Dear Parents and Children,

It was wonderful to see so many families and staff enjoying our WOW week get together last Thursday evening. Thank you to Libby Sheedy, our Wellbeing Coordinator, for organising the week of activities across the school.

It was unfortunate that our inconsistent Victorian weather led to the postponement of our first Wednesday Assembly for the year. Our Assemblies can only occur at 9.00am on Wednesday mornings weather permitting. If postponed we move our Assembly to 11.30am on the same day (once again weather permitting). If we cannot hold the assembly on Wednesday the children’s reflection is moved to the Friday at 11.30am.

A reminder that the two minute parking at the front of the school is not a long term parking area. The parking in front of the school in Landells Road is designed to allow drop off and pick up of children close to the school gate in a safe manner. The arrangements for this area work in a most efficient manner if all parents obey the parking instructions!

All families will receive a note tomorrow with details regarding the Parent/Teacher Background Interviews (Prep-6) that are being held across the school Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 February. These interviews are an important opportunity to meet with your child’s class teachers in order to discuss your child’s needs and set agreed goals for the year ahead.

This Wednesday evening the Parent Association will be holding their first meeting for the year in the Staff room at 7.30pm. The meetings are held in the staffroom and all parents are welcome to attend.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING
Thank you to all the grade six students and their families who attended the Confirmation Parent Meeting on Monday. If there are any parents who were unable to attend, please contact myself or the class teacher so we can explain the Confirmation pack that was given out on the evening. Thank you to Antoinette Garito for generously giving of her time to cut out the calico pieces for the Confirmation banner. If there are any parents who can assist with sewing the banner could you please contact myself or the class teacher.

Ash Wednesday is February 18. 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 have a paraliturgy at 11:45am in the classroom (please note the change in time for the junior paraliturgy). The Grade Prep students will receive the Ashes on Friday 20 February at a prayer service in the church at 12:00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend and also receive the ashes.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Supporting Literacy Development
At St. Olivers, one of the many ways we support our children as they acquire Literacy skills is our use of programs based on current research and developed by experts in the field. Last year, Trish Segrave and I began using a system by Fountas and Pinnell (very well-respected in Literacy) with a view to introducing it into the classrooms to further enhance literacy learning. The ‘LLI’ (Leveled Literacy Intervention) consists of a range of beautifully written and presented texts on a variety of fascinating topics both fiction and non-fiction, in conjunction with systematic and supportive teaching for word knowledge, comprehension and writing skills. So, this term, Trish and I will not be taking groups out of the classroom, but will model, guide and coach the teachers in Middles and Seniors as they begin to incorporate the LLI into their Reading Routine.

Marie Clay, a pioneer in the study of literacy acquisition, wrote of ‘many paths to the same outcome’ i.e. reading and writing independently. There is so much diversity in the way children approach and come to grips with the skills required: some children learn well in a small, quiet one-one environment, others in a loud, active room; some find reading and writing suits their way of looking at the world, others find the left-to-right demands of print a challenge. With this in mind, as the year progresses, we will continue to support our children at St.Olivers both in the classroom as well as in focused small or individual sessions.

Classroom Helpers
Parent/grandparent helpers are a valued part of our reading and writing programs – having extra adults in the room helps the teacher focus on her small group knowing that the other children have someone to assist when needed. If you would like to help in the Junior classrooms within Literacy time this year we ask that you come to the workshop for Experienced Classroom Helpers. It will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 9.00 in the staffroom.

In Week 8 on 18th March, we will have the workshop for New Classroom Helpers in preparation for Term Two in the Prep rooms.

Do you enjoy reading children's books aloud?
I would love to hear from you if you would like to read some of the wonderful books we have so the children can listen as they read along. Please send me a note if you are interested and I will give you more details.

Looking forward to a fantastic year of Literacy learning,

Barbara Olanda
What's happening around the levels...

SENIORS

We hope each family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and everyone is looking forward to an exciting year!

RELIGION: We have started our unit ‘Gifts and Fruits of The Spirit’. This week will be focused on discussing each Gift and Fruit and their specific names.

READING: Our class novel for this term is ‘Some Like Me’ by Elaine Forrestal. During reading sessions we have been discussing the novel and making predictions. Students will be reading their personal novels and responding in their Reading Journals.

WRITING: We will be discussing the importance of goal setting in writing. Students will have the opportunity to set their own goals for the term in preparation for goal meetings. We will also be discussing the expectations and structure of writing workshops.

MATHS: We are revising different aspects of place value by making, reading, writing, ordering and recognising numbers. We are also focusing on multiplication strategies.

INQUIRY: We have begun our topic ‘We Are One’ and will be identifying the various cultures which make up Australia.

SPECIAL REMINDER:
- In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat to school during recess, lunch and sport lessons.
- Excursion notes need to be returned ASAP.
- Sport notes need to be returned ASAP.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called ‘The Holy Spirit in Our Lives’. This week we are looking at the story of Pentecost and the heroes in our lives.

WRITING: We will continue to focus on setting up our Writer’s Notebook structures this week. Students are encouraged to bring in seeds from home to work on. They have been writing and editing their own recounts.

READING: We will continue reading and responding to our new serial novel ‘Nips X1 by Ruth Starke. Students have had an opportunity to borrow books from the library. Students will continue on with their own books focusing on using their thinkmarks to record interesting quotes or words. We will model a response making connections to themselves, another book or character or something in the world around them.

SPELLING: We will be looking at our spelling goals for the year and many of the different strategies we will be using to become better spellers including using dictionaries to help spell difficult words.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is NUMBER. We will be looking at skip counting, using place value charts, expanded notation, bundling, odd and even numbers and number lines.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry Unit is “Culture Club” We are just getting started with this unit after WOW Week. We will find out everything the students already know about ‘Australia and what it means to be Australian’.

Just a reminder... We need two packets of tissues from each child so the students need to bring them in as soon as possible.
What's happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

We hope each family had a wonderful and enjoyable holiday and everyone is looking forward to the year ahead!

**RELIGION:** This week we are beginning our new unit ‘Journey Towards the Cross’. We will discuss how we can help others and make good choices. We will also be discussing Lenten promises and recording these on cut-outs of feet to symbolise the journey we take with Jesus during Lent.

**READING:** During reading sessions we are establishing home reading practices and introducing a variety of activities to be included in our reading rotations.

**WRITING:** We are investigating a variety of writing prompts such as the seed box, story starter cards and concentrating on the language and structural features of recounts. We will also be introducing how to use different spelling resources.

**MATHS:** We are revising different aspects of place value by making, reading, writing, ordering and recognising numbers. We will also continue to revise the days of the week and months of the year.

**INQUIRY:** We will begin our topic of ‘Cultures Galore. The children will identify and record information they know about different cultures, such as dances, celebrations, food, flags and words in different languages.

**SPECIAL REMINDER:** In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat during recess, lunch and sport lessons.

The preps have had a great start to their first year of school. They have all settled in well and are enjoying learning.

**READING:** The children have been learning the sounds/letters through the Jolly Phonics program using actions, songs and identifying words with these sounds. This week we will be learning and revising all the letters we have learnt so far: s, a, t, i, p and n.

**WRITING:** The children have been exploring how we transfer our thoughts and ideas to writing – either by formally or through drawing.

**MATHS:** Our focus for Maths will be NUMBER. We will read the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and discuss what he eats for the first five days. We will be unpack number concepts and related to these numbers (1-5).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our unit is called ‘Praying to Jesus: The Good Shepherd’. This week we will be listening to the story of the Good Shepherd through Godly play and learning how to make the sign of the cross.

*Reminders…*
- please make sure your child brings their art smock, tissue boxes and library bag to school as soon as possible.
- the Jolly Phonics Book needs to be returned to school each morning for the new letter/sound to be pasted in. Thank you to those parents who have been working with their children at home to write and draw in their book.
Parent evening
Wednesday 18th February 7pm ‘Finding the Balance’ (Cyber safety and Wellbeing)
Next week on Wednesday evening we are hold a parent seminar ‘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. We need to work with our children and have an understanding of what they are doing online and how we can best support them. A letter will come home this week to complete and return if you are able to attend. All parents are welcome.

First Aid
Thank you to all the families who have updated their asthma plans. There are yellow forms at the office if you haven’t updated this information. Please pop in and collect one.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
SKOOLBO NEWS FOR PARENTS

Welcome back everybody.
You will be excited to know that we are continuing to promote and use skoolbo with the children again this year.
If you are unfamiliar with skoolbo I have attached a separate letter explaining the site and how it works.
We ask that you encourage your child to spend some time every day on the site to help improve their maths and reading skills.
We will be announcing monthly class leaders at assemblies.

Jaki O’Halloran
Maths Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to all the children who have returned their forms for the SSV Coburg swimming and tennis trials. Entries for tennis close TODAY. If your child hasn’t returned their form for swimming there is still time. Forms must be returned to me with $5 so that I can pay for their entry fee before the day.
A reminder to all Seniors that interschool sports begins next Friday. All students must have returned their permission form to participate. Please return it to your classroom teacher. All money must be paid to the office.

Mrs Giulia Mazzarella
Sport Coordinator
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!

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
It is with regret that we advise you that the government have withdrawn this entitlement and it is no longer available.

STUDENT AWARDS

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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
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 next year on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10.30am please contact Diana 0419331966 or fill out this helpful slip 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 Jack & Daisy, Jetts Fitness, Kent Road Pharmacy and Kilmore Fusion. 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

Parent Association Meeting
We have a scheduled meeting this Wednesday 11th Feb 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend and help plan our fundraisers/events for 2015
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COMEDY NIGHT

FRIDAY 13 MARCH
7PM START
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School hall
Landells Road, Pascoe Vale

For all dads, brothers, brother-in-laws, grand dads and mates

FEATURING:

MC - EVAN HOCKING
Evan Hocking made his start in radio in Port Douglas but has brought his punchy style back to Melbourne.

TAHIR BILGIC
Tahir is an Australian comedian, film and television actor. He is best known for his role as Habib in the sitcoms Pizza and Swift and Shift Couriers.

ASH FIS-AIME
Born in Haiti and raised in Miami Florida, Ash has been performing stand up comedy since he was 18. From touring in Scandinavia to the United States Ash is now performing in Australia.

A ND B ACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
THE NELSON TWINS
Billed as the funniest identical twins in the world. Razor sharp gags and innate timing that only twins can have is what makes them such a rare act. They have been on the NRL Footy Show, appeared on U.S. TV and had audiences convulsing with laughter where ever they go.

PRICE: $40 PER PERSON
Includes dinner.
Also on the night is our raffle with great prizes.

Get your tickets fast before this event sells out!

RSVP: Wed 11 March 2015. For more information contact: Michael Said - 0418 994 711

Please detach and return to the School office by Wednesday 11 March 2015 along with payment in an envelope labelled “Comedy Night”. Cheques to be made payable to “St Olivers Parents Association”.

Name: ___________________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________
Child’s Name: ___________________ Class: __________________________
No. of tickets: ___________ Amount Enclosed: ________________ Cash ☐ Cheque* ☐

* A fee will apply for any dishonoured cheques.
The annual meeting for existing volunteers and those wishing to become involved in the parish Children's Liturgy program will be held on

Monday, 16 February at 7.00pm
St Oliver’s Parish Centre
(next to the church)

This will be a short informal meeting to plan our successful Children’s Liturgy Program for 2015. At the meeting we will explain how the program works and show some of the resources and assistance available, especially for any new volunteers. We will also be filling in the roster for the year so you will have the chance to choose your preferred dates usually only 2 or 3 times for the year.

If you are able to attend the meeting please RSVP to Aislinn Breen on 0402 182 642 or abreen@piperalderman.com.au

If you have helped in the past but are not able to this year, please let Aislinn know.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Thanks again for your commitment.

Aislinn Breen and Joanne O’Sullivan
Children's Liturgy Co-ordinators
Dear Parents,

Please be informed that ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES will commence at, Coburg Primary School, 98 Bell St., Coburg, on Saturday 21st February and will run for 2.5 hours from 9.00am to 11.30am. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The Tuition Fee for the year is $200.00 per student.

Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture.

If you wish your son/daughter to attend these classes please fill in the form below and return it to the Italian teacher on Saturday 21st February 2015.

If you require further information, please phone: 9898-4707 or visit our school website www.lauronschool.com.au

I wish my son/daughter to attend the Italian Language Classes at Coburg Primary School.

SURNAME OF STUDENT: .......................................FIRST NAME: ...........................................

ADDRESS: ..................................................................................................................................

TELEPHONE: ........................................

STUDENT’S DAILY SCHOOL: ........................................................................................................

GRADE: ........................................

FULL NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ...........................................................................................

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ...........................................................................................

DATE: ......................................................................................................................................
Due to the Sun Smart Policy all children and staff should wear hats for the outdoor activities for Term 1 and Term 4. Also encourage to apply sunscreen to the exposed skin.

The Service must be informed of any medication condition have by parents to ensure adequate management of these conditions whilst the child is in care. This includes Medical Management Plan, Medical Authorisation Form and Authorisation for Management Plan to be followed (Each term).

Upcoming Activities: Making jelly and Milo ice cream, making hand print poster, planning for Better Buddies, Evacuation Drill, making play dough - again, Decorating recycle bin, Card magic tricks and making jewellery are planned activities. Unplanned activities are available to children according to their interest.

Thanks,

OSHC Staff – Gowri and Zilla.

JOIN THE FUN
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St Oliver Plunkett

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How to get started
Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy.

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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