna                 |

### Administration

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CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING
There is a parent information meeting for the children in grade six who will be receiving
the sacrament of Confirmation this year. The meeting is for both the parents and the
children and will be held in the church on Monday 9 February at 7pm. This meeting is
an important part of the preparation for the sacrament and either one or both parents
may attend along with your child.
On the night there will be information regarding the sacrament itself and details of the celebration of Confirmation on Friday 20 March at 7:00. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let your class teacher or myself know as a Confirmation pack will be distributed.
If there are any parents who will be able to assist with the sewing of the Confirmation Banner could you please contact me as soon as possible.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Ash Wednesday is 18 February. The students in grades 3-6 will be attending Mass at 11:45am and parents are welcome to attend. The students in the junior grades will have a paraliturgy at 11:30am in the classroom. The grade prep students will receive the Ashes on Friday 20 February at a prayer service in the church at 12 o’clock – any parents who would like to attend are very welcome!!

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

Children’s Liturgy at St Oliver’s
The Children’s Liturgy held during the 10.30am mass every Sunday has begun for 2015. Bring along your children to this special time which gives younger children a treasured sense of being part of the wider community of faith in the parish.

We will also be holding our annual meeting for existing and new volunteers to plan the Children’s Liturgy for 2015 on Monday, 16th February from 7pm at the Parish Centre. If you will be attending please, RSVP to abreen@piperalderman.com.au

Aislynn Breen
Children's Liturgy Leader

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR...
I’d like to welcome back all of our families and I trust that everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. I’d especially like to welcome our new prep families to the school; by all accounts our new ‘preppies’ have settled into ‘school life’ beautifully, as have all of the children across all grades.

Next week our ‘What’s Happening around the levels” section of the newsletter will commence. Each area (prep, junior, middle and senior) will contribute a short synopsis of the teaching and learning foci in their level for that week, as well as any special events that may be occurring.
We will also be sending home a curriculum overview in the next few weeks that will provide an outline of the term focus in all curriculum areas.

Home school links are a valued aspect of school life at St Oliver’s. We acknowledge that parents are the primary educators of our children and we anticipate that this ongoing communication will assist you in supporting your child on their journey through school.

Mary Kearney
Learning and Teaching Coordinator
Welcome Evening

I hope by now you have all received notification of our welcome family night this Thursday. This will be a great chance for you to meet teachers, catch up with old friends and meet some new friends. Your children have all been allocated buddies and it will be a great opportunity for you to meet them and their family on a very informal evening. The weather is looking great so bring along your dinner, some drinks and something to sit on and enjoy the night.

A note went home yesterday letting you know the staff will be providing a sausage and soft drink can be purchased. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter so we can prepare for the event. Looking forward to catching up with many of you.

First Aid

First Aid is a high priority at St Olivers. If your child has any medical needs that we are not aware of please email me at lsheedy@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au or make a time to catch up with me.

Each year the children's asthma plans need to be updated. Hopefully you have all received a yellow plan. No doctor's signature or photo is required. If you have not received a new plan these can be collected from the office foyer.

Parent Evening

Wednesday 18th February 7pm ‘Finding the Balance’ (Cyber safety and Wellbeing)

To kick start the year we are having a parent night ‘Finding the balance’. Please mark it in on your calendar. This is a must for all parents. The cyber world is one many of us are unfamiliar with and are always looking for answers to many questions. More details next week.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back all to another fun filled year of Sport!!

Term 1 will be a busy term for Sport. Seniors will begin Interschool Sports on Friday 20th February. Games will begin at 9.30am sharp and finish 11.30am. This year the Coburg District are trialling a new timetable for sport. This is due to the large number of schools now in our district. The schools are now split into 2 divisions: Division 1- Large schools and Division 2- Small schools. St Oliver’s is part of Division 1- Large schools. The children will be playing a 5 week round robin in term 1 only. More details about this will be in the permission note going home to the seniors this week.

Coburg District Tennis Championship will be held on Tuesday 17th February. In order to be nominated and to compete at this event, players are required to play competition tennis for a club outside of school hours, or be at a very good standard. I will be asking students to come and see me in the next week about nominations.

Coburg District Swimming trials will be held on Tuesday 24th February. In order nominate and to compete at this event, students are required to swim for a club outside of school hours, or be at a very good standard (squad). I will be asking students to come and see me in the next week about nominations as well.

The Coburg District will be running trials for Soccer, Basketball, Football and Netball throughout the term for State teams. This is open to all children to but is done after school after. Each school in our district can only send 5 students per sport to try. Further details will follow soon.

Mrs Giulia Mazzarella
Sport Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS

FAMILY DETAILS UPDATES
It is important that we have accurate student & family information, particularly home, work and mobile numbers of both parents and emergency contacts. Please inform the office if there are any changes to any of these details.

SUNSMART POLICY
A reminder that all children as part of the school summer uniform children are required to wear their SCHOOL broad rimmed HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons, during terms one and four. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

CANTEEN

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Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu

Please direct enquiries to Di Tabone  dtabone@ozemail.com.au  or 0423 596 221

PLEASE NOTE START TIMES HAVE CHANGED  Monday and Thursday is 1.00pm  Friday 12.30pm
SCHOOL BANKING
St Oliver’s Banking Program Day is Tuesdays. These new rewards have just been released for Term 1 and are available while stocks last:

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. If you are interested in volunteering to help on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10.30am please contact Diana 0419331966 or fill out the slip below and hand into the school office. We work on a roster system so it only works out to be a couple of times a term.

Yes I can help with the school banking program
Name and contact number: _______________________________
Child’s Name and class: __________________________________

PRELOVED UNIFORM PROGRAM
A donation basket is located in the school office foyer. All donations must be clean and have no rips. The second hand uniforms will be available for purchase at the last assembly for term 1 Wednesday 25th March 2015.

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
The featured businesses in the “Business of the Week” section of the school website are Homeguard Locksmiths, Invicium, Jims Fencing and Judy R Dance Studio. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

TERM 1 EVENTS
# Cadbury Choc Drive---Feb 23rd
# Dad’s and friends Comedy Night. We have booked 4 well known comedians to entertain you on Friday 13th March 2015. A more detailed flier will be sent home shortly.

St OLIVER’S SCHOOL FETE…..SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
Plans are under way for our fete. Save the date on your calendar and keep a look out for our fete newsletters
The Parent Association is a group of parents (mums & dads) who organise fundraising events to raise money for the children’s needs at school. Throughout the year we hold various events or sales which go directly back to the school in the form of books, sports equipment, subsidising excursions and camps, graduation and communion parties and paying the computer lab building loan. All of the efforts are done in the expectation of keeping our school fees at a low and giving our kids a wonderful educational experience.

Fundraising events in 2015 include mother’s & father’s day stalls, kids disco, comedy night, Bunnings BBQ, Trivia Night and our HUGE school fete. In order for these events to run successfully we need parent helpers/volunteers and donations. If you can spare one evening a month (Wednesday) to attend meetings and help at functions we would greatly appreciate it. Our next meeting (AGM) is scheduled for this Wednesday 11th Feb 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Those who are interested please attend and have a say. We are open to new ideas and welcome extra help.

Thank you
Georgie McElligott
President of the Parent Association

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 2015

- Feb - Wednesday 11th
- March - Wednesday 11th
- May - Wednesday 13th
- June - Wednesday 10th
- August - Wednesday 12th
- September - Wednesday 9th
- October - Wednesday 14th
- November - Wednesday 11th
- December - Wednesday 2nd Xmas Dinner
St Oliver Plunkett, 3rd of February 2015

Welcome back all OSHC children and the families. I hope everyone had a great break. Also welcome all the new families to OSHC.

Upcoming Activities: Cooking chocolate truffles, Making play dough, Magic tricks, Making door hangers and book marks are planned activities. Unplanned activities are available to children according to their interest.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2015.

Thanks,

OSHC Staff – Gowri.

JOIN THE FUN
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

How to get started

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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