Dear Parents and Children,

Just a reminder that the Background Interviews for the parents of the children in Years P-6 that are being held across the school today and Thursday, 19 February. These interviews are an important opportunity to meet with your child’s class teachers to discuss your child’s needs and set agreed goals for the year ahead.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Be aware that the safety of children arriving and leaving the school grounds depends on all parents taking care. Please approach and leave the school on Landells Road with caution, use the School Crossing and set a good example for your children at all times.

The strip outside the school in Landells Road is designed to allow drop off and pick up of the children close to the school gate in a safe and efficient manner. The arrangements for this area work in a most efficient manner if all parents obey the parking instructions.

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If you are unable to find a satisfactory solution to your problem make an appointment to see the Principal to discuss the matter further.

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Wednesday assembly
Click HERE to view the roster for term 1.
Click HERE to view the Class Mass roster for term 1.
Masses are on THURSDAY at 10.00am.

Alan Sweeney
Principal
PRAYER TABLES IN THE CLASSROOM
At the Ash Wednesday/Opening School Mass, a representative from each class from grades 3-6 will carry a class candle in the offertory procession. These will be blessed by Father Paul and used as a symbol of light for class prayer.

PARISH MASS TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
Parish Mass: 8:30am.
School / Parish Mass: 11:45am.
Parish Mass: 7:00pm.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

LITERACY CLASSROOM HELPERS’ PARENT WORKSHOP

Just a reminder that if you have helped in our literacy program in the past, and you would like to do so in the Prep, Year One and Two grades this year, we ask that you attend tomorrow’s workshop:

Experienced Parent Helpers’ Workshop
Wednesday 18th February
after assembly (approx. 9.10am for about 30 mins)
in the Staffroom.

Hope to see you there,

Barbara Olanda
Please note: On March 18th we will have a workshop for new parents/ grandparents who would like to help in the Prep/Junior classrooms.
Thank you to all the parents who were able to assist in our excursion to the Immigration Museum – it was a fantastic day!

**RELIGION:** Students begin to investigate what Confirmation is & why it is an important celebration in the Catholic Church.

**READING:** We will continue reading our class novel ‘Someone Like Me’ and will continue to discuss and make predictions throughout the text. Students will continue their personal novels and responding in their Reading Journals.

**WRITING:** This week we are starting our Writing Workshops. Students will have the opportunity to continue their independent writing pieces and will attend a goal meeting with their classroom teacher.

**MATHS:** This week we are continuing our place value topic. Students will split into groups based on their personalised learning needs.

**INQUIRY:** Following our fantastic excursion to the Immigration Museum we will be reflecting on the information we gathered and working through the ‘Passports’ children were given.

**SPECIAL REMINDER:**
- In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat to school during recess, lunch and sport lessons.
- Background interviews are this week and will be from 1:30pm-4:30pm Tuesday and 3:30pm-6:00pm Thursday. If you are unable to make either of these times, please arrange an alternate time with your child’s classroom teacher.
- Interschool sport commences this Friday.

Homework is due this Thursday. If your child is unable to hand this in on time, please let us know.

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**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will continue working through our unit ‘The Holy Spirit in Our Lives’ and looking at the qualities Mary displayed as a spirit-filled person. This week is the beginning of Lent. We will also talk about what Lent is and how we can be closer to God.

**WRITING:** We will focus on using the three levels of thinking this week when completing seeds and begin looking at how to correctly plan a narrative.

**READING:** We will continue reading and responding to our new serial novel ‘Nips X1’ by Ruth Starke by making connections with what we read. We will also begin looking at biographies about people from many different cultures.

**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:** We will continue working on our number and place value unit. We will be look at rounding numbers up and down, skip counting, odd and even numbers and using greater than and less than symbols.

**INQUIRY:** In our unit “The Culture Club” we will complete a variety of tasks covering flags, symbols, coats of arms, flowers, animals and the national anthem.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we are continuing our unit ‘Journey Towards the Cross’. We will identify the cycle of life and death in nature and plant seeds to follow the growth of these plants over the next few weeks. All of the junior grades will also participate in the Ash Wednesday Paraliturgy on Wednesday at 11:45am.

READING: During reading sessions, we are continuing the routine of the shared ‘big book’ and guided reading groups. The children are participating in a variety of learning centre activities and focusing on working cooperatively together.

WRITING: In writing, we are investigating the structure of recounts and exploring a variety of writing prompts such as the seed box, story starter cards and concentrating on the language and structural features of recounts.

MATHS: We are continuing to explore the different aspects of place value by making, reading, writing, ordering and recognising a variety of numbers.

INQUIRY: This week we are continuing our topic of ‘Cultures Galore’. We will focus on Italy and look at various cultural aspects of the country such as the flag, foods, dances, celebrations and language. We will discuss how these have all influenced and become part of our way of life in Australia.

PREPS

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 the letters: ck, e, h and r.

WRITING: In writing we will be writing about making our Hairy Harry’s and we will also be writing about our pets.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is NUMBER. We will be introducing the children to the number triad (word, number and object). We will be practising writing the numbers 1-6 and using objects to match the numbers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children visited St Oliver’s Church to prepare them for our paraliturgy on Friday the 20th February at 12pm.

INQUIRY: In our Inquiry unit ‘Safety Rules!’ we have been discussing our school rules and talking about the ways we can be a good friend to others.

REMINDERS...
- Please bring in a jar and stocking by Thursday as we will be making our ‘Hairy Harry’s’. 
Parent evening
Wednesday 18th February 7pm  ‘Finding the Balance’ (Cyber safety and Wellbeing)

Tomorrow night our parent seminar ‘Finding the balance’ will be held in the upstairs multipurpose room (Senior C).
This is an important one for all parents.
We need to work with our children to gain an understanding of what they are doing in the cyber world and how we can best support them.
Thankyou to the parents who have returned the reply slip. We would love to see as many parents as we can as this is a major issue in our lives and the lives of our children. Remember to bring any portable technology (Ipads, phones etc). All parents welcome!

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
At St Olivers each year we celebrate Ride to week 7. Stay tuned for details of this day and in the meantime make sure your bikes are ready to ride to school, helmets found, tyres pumped as we approach March 12th/13th. Further information in next week’s newsletter.

Reminder Update re: Asthma Plans
Thanks you to all families who have updated their asthma plans. It is important that all families update these plans yearly. A photo and a doctors signature is not required. Plans (yellow) are available in the office foyer.
Management of first aid is a high priority at St Olivers, please give this your immediate attention.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent their class as members of the Student Representative Council for 2014.

The Council is one of the opportunities the children have to develop the leadership skills and importantly provides an opportunity for further communication between students and staff. The S.R.C. also ensures that student input is an integral part of the decision-making processes at our school.

The children will be presented with their badges at assembly on Wednesday 25 February.

PM  Tara Coghlan  
PH  Zandalee Veneziano  
PB  Sophia Scira  
JL  Alessio Manca  
JB  Joshua Carlton  
JC  Lola Ferrante  
JR  Cameron Pascoe  
MB  Eva Brazzani  
MJ  Amelia Manna  
MK  Jack Cook  
MT  Ruby Prattico  
SC  Jonathan Thomas  
SG  Elley Gravina  
SD  Lachlan Cometti  
SM  Alessia Scalogna  

We wish all of the students the best of luck in carrying out their very important roles at St Oliver’s this year.

SPORTS NEWS

Just a reminder that Interschool Sport for seniors begins this Friday. The children will be playing AWAY this week at Coburg West Primary school. The softball will be held at Shore Reserve.

Good luck to Jake Pitruzzello, Alannah Gabriele and Olivia Vecchiarelli who will be representing our school at the SSV – Coburg District Tennis Championships today.

Sports day this year will be held in term 3 on THURSDAY 30th April. More news about this will day will be in the newsletter soon.

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 brimmed 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

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
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.

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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 Kings Curtains and Laramy. 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 AGM Results
President: Georgie McElligott
Vice President: Franca James
Treasurer: Diana Capuana
Secretary: Vinnie Citino
ST OLIVERS

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 FILS-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.

AND BACK 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!

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 ☐