Dear Parents and Children,

Thank you to all of the dads and friends who attended the Parent Association Comedy night in the Hall last Friday evening. Many thanks to Michael Said who organised the event and all the parents who assisted on the evening.

Over the Christmas holiday break one of the large air conditioning units on the roof of the hall collapsed leading to extensive damage not only to the hall roofing but also to the hall parquetry floor. Over the last few weeks Michael together with a number of generous parents have given their time and skills to repair both the roofing and replacing the flooring. The generosity of these parents meant that the comedy night could go ahead in the hall. An amazing effort!

Good luck to our year six children as they enter their last week of preparations for Friday evenings Confirmation celebration. Please keep the candidates in your thoughts and prayers.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal
## ST. OLIVER’S SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2015

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SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TUESDAY 24 MARCH

SOCK IT TO POVERTY

Tuesday 24 March is our school fundraiser to promote social justice values of living in a just world where resources are shared. The theme for the day is **SOCK IT TO POVERTY**. The children are allowed to wear different coloured socks on the day and are asked to bring a spare pair of old socks. Many children in developing countries walk to school bare foot or in old worn out shoes. To gain a sense of empathy and walk in someone else’s shoes, the children will be walking a few laps of the south yard in the old pair of socks they bring to school. This was an initiative of some members of the Student Representative Council so we look forward to families supporting the idea. Tuesday is also the last day for the collection of runners and shoes. The response so far has been wonderful.

Could all **Project Compassion** boxes be returned on this day.

EASTER PARALITURGY

On **Friday 27 March** at the morning assembly, the junior children will present a prayerful re-enactment of the days of Holy Week. Parents and family members are very welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION

A reminder that the individual photos will take place from 5:20 onwards and the group photo for all the children is at 6:20. The photos will be in the school library.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator
New Parent Classroom Helpers

Just a reminder that 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**.

We look forward to seeing you!

Barbara Olanda  
Literacy Support

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**ITALIAN NEWS**

**TOMATO SAUCE MAKING DAY**

On Monday 23rd March the Grade 3 – 6 children will be involved in a *Tomato Sauce Making Day* as part of their Italian Class. I will require a number of helpers throughout the day to help handle the machine, cut tomatoes and supervise the sauce making process (see outline below).

If you are able to help, could the children please return the yellow form (handed out in Italian class yesterday) to their classroom teacher **no later than this Thursday 19th March**.

When making the sauce, tomatoes are cut and squeezed of their ‘juices’ then minced through the electric sauce machine.

We will need help specifically with:

- cutting (need to bring own knife) and squeezing of tomatoes in preparation for mincing in the machine
- handling the machine (mincing tomatoes)
- bottling of the sauce (bottles with screw lids)
- boiling the bottled sauce. It would be hugely appreciated if you could help with this process at home.

Please also advise on the form if you are able to boil some or all of the bottled sauce (120- 150 bottles).

Thank you for your assistance,

Julie-Ann Dimasi
What’s happening around the levels…

SENIORS

Best wishes to the Grade 6 students on their upcoming Confirmation!

RELIGION: Students will continue to investigate Confirmation & why it is an important celebration in the Catholic Church. We will also be discussing gospel stories and how they can be related to modern society.

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. 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 continue their personal inquiries by planning their own activities which will be presented next week.

SPECIAL REMINDER:
- In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat to school during recess, lunch and sport lessons.
- Homework is due this Friday, March 20th.
- Confirmation is this Friday, March 20th. Individual photos will be taking place in the library from 5:00pm and group photos from 6:00pm. Please remember to bring your photo form and money on the evening.
- Please bring in any shoes at home that you no longer wear - these will be going less fortunate families in the Philippines. Please be aware that they should be in a respectable state.
- The Parent Association East Egg Raffle tickets have gone home, please return tickets and money to your child’s classroom teacher. We also ask that you donate chocolate eggs to this worthy cause.

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 the events that lead to Jesus’ resurrection and create a picture book which re-tell this event.

WRITING: This week we will begin ‘Rocket Writing’. Students will be given 5 minutes to write whatever comes to mind, given a particular stimulus.

READING: This week we will look at the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of a character in our serial novel NIPS XI.

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

MATHS: This week we will begin our unit on statistics and probability.

INQUIRY: We will continue with our unit ‘The Culture Club’. Students will be working on an action where they will research an aspect of their chosen culture.

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

RELIGION: This week we will resume our unit ‘Journey Towards the Cross’. We will focus on the events leading up to Easter and read about and role play The Last Supper. After this discussion, we will then lead the children through a guided meditation that focuses on the story of The Last Supper. We will also be preparing the re-enactment of the events of Holy Week in preparation for the Easter Assembly next Friday.

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 focus on predicting the story details from the book cover and sequentially retelling the events to partner.

WRITING: This week we will continue to conference individual children’s pieces of work and model editing techniques. The children will continue to publish their individual piece of writing and add accompanying illustrations to support their work.

MATHS: This week we will begin our measurement unit about length. The children will investigate how to use different tools to measure the length of objects and explain what would be the best thing to measure it with and why. They will also learn how to measure accurately with no gaps or overlaps.

INQUIRY: This week we are continuing our topic ‘Cultures Galore’ with a focus on St Patrick’s Day, which is Tuesday the 17th of March. The children are encouraged to wear an item of green clothing on the day. We will also look at the life of St Patrick and how and why he became a saint.

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 and sounds: j, oa, ie, ee and or.

WRITING: In writing we are continuing to encourage the children to record the first sound in words. We are also looking at describing and how we can use them in our writing.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is Number. We will be looking at the number 10 and teaching the children how to use a tens frame.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be continuing to read stories from Holy Week in preparation for Easter.

REMINDERS...
- Please return any photo forms by Monday the 23rd March.
- Library day is every Wednesday so please ensure your child returns their books before then.
Class Parent Representatives
This year we have decided to organise a group of mums who will meet in levels to plan a social outing or two for the level.
Congratulations and thank you to the parents listed below who have taken on the role as parent class representatives for 2015.
I had the opportunity to meet with many of these mums to welcome them to the role.
At St Olivers we are an inclusive school where everyone can be involved in some way and this is just another way for parents to meet other parents. We hope that as gatherings are organised, many parents will be able to go along and have a great night/day out.
The parent class reps for 2015 are:

Prep B  Aislinn Breen (Josh Carlton)
Prep H  Lisa Florence (Oscar Florence)
Prep M  Amanda Prattico (Luke Prattico)
Junior C  Stacey Stevenson (Michael Stevenson)
Junior B  Sandra Cutajar (Zac Cutajar)
Junior R  Bree Pertzel (Billy Contessa)
Junior L  Lisa Blaney (Harry Blaney)
Middle T  Veronica Howell (Zara Howell)
Middle J  Cindy Camilleri (Liam Camilleri)
Middle B  Cathy Giacchi (Giulia Giacchi)
Middle K  Fran Cometti (Connor Cometti)
Senior C  Meredith Pelosi (Jack Pelosi)
Senior D  Angelina Kalassoglou (Billy Kalassoglou)
Senior G  Carol Edwards (Matthew Edwards)
Senior M  Luisa Messina (Olivia Messina)

Once again thank you to these parents and we look forward to enjoying some community building events.

Parenting Group : Tuning into kids
Any parents looking for a little extra support in their role as parents may wish to enroll in a six week program with Merri Community Health in Coburg. This program is a highly effective and very well run program. See the flyer in the office window or call Jess on 93199482 or Anthony on 9355 9938 for further information.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practice strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

**This Friday 20th March, our school is taking part in the 2015 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.**

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.
**SPORTS NEWS**

A BIG congratulations to Sinead Sheehan who competed in the Regionals last week in swimming. Unfortunately she didn’t make it through to State but we congratulate her on her amazing effort!!

Just a reminder that School Sports day will be held on THURSDAY 30th APRIL. Notes will go home next week with all the information you need. Preps will also be given their House colours with their note.

This week is the last week of the seniors summer sports. Thank you to all the parents who have come and supported the children over the last few Fridays. A HUGE thank you to all the senior teachers for their organisation and sportsmanship!

Mrs Giulia Mazzarella  
Sport Coordinator

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**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**  

**ST PAUL’S FETE**  
St Paul’s Fete is being held this Sunday 22 March 2015 at 562 Sydney Road, Coburg form 10am – 4pm.

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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…..TUESDAY
If you are interested in volunteering to help 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 Wed 25th

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

# Cadbury Choc Drive …DUE NOW please return all unsold chocolates and money asap

# Dad’s and friends Comedy Night. Last Friday night was the Comedy Night. We had over 130 dads & friends attend all in fits of laughter. Our comedians were instrumental in making the night a success by being the first to arrive and the last to leave and socialising with everyone there. The night would not have been such a success without the fabulous generosity of our volunteers. A big thank you goes to Diana Capuana, Rick Wermuth, Lisa Said, Georgie McElligott, Christine Marchionni, Lynda Bird, Ray Catajar, Joe Arena and Alan Sweeney who cooked up a feast for us to enjoy or served us cold drinks. Thank you to the following for supporting us on the night…..Pascoe Vale Sports Club for use of facilities, Genobile Bros for donating pasta & sauce, O’Heas Bakery for donating bread, S & J Fruit Supplies for ingredients. Thanks to Bunnings Warehouse, Officeworks, Renault Essendon and Jets Fitness for donating prizes and thank you to Jetts Fitness for being our major sponsor for the night. Thanks goes to Alan and staff at St Oliver’s for supporting the night. And finally a huge thank you goes to Michael Said for organizing this fabulous event. Once again the night was a huge success not to mention a great fundraiser for St Oliver’s.

# Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea Easter Raffle tickets were sent home last week. We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs to classroom raffles. Raffle tickets are $1 each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th March and thanks to O’heas Bakery we will then have a hot cross bun morning tea for all the parents to enjoy.

SAVE THE DATE
St Oliver’s Trivia Night ………….Saturday May 16th
Further details will be sent home at the start of term 2
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
EASTER, EASTER, EASTER!

Thank you for all donations received for the Easter Raffle! Your generous support has been overwhelming!!

Please send all Easter eggs to the office by Thursday 26th March
Mums will be organising them into prizes.

All raffle books need to be back by Thursday as well. The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Friday 27th March

One book per child to give each child the opportunity to win a class prize! All children also go into a draw for a basket of chocolate donated from Cadbury Chocolates

REMEMBER:
Thanks to O’Heas Bakery a hot cross bun morning tea will be served in the staffroom after assembly on Friday. All are welcome

Thank you and Happy Easter to all
St Oliver’s Parent Association
St Oliver’s Spectacular Fete
25th October 2015
11.30am to 4.30pm

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

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 an application form available from our coordinators listed below. As stall
numbers are limited, first in first served. For a stall application forms 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
ticket deals

JAR COLLECTION
We are asking families to start collecting glass jars that we can make use of at our
fete. For example the 500gm pasta sauce jars. These jars need to be cleaned/washed
and labels removed before donating. A collection box will be located in the school
office foyer.

Thank you
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