From the Principal...

Dear Parents & Children,

Last week the My School website 2014 school data went active.

The website is created and updated by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). The website provides a great deal of information about our school and allows parents to view our schools NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy data from 2008 through to 2014.

The My school site can be accessed by loading the following link http://www.myschool.edu.au or by searching for -My school- in one of the numerous internet search engines.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal
SCHOOL SHOES AND RUNNERS COLLECTION PLEASE HELP BY DONATING

We have been asked to collect school shoes and runners that are in reasonable condition. If the laces of the shoes could be tied together that would ensure the pairs are not separated. The shoes are being collected to help the children at Bahaytuluyan in the Philippines. A box will be at the front of the office for all donations or they can be given to the class teacher. The final date for the donated items is Monday 30 March. If any families at St. Oliver’s could also let other family members and friends know, this would be a great way to support those children in need.

GRADE SIX CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY

On Tuesday 3 March, as part of their preparation for Confirmation, the grade six students attended a reflection day at Holy Cross Retreat Centre in Templestowe. This was an opportunity for the children to gain a deeper understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation, through personal reflection, activities that explored spirit filled people, examining the beginning of Christianity in the Pentecost story and prayer. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to write some very thoughtful and moving letters to their son/daughter. It was obvious throughout the day that these letters meant a great deal to the children.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

EDUCATION IN FAITH

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Technologies, Activities and Tips for Literacy Support

SPELD Victoria is located in Preston and is a great source of information for parents who want to know more about supporting their children’s learning when literacy and numeracy skills are proving difficult. SPELD has a number of workshops for parents—one of which is on this Friday, March 13. This one will introduce you to ipad apps, multi-sensory activities, various e-resources and technologies to encourage reluctant readers and writers. For more information about this and other workshops and/or to register go to http://www.speldvic.org.au/index.php?option=com_dtregister&Itemid=67

New Parent Classroom Helpers

Our workshop for parents who would like to help in the Literacy program and have not done so before will be held on Wednesday March 18 at 9.00 in the Staffroom.

Barbara Olanda
Literacy Support
What’s happening around the levels…

SENIORS

We hope all families had an enjoyable long weekend!

**RELIGION**: Students will continue to investigate Confirmation & why it is an important celebration in the Catholic Church. We will also be discussing baptismal promises and how students are required to respond to these in their Confirmation.

**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 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. They will also be rotating through Writing Workshops.

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

**INQUIRY**: This week students will begin their personal inquiries by planning their own activities which will be presented toward the end of term 1.

**SPECIAL REMINDER**:
- In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat to school during recess, lunch and sport lessons.
- 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**: We will continue our unit on Lent called ‘Lent and Easter- A Journey of Hope’. We will look at our Easter journey and the events that led to Jesus’ resurrection.

**WRITING**: This week we will continue looking at narrative writing. We will focus on creating interesting characters and settings as well as using descriptive language in our writing.

**READING**: This week we will begin looking at the feelings and emotions of characters in our serial novel, Nips XI.

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

**MATHS**: This week is our final week on addition. Students will be working in groups according to their learning needs and looking at a number of strategies to solve addition problems. We will also complete our post-test for this unit towards the end of the week.

**INQUIRY**: We will continue with our unit ‘The Culture Club’. Students will present a response to our excursion in small groups.

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the middle’s homework.
RELIGION: This week we are completing our unit ‘Baptism - Welcome to God's Family’ by having the children draw a representation of a baptism they have been to or their own baptism and compare it to Jesus’ baptism.

READING: During reading sessions we are continuing the routine of the ‘shared big book’ and guided reading sessions. In our shared reading sessions we will be focusing on the use of words in capital letters and different fonts to help us use expression and add emphasis when reading aloud.

WRITING: This week we will continue to conference individual children’s pieces of work and model editing techniques. The children will begin to choose a piece of writing to publish.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns and build a class word list with the sound an (fan man).

MATHS: This week we will be revising our understandings about place value and completing this unit with a post assessment task. We will also be beginning our addition unit with a pre-assessment task.

INQUIRY: This week we are continuing our topic ‘Cultures Galore’ with a focus on the many cultural aspects of Ireland. We will investigate the Irish 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our new unit is called ‘Following Jesus Loving and Serving. We will be introducing the children to Jesus and listening to the stories of Holy week.

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 letter: b and the digraph ‘ai’. We will also practise blending the sounds learnt so far to make words.

WRITING: In writing we are continuing to encourage the children to record the first sound in words. We are also focusing on capital letters at the beginning of sentences.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is Number. We will be ordering numbers 0-20 and beyond on a number line and revising numbers before and after.

INQUIRY: The children will be discussing what they have learnt about the people who keep them safe in the community. They will be drawing situations of people being safe and unsafe to show their understanding.

REMINDERS...

- Ride to school day is on Thursday 12th March. Children bring in their bikes or scooters and helmets and will get time throughout the day to ride with their buddy grade.
- Library day is on Wednesday. A reminder that children are able to return their library books prior to this day and can leave their library bag in the classroom.
Michael Grose Parenting Insight
This week his insight is titled ‘Help your kids build their own firewall against online Nasties’.

Our children need to know they can talk to us about things they see on the internet. Michael shares some great ideas on how to best support them.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

Ride To School day 2015
This Thursday the 12th March all children and encouraged to ride or scooter to school. Please ensure bikes and scooters are safe to ride, helmets are compulsory. Upon arrival at school children will be asked to park their bikes in designated areas and are then welcome to have some fruit and a juice before the 8.50 bell goes. Fruit and juice will be available from 8.20am to 8.45am. Throughout the day the students will have the opportunity to ride with their buddies around the south yard. Remember No helmet No riding!
We are looking forward to a fun day

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

Well done to Alannah Bell, Isaac Marchionni, Ruby Prattico, Stephanie Skouris and Sinead Sheehan who represented our school at the Divisional competition last week in swimming. A big congratulations to Sinead Sheehan who has made it through to the Regionals in butterfly and freestyle. She will be competing this week. We wish her all the best!

Dates for the McDonald’s HoopTime Basketball have been confirmed. Middles will be going to MSAC on Tuesday 18th August and the Seniors will be on Wednesday 29 July.

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

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](mailto: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 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 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 chocolates were sent home Feb 23rd and due back this Wednesday 11th March.

We have had a great response to the Cadbury Chocolate drive – a big thank you to all families who have returned their money. Can I please ask that any families who think that they may struggle to sell the full box to please return whatever is unsold as we have many families who are requesting more boxes to sell. Any questions please call Franca James on 0413 909 964

# 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

# Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home later this week. We are asking for each child to donated Easter Eggs to classroom raffles. Raffle tickets are $1 each. The raffle will be drawn on the last assembly for term1 Friday 27th March and then followed by a hot cross bun morning tea for all the parents to enjoy. More information will be posted closer to the date.
PREP ENROLMENTS 2016

OPEN DAY
Wednesday 29 April 2015
9.00am to 12.00pm

PREP ENROLMENTS
Will be opened from Monday April 20

Enrolment application forms may be collected from the school office between 9.00am and 3.00pm

Completed forms need to be returned to the school by Friday May 8 with a non refundable enrolment fee of $20.00

Interviews for prospective families will commence on the Monday May 15.

When enrolling your child please provide both original and photocopies of your child’s birth, baptism and immunization certificate along with an original copy of your rates notice and a utility bill.

ALL INQUIRIES PHONE: 9354 5411
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: Jetts

24 hour fitness PASCOE VALE
188 – 204 Cumberland Road
1300 JETTS 347
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 MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL ASAP PLEASE

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
2015 Prep Mums Welcome Dinner

Date: Friday 20th March 2015

Welcome to all new and existing St Oliver’s 2015 Prep mums.

Please accept this invitation as a way to make new friends or catch up with old ones!

We look forward to having a great night out together.

Cross Keys Hotel
350 Pascoe Vale Rd, Essendon

Time: 7.00pm

R.S.V.P: 18th March 2015
(text or call please)

Amanda (Luke’s mum - Prep M)
0411 613 137

Lisa (Oscar’s mum - Prep H)
0417 150 084

Aislinn (Joshua’s mum – Prep B)
0402 182 642
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 the following businesses as major sponsors

ESSENDON RENAULT

LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGIES

For further information regarding sponsorship please contact Michael Said 0418994711

FETE STALLS

The fete will include a number of stalls selling a variety of goods. Stall hire is only $50 for the day and all takings made on the day are yours! To secure a stall, you need to complete the application form and submit it with your $50 payment. As stall numbers are limited, first in first served. For a stall application form or for more information please contact Angelina Kalessoglou 0412829424 or Christine Marchionni 0416211756

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are now on Facebook. “St Oliver’s Spectacular Fete” Like us and keep updated with all of the day’s plans and early bird ticket deals
St Oliver Plunkett Pascoe Vale take an active role in caring for its environment and contribute to a sustainable future. OSHC staff encourages children to become socially responsible and show respect for the environment. Last week staff and children had discussions on sustainable practices. Ellisse Baviera and Grace Calcagno have put our fruit scraps into the garden soil.

Upcoming Activities: Cooking chocolate cup cake, Making felt egg cushions, Making Easter Bunnies, Decorating stain glass Easter eggs, Basket for Easter eggs, Gardening, Dress ups, Making bird kites and play dough activities are also planned. Children can choose activities and play with their friends.

Preps are settling down and forming new friendships. Last week children made shop creations and goods for selling to customers. Most of the children filled out a child portfolio. All children enjoyed chocolate cookies.

Thanks,

OSHC Staff – Gowri