Dear Parents and Children,

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent their class as members of the Student Representative Council for 2015.

The Council is one of the opportunities the children have to develop 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**.

**TARA COGHLAN  PM**
**ZANDALEE VENEZIANO  PH**
**SOPHIA SCIRA  PB**
**ALESSIO MANCA  JL**
**JOSEPH CERRA  JB**
**LOLA FERRANTE  JC**
**CAMERON PASCOE  JR**
**EVA BRAZZANI  MB**
**AMELIA MANNA  MJ**
**JACK COOK  MK**
**RUBY PRATTICO  MT**
**JONATHAN THOMAS  SC**
**ELLEY GRAVINA  SG**
**LACHLAN COMETTI  SD**
**ALESSIA SCALOGNA  SM**

Trish Segrave
Re Coordinator
CONFIRMATION REMINDER DATES
Parent letter and permission form for reflection day- 27 February

Calico panel for the banner- 2 March

Confirmation Card sheet- 6 March
If anyone is able to hand in their panel for the banner earlier that would be very helpful to the sewers.

Thursday class Mass this week is JL. Parents are welcome to sit with their children and join them in prayer.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

CLASSROOM HELPERS
Thankyou to the many experienced classroom helpers who attended the workshop last Wednesday. It was great to see that so many of you are able to join us for the Literacy time.

Thankyou also to those who are able to read for us – I'll be in touch as soon as we are ready to start.

At the workshop it was suggested that a list of some of the language used in literacy sessions would be useful. The Oxford Owl site has such a list: the link is http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/system/images/BAhbBlIsHOqZmSSIl2MjAxMy8wOC8yMy8xNC8xMC80Ni84NDMvR3JhbW1hc19KYXJnb25fQnVzdGVyLnBkZgY6BkVU/Grammar-Jargon-Buster.pdf
I will leave some hard copies in the office if you would like to pick one up from there. The Oxford Owl site is very useful – you and your children can even listen to many of the Floppy, Biff and Chip books, some of which the children bring home as home-readers.

I will send a note to confirm your day and time in the classroom(s) towards the end of the term. A copy of the complete roster will be made available on the school website should you need to swap with another parent at some time (we are not able to give out phone numbers though).

New Classroom Helpers: You will need to have a Working with Children Check before you help in the classroom. To get one, just go the following website to complete the form, and lodge it at the Post Office: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/. Then bring your card to the school office so that we can take a copy for our records.

Sound Charts: there are a few left – if you would like one please send $4 to me in an envelope and I will give one to your child to take home.

Barbara Olanda
Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend last week’s background interviews, we look forward to a fantastic year with your child!

RELIGION: Students will continue to investigate Confirmation and why it is an important celebration in the Catholic Church.

READING: We will continue reading our class novel ‘Someone Like Me’ and will discuss and make predictions throughout the text. Students will continue their personal novels and responses in their Reading Journals. We will also focus on a non-fiction text that is linked to our Inquiry topic.

WRITING: Students will have the opportunity to continue their independent writing pieces and attend a goal meeting with their classroom teacher.

MATHS: We are continuing our place value topic. Students will be learning in their personalised learning needs groups.

INQUIRY: This week we are beginning a learning carousel where students participate in a variety of activities to immerse them in the culture and traditions of Asia.

SPECIAL REMINDER:
- In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat to school during recess, lunch and sport lessons.
- SRC badges will be awarded at this Wednesday’s assembly. All other leadership badges will be awarded at next week’s assembly.
- Homework will go home this week, please assist your child with any challenges they may have.
- The parent letter for Reflection Day is due this Wednesday.
- Subway orders are due no later than tomorrow (Wednesday).

MIDDLES

WRITING: This week we will continue looking at narrative writing and how to correctly structure and plan our pieces. We will complete our plans so that we can begin independently writing narratives.

READING: We will continue reading and responding to our serial novel ‘Nips X1’. This week we will begin looking at an ‘open minded portrait’ where children will choose a character from a book they are reading and put themselves in the shoes of this character, by describing the character’s thoughts and feelings.

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: This week we will begin our unit on Addition. Students will begin working in groups according to their learning needs and we will look at a number of strategies to solve addition problems.

INQUIRY: We will continue with our unit ‘The Culture Club’. We will prepare for our excursion this Friday by coming up with interview questions to ask on our school visit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we will begin our unit on Lent called ‘Lent and Easter- A Journey of Hope’. We will look at the symbols and colours associated with the Lenten season.
What's happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we are starting our new unit, Baptism- Welcome to God’s Family. We will begin by exploring the story of Jesus and the Children and then explore our experiences of being welcomed into new groups and the ways in which we welcome others.

READING: In Reading, we are using our shared books to help us discover and consolidate our understandings about the conventions of print. We are also engaged in our guided reading groups and small group literacy activities.

WRITING: This week we will be continuing to focus on the structure and language features of recounts. The children will also be using the story starter cards, seed box, writer’s notebook and their own experiences and imaginations to create their individual writing pieces.

MATHS: In Maths, we are continuing to explore the different aspects of place value by reading, writing, making and ordering a range of numbers. The children will be working on activities applicable to their individual needs.

INQUIRY: This week we are continuing our topic ‘Cultures Galore’ with a focus on the many cultural aspects of Greece. We will investigate the Greek flag, foods, dances, celebrations and language. We will discuss how these have influenced our society 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: m, d, g, o.

WRITING: In writing we are encouraging the children to record the first sound in words. We will be modelling this each day.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is DATA. We have been creating pictographs linked with the story of the very Hungry Caterpillar. We will also be looking at the number of boys and girls in each class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children will be learning who God is and where we can see him in the world around us.

INQUIRY: This week the Prep children will be listening to guest speakers - a crossing lady and a fireman. They will be talking to the children about how they keep them safe in our community.

REMINDERS...
- If your child would like the subway lunch please have your form and money in by tomorrow.
- LIBRARY day will be EVERY WEDNESDAY. Please ensure your child returns their books on the day.
Parent Seminar

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend last week’s Cybersafety And Wellbeing parent evening. The Presenters, Georgie and Luke, certainly held the interest of all attendees.

RIDETOSCHOOLDAY

At St Olivers each year we celebrate Ride to School day. 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 Thursday March 12th. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further information.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTSNEWS

Well done to Jake Pitruzzello, Alannah Gabriele and Olivia Vecchiarelli who participated in the SSV – Coburg District Tennis Championships last Tuesday. Congratulations to Jake Pitruzzello who came runner-up in the boys’ event and will be representing our school at the next level.

Good luck to Alannah Bell, Olivia Lanyon, Isaac Marchionni, Ruby Prattico, Stephanie Skouris and Sinead Sheehan who will be representing our school at the SSV – Coburg District Swimming Trials today.

Over the next few weeks there will be trials for team sports in our district. SENIOR CHILDREN will be asked to come and see me on Monday if they are interested in being nominated for each sport. Our school can only send 5 students per sport to attend. Tryouts will be held AFTER SCHOOL at a variety of locations:

**Soccer** - Tuesday March 17 at Hosken Reserve, Coburg North.

**Netball** - Wednesday March 18 at Pascoe Vale Primary school

**Basketball** - Monday March 23 at St Fidelis Primary school

**Football** - Tuesday March 24 at Pascoe Vale North Primary school

All the nominations forms are to be handed to me by TUESDAY 3rd MARCH. No late entries will be accepted.

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

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2015. There are 4 venues 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site atsschoolholidayprogram@moreland.vic.gov.au Enrolments are now open. Applications are available at the school office and must be in at thecouncil no later than 5pm on Friday 6 March 2015.

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. New rewards have been released for Term 1 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 Learning With Technologies and Lilys Dance Studio. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

TERM 1 EVENTS

# Cadbury Choc Drive---sent home Feb 23rd and due back Wednesday 11th March. Please see attached flier for more information
#Subway. Order forms were sent home last week. Orders with correct money are due by this coming Wednesday 25th February
# Dad’s and friends Comedy Night. We have booked 4 well known comedians to entertain you on Friday 13th March 2015. Please see the attached flier for more information or contact Michael Said

St OLIVER’S SCHOOL FETE…..SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
We are currently seeking sponsors for this spectacular event!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have various packages available that are designed to suit your business needs and great opportunities to advertise your business for the remaining school year.

With over 3000 people attending our last fete, this is a great way to promote your business in our school and the wider community.

We have been fortunate enough to have already secured ESSENDON RENAULT as one of our major sponsors.

For further information regarding sponsorship please contact Michael Said 0418994711
ST OLIVER'S 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!

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 ☐
This year we are selling Cadbury Chocolates again. This is our largest fundraiser for term 1 so please help the school by selling what you can and have your money back on time.

This box contains a variety of 50 Cadbury Chocolates that are to be sold at $1 each

**Total of box $50**

All Unsold Chocolates and money is to be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 11th March 2015.**

For any further queries or if you are able to sell more than 1 box of chocolates please contact Franca James on 0413 909 964

**Thank you from the Parent Association**
Camp Australia must be informed by parents of any medical condition the children have 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).

Due to the Sun Smart Policy all children and staff should wear hats for the outdoor activities for Term 1 and Term 4. Camp Australia also encourages children to apply sunscreen to the exposed skin.

Upcoming Activities: Cooking chocolate truffles and chocolate cookies, Colouring a boomerang and indigenous flag, Marble challenge, Creation of sheep puppets and science experiments. According to childrens interests they can choose and make activities with their friends.

Preps are settling down and making friendship with others. Last week the children made pancakes. All children enjoyed different dress ups and some children danced to Italian music. Some of them made a cubby house with stacked recycled boxes. All children enjoyed a Milo icy pole on the hot days.

Thanks, OSHC Staff – Gowri and Zilla.