Dear Parents,

Last week our Senior classes attended a three day camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Across the three days of activities, the children had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the Victorian Gold Rush and the hardships the ‘Diggers’ experienced in the goldfields. The Senior Camp was once again a great success and I have no doubt the children returned home on Wednesday tired but with many memories of their wonderful experiences on Camp. There were one or two of our children who seemed to be afflicted by ‘Gold Fever’ as they panned for gold but I’m afraid no huge nuggets were found nor fortunes made across the three days.

Many thanks to our Camp Coordinator Lisa Michielin, all of the Senior teachers and all of the staff who attended and worked so hard to make last week’s camp so successful for the senior children. Caring for around 100 children on camp is NOT A HOLIDAY and the teachers were on duty from early morning until late in the evening when the last child(ren) settled. Once again many thanks to the Parent Association for their continued financial support. This on-going support allows the school to keep the cost of the School Camps as low as possible.

Thank you to Libby Sheedy and all of the staff who assisted in organizing the ‘Ride to School Day’ last Friday. I have no doubt that all of our children involved would have enjoyed the activities that were organized by our Senior Active Travel monitors.

Tomorrow our Senior Children will be visited by Bishop Terry Curtin to assist them in their continued preparation for their celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday evening.

A reminder that tomorrow is also School Photo Day and Subway lunch day. Please note that as tomorrow (Wednesday 9th) is School Photo Day we will not be hosting our normal Wednesday Assembly. Junior P will present their Reflection at our 11.30 Assembly on Friday morning.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
CONFIRMATION
A reminder that all information regarding the saint’s name the children are using for Confirmation needs to be sent into the class teacher as soon as possible. Any outstanding pieces of calico also needs to be sent in promptly for sewing of the banner.

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY
All the year sixes went to the Confirmation Retreat. We went to the retreat to gain a good understanding about Confirmation. We all learnt about the real meaning behind the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts are Right Judgement, Knowledge, Wisdom, Wonder and Awe, Reverence, Courage and Understanding.
At the Retreat we participated in some activities such as making a canvas of a gift of the Holy Spirit. Another activity was acting out the Pentecost story in the form of a freeze frame. The next activity was reading about Spirit filled people such as Nelson Mandela, Bill Gates, Howard Florey, Fred Hollows and Aung San Suu Ki. These people have all made an amazing difference in the lives of other people.
The teachers gave us a scroll with another person’s name on it. We had to write on the scroll what gift was best suited to that person. The year sixes had a great time, the Confirmation retreat helped us learn more about this special sacrament.

By Jett Ryder and Antonio Spataro

Trish Segrave
Religious Education leader
**Preps**

Firefighters from our local Pascoe Vale Fire Station visited the year preps to talk about Fire Safety. The children were involved in fun interactive activities as they listened to simple fire safety messages. You could discuss and reinforce these messages at home with your child.

- Stop Drop Cover and Roll
- Get down low and go, go, go
- The importance of checking smoke alarms
- Talking to their parents about a safety point in the home

Mrs Phegan looked fabulous dressed as a firefighter and although there is a shortage of female firefighters she is very happy teaching her prep class. The Fire fighters will be returning on Monday 21st March, this time to show the children the Fire truck.

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**Middles**

Camp information and forms will be sent home tomorrow. These will include:

- camp permission form
- medical report forms
- what to bring
- dietary requirement form

If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher or myself

**Liz Finlayson**  
Learning and Teaching Leader

**Maths News**

As you know on the recent school closure day our P-2 teachers were involved in Professional Development led by curriculum advisor Michele Bailey.

During this day the teachers had the opportunity to unpack the Learning Framework in Number and develop new and exciting strategies to help our children develop a greater understanding of Number.

As a result of this we are introducing slightly new maths structures in Prep-2.

All of our P-2 children have been assessed on their number knowledge and based on this data we will be grouping children across grades, to work at their level.

In Prep this may mean that your child could be taught by another teacher in their year level for 15 minutes, three times a week for the Tools session in Maths and then back to their own class for the remainder of the session.

The junior students may be taught by another teacher for their whole Maths lesson.

We believe by structuring it this way we will be targeting our teaching to cater for exactly where the children are at.

**Jaki O’Halloran**  
Mathematics Leader
Camp Reflection

On 29th of February we arrived at school at 8:20am to prepare for camp. Eventually we got on the bus and travelled an hour and a half to get to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat. It was a very exhausting trip and we all felt like sleeping on the bus. We found out our cabins and groups and everyone had a big, happy smile on their face.

We arrived finally, half of us settled in our cabins and then had recess and lunch. After recess and lunch we got into groups and went to our first activity for the day. We all started at different spots, some of us went to gold fever which was a game we all enjoyed, it was associated with gold mining. Most of us rushed to the creek to pan as we wanted to find gold so badly. Then most of us had free time for the rest of the day.

We got free time in the cabins and then we got ready to go to dinner. At first everyone was excited but when the food came out some of us enjoyed it and the rest of us didn't like it. Well, we then thought the dessert would be much better more like amazing, unfortunately we didn't get what we expected.

When that was over we couldn't wait for what was to come. So we headed out getting ready to watch the Light and Sound Show. It was very, very cold but it was worth it, the show was surprising. We were all so thrilled when it was time to get on the moving train. Some of us were freaking out on the end part as loud noises occurred and fire sparks came flying out of the ground.

In the morning everyone was so tired and could not be bothered getting up for breakfast, so the teachers had to wake us up and some of the children woke up the teachers. After a while we headed down for breakfast, everyone was scared of the food because of the dinner the previous night. We had toast and cereal. Then we headed back to our cabin and got ready for the jam packed day we had ahead.

When we split up into our groups that morning we did our activities that were allocated for that day such as, Candle Dipping, Chinese Education section, and more free time. When it was time for lunch everyone was expecting the same as the days before but lunch was incredibly amazing, we had sausage rolls or pies and delicious hot chips and a cookie and we got a choice of lemon lime bitter or apple juice. At dinner we got a roast that was not the best but some people ate it. We all loved day two especially the girls because we got to go shopping.

That night we had our school disco it was definitely one of the highlights of camp because we got to watch performances, do some music trivia and we got to have a dance at the end. That night everyone was wrecked and couldn’t wait to go to bed. With another day ahead of us we got ready then headed for breakfast. We got bacon and eggs which was okay. We then had to rush getting ready as we went to the gold museum where we got an education. After that we all went back to the cabins and got our luggage and headed to the bus. We loaded all our bags and hopped into the bus ready to go home. We were really happy to go home but also wanted to stay there. We arrived back at school at 3:00pm. Surely we all went home and relaxed for the rest of that day.

By Alana and Lily - SG
WELLBEING

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY 2016
Thank you to all students, parents and staff for taking part in our 2016 Ride to school day. How lucky we were with fabulous weather and so many enthusiastic participants. I would like to thank all the staff who supported this initiative and a very big thank you to our ‘Active Travel Leaders’ who led the day so beautifully. Issa, Noah and Jack you boys worked so hard in the heat and were extremely patient and positive with all involved. Great work boys.

FIRST AID
First Aid is a high priority at St Olivers. If your child has any medical needs that we are not aware of please email me at lsheedy@石膏圣方济会.catholic.edu.au or make a time to catch up with me.

Each year the children’s asthma plans need to be updated. This year we are using an orange plan. No doctor’s signature or photo is required. If you have not received a new plan these can be collected from the office foyer.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU !!
The family we are supporting is extremely grateful for the delicious food that is able to be placed on their table each night. Where possible can we keep the meals coming especially with holidays approaching so we can keep their freezer stocked. We are so lucky to have the supportive community willing to help our families in need.
Your ongoing support is truly appreciated.

Libby Sheedy
Deputy Principal/Wellbeing Leader
Interschool Sports:
The Senior students played against Pascoe Vale North for Interschool sports on Friday. There were some great matches despite the searing heat. The results are as follows:

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Sports Day News:
As mentioned in last weeks newsletter - Sports Day this year will be held in term 2 on **THURSDAY 5th MAY**. Further details will be provided at a later stage. We will be needing help on the day, so any parent willing to lend a hand would be greatly appreciated.

School Sport Victoria Team VIC Online Registration Process:
A reminder for senior students interested in trying out for SSV Team Vic Team in the following sports:
- Australian Rules Football
- Netball
- Soccer
- Basketball
Registration is due by March 16th – once registered please bring the confirmation into school for Alan and myself to sign. Please discuss with your child that this is an extremely high level of competition and is not simply a ‘come and try’ day.

SSV Tennis:
A big congratulations to Alannah Gabriele who represented our school at the Banyule State Tennis Trials. She made it into the semi-finals and finished 3rd overall. What a wonderful achievement Alannah!

Miss Cecilia Garden
Sport Coordinator
GENERAL NEWS

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Tuesday 29 March 2016 to Friday 8 April 2016. There are 4 venues open from 8am to 6pm. 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 Friday 4 March 2016.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

STUDENT AWARDS WEEK 5

STUDENT AWARDS WEEK 6

CANTEEN

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Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu

Please direct enquiries to Loretta Conboy on 0401363360
SCHOOL BANKING.....TUESDAY
The reward system for 2016 includes
- Flying snake Tail & Wildlife Writer Set (term 1)
- Mud Splat Handball & Outback Pat Bag Tag (term 2)
- Backtrack Eraser Pen & Jump/Skip Rope (term 3)
- Bush Fly Fan & Wriggly Glow Worm (term 4)

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!
This year School Banking is giving students a chance to win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi & Robert Irwin.
Students who make 15 or more deposits by end of Term 3 2016 will automatically enter the draw.
So start banking & good luck!

Helpers needed!!!
We are always looking more parents to help with the school banking program. If you are able to volunteer your Tuesday mornings (2 hours) to help process these transactions, please contact Diana Capuana on 0419 331 966 or Lisa Guarino 0403 300 469.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Please note that Cadbury chocolate money or unwanted chocolates are due back on Wednesday 9th March. If you can sell more boxes please contact Franca on 0413 909 964.

EASTER RAFFLE
Tickets were sent home on Friday with each child for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn at assembly on the last day of term – these are due back on Wednesday 23 March. We are also looking for donations of eggs and baskets. See attached flyer for full details.

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 our last assembly for term 1 on Thursday 24 March.

TERM 1 EVENTS
- Feb 22nd – Cadbury Chocolate Drive
- March 9th – Subway Lunch Day **This Week**
- March 24th – Easter Raffle
- March 24th – Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

Next Parents Association Meeting – Wednesday 9 March at 7.30pm
– everyone welcome!
LOT OF EASTER EGGS WANTED!!
It is that time of year when we call for

Donations of Easter Eggs (and baskets)
And send home tickets for the
EASTER RAFFLE

Every child will receive a raffle book.
Every class will have their own Easter egg baskets to raffle.

Please send your donations to school via your child’s classroom teacher.

Tickets are $1 each or $5.00 a full book.
Tickets are due back Wednesday 23rd March.
Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March at assembly

Thanks once again for your support and good luck!!
The Parent Association

NB: We really need baskets too. If you have any baskets please send them to school. Thanks
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 in 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 9th March 2016**

For any further queries or if you are able to sell more than 1 box of chocolates please contact Franca James 0413 909 964 or Sonia Rossi 0403 427 639

Thank you from the Parent Association
REGISTER NOW!

Pascoe vale: Hallam Reserve

Co-ordinator: Andrew Lovrek

Please register online

andrewlovrek@gmail.com

Start Date: 16 March 2016

At 9.00 a.m.

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PARENTS

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2. Enter your postcode in the centre locator
3. Select the centre you would like to attend
4. Complete the registration process

KIDS

Play & Post! Colour in the NAB AFL Auskick image for your chance to WIN an AFL prize pack to the value of $250.

To enter, ask your parents to

1. Follow @aflauskick on Instagram
2. Take a photo of your colouring in and post it on Instagram with #aflauskick

For more information and terms and conditions, visit aflauskick.com.au/playandpost

*Prizes based on club of support.
**This week’s fun at OSHC**

This week, the kids had fun with a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. Most of the activities were group activities, where they get to know each other, especially; the preps made new friends in OSHC. They had fun with Memory Line Tiggy, Number Soccer, One Touch, Basketball, Captain in the spaceship, charades, musical statues, Buzz Off and many more.

**Fire drill and Lock down drill**

This week we did a fire drill and lock down drill. We set a new record for the fire drill which is 58 seconds. Many thanks to the kids who were very supportive to the new preppies. All the kids did a very good job during the lock down drill.

**Frozen treats in hot weather**

This week we had lots of frozen foods in hot days: frozen jelly, frozen bananas, and frozen grapes. The kids loved them!