Dear Parents and Children,

Good luck to our Year Six children as they head off to Holy Cross Retreat House in Templestowe to continue their preparation for their celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was wonderful to join with the senior children and their families at last Sunday’s commitment mass. At the mass we also shared our Staff Commissioning in front of our parish community.

Please note:

At no time is it acceptable for a parent to directly approach another child as a means of resolving issues they may feel exist between children. Direct communication to another child does not solve problems but adds to the school’s difficulty in finding a solutions that takes into account all of the children’s perspectives!

A reminder that next Monday 9th March is the Labour Day holiday.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal
PROJECT COMPASSION

Last week the children brought home their Project Compassion boxes that are being used for our fundraiser for term one. The new members of the Student Representative Council, in conjunction with myself, assisted with their distribution. They will also be outlining to their class mates the importance of giving generously to this project, to assist those in vital need in developing countries. The money donated goes to Caritas the official Aid and Development Agency of the Catholic Church. At St Oliver’s, social justice is a key element of the Religious Education Program. We seek to teach the children that all people have a fundamental right to life, shelter, health care and education. We look forward to your on-going support. If all Project Compassion Boxes could be returned by **Monday 23 March**.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

In next weeks newsletter we will publish a picture of our 2015 SRC representatives.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

**MATHEMATICS at St Olivers**

This week our middle and senior grades will begin their Mathematics workshops. At the beginning of each unit we pre-test the students and then group them across the level according to their individual needs, and where they are on the Maths learning continuum. The teachers then work with a particular group of students for the content of that unit of work – currently number and place value. Our junior classes also pre-test units of work and group children accordingly in their class groups.

These groups are fluid depending on the unit of work – children are of mixed ability across Maths units and are therefore grouped accordingly.

This structure enables us to personalise our Maths curriculum to the individual needs of each student.

Teachers keep prescriptive and detailed records of student performance in workshops and this information is shared across the level and with the child’s classroom teacher.

Early in term two we will be holding a curriculum information evening and will further unpack our structures in Mathematics and English, as well as the other domains of learning.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What's happening around the levels..

SENIORS

Thank you to all the families who attended Mass on Sunday, it was a wonderful turnout!

RELIGION: Students will continue to investigate Confirmation & why it is an important celebration in the Catholic Church. Grade Sixes will be attending their Confirmation Retreat on Tuesday. Senior M and Senior D will have Reconciliation on Thursday.

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. We will also focus on a non-fiction text which 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 continuing our 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.
- Leadership badges will be awarded at this week’s Wednesday assembly.
- Homework went home last week, please assist your child with any challenges they may have.

Please click HERE for a copy of the senior’s homework.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we will continue our unit on Lent called ‘Lent and Easter- A Journey of Hope’. We will look at our Easter journey and the event that lead to Jesus’ resurrection.

WRITING: This week we will continue looking at narrative writing and finish writing a narrative as a class.

READING: We will continue reading and responding to our serial novel ‘Nips X1’. This week we will complete an open minded portrait on Steve Irwin which will be taken from his biography.

SPELLING: We will be looking at ‘ck’ and new will investigate these words using visual, sound and meaning strategies.

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

INQUIRY: We will continue with our unit ‘The Culture Club’. Students will prepare a response to our excursion in small groups. They may choose to represent this through a song, poster, dance or another method.

Please click HERE for a copy of the middle’s homework.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we are continuing our unit on Baptism. Students will be introduced to the sacrament of Baptism as the sacrament of welcome and initiation into the Church community. Students will discuss Baptism as a community celebration.

READING: In Reading, students are continuing to focus on word meanings, different letter sound patterns and rhyming words when participating in the shared book. Students are then completing independent activities to support their individual learning needs.

WRITING: In Writing, students are continuing to learn how to develop their ideas when writing a recount about their weekend and will be recalling interesting facts about China to write in their passports.

MATHS: In Maths, students are making numbers to 100 and beyond and representing these numbers visually using a ‘think board’.

INQUIRY: This week we are continuing our topic ‘Cultures Galore’ with a focus on the many cultural aspects of China. We will investigate the Chinese flag, foods, dances, celebrations and language.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children will be learning about different places we can pray and what we have on our prayer table. We will be finishing off our unit- ‘Praying to Jesus the Good Shepherd’.

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: g, o, u, l and f.

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 Number. We will be practising our number formation and looking at numbers before and after.

INQUIRY: This week the Prep children will be listening to our guest speakers – members of the Police force. They will be talking to the children about how they keep them safe in our community.

REMINDERS...
- Subway Lunch is tomorrow. If your child has ordered Subway- please remember not to pack a lunch.
- A reminder to please leave the Reading Logs in your child’s reader bag so the teacher is able to check these each week.
WELLBEING

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

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.

PARENTING INSIGHTS

Each week in our newsletter I like to include some reading that supports us on our journey in the often difficult role we have as parents. Questions are often asked ‘What should I do’ or ‘how do I handle this?’ Michael Grose is a parenting expert who often make great suggestions about issues that arise day to day with our children. This week his insight looks at ‘Helping Kids Deal with rejection’.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Last Friday Jake Pitruzzello represented our school at the District Tennis. He played really well but unfortunately he didn’t make it to the next round. Well done Jake. We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to Alannah Bell, Isaac Marchionni, Ruby Pratico, Stephanie Skouris and Sinead Sheehan on their great results at the Coburg District Swimming Trials last week. These five students will be representing our school at the Divisional level Swimming competitions. We wish them all the best!!

The seniors have had a great start to the interschool sports season. They have showed great sportsmanship and teamwork so far.

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 brimmed HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons, during terms one and four. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

STUDENT AWARDS
Giordana Manca, Mia Barbaro, Cameron Knight, Zandalee Veneziano, Madison Rumoro, Peter Dimogiannis, Georgia Banks, Christain D’Aprano, Rhiana McElligot, Sienna Pollina, Jett Florence, Mira Russo, Johan Boobal, Siena Leonard, Mia Chiera, Anthony Manduca, Andrew Doherty, Olivia Rizza, Emma Ferraro, Danielle Ferraiolo, Noah Schiavello, Amelia Pannunzio

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 at schoolholidayprogram@moreland.vic.gov.au Enrolments are now open. Applications are available at the school office and must be in at the council 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
CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**SCHOOL BANKING**
St Oliver’s Banking Program Day is Tuesdays. New rewards have 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 Matrix Fitness and Mario & Josie Meats. 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… subway lunch this Wednesday 4th March
# 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
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 ❑

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

This event proudly sponsored by:

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24 hour fitness PASCOE VALE
188 – 204 Cumberland Road 1300 JETTS 347
St Oliver’s 2015 Cadbury Chocolate Drive

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
We welcome our preps into the program. From last week year one children have been making welcome cards to preps and new children. Some children are making calico friendship banner with children’s handprint. This week they try, get to know buddy cube box.

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 cupcakes, planting egg plants, capsicums and tomatoes, worm gardening, put fruit scraps into our garden, water conservation, paper recycling and felt hand bag are planned activities. According to children interest they can choose and make activities with their friends.

Last week some children enjoyed salsa dance with a new staff member. All children enjoyed chocolate truffle treat.

Thanks, OSHC Staff – Gowri.