Dear Parents,

In the last few days

- our preppies headed off on their first excursions to the Essendon Football club facility in Tullamarine and the Collingwood Children’s farm. Our apologies to the non Essendon supporters if your preppies turned up at home wearing Essendon Tshirts
- our Middle children participated in the Hooptime basketball competition at M.S.A.C. Thank you to the amazing parents who coached, scored and supported the children and the teachers on the day
- our Senior children participated in the Science Hands On Incursion
- our Student Representative Council collected an amazing number of doonas and pillows from Tontine that will be donated through St Vincent De Paul to the needy in our community
- of course our children participated in many fabulous fun and learning activities in all classrooms

None of the above could occur without the enthusiasm and the commitment of our staff and your support!

Thank you to the Parent Association who handed over a $25,000 cheque to the school last Friday. These funds will be used to immediately replace the old computers in the small multipurpose room with state of the art technology that will enhance the learning for all of our children.

As always I hope all families have the opportunity to enjoy some extra time together over the school holiday break. On behalf of the entire community I would like to thank the teachers, the admin staff and children for all of their dedication and continued work this term.

A reminder that classes are dismissed at 1.00pm this Friday, and Term 3 commences on Monday July 14.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
EDUCATION IN FAITH

Last Wednesday at our school fundraiser we raised $509 which is a fantastic amount of money. This money has been used to buy additional food and blankets to support our drive to help St. Vincent de Paul Society. A special thank you to Claudia Gounder, Joshua Abdallah, Madeleine Checketts, Cameron Bell and the members of the Student Representative Council who worked hard to make the loom bands and organize the publicity for the day. It is wonderful to see the children wanting to make a difference and to help others.

Last Friday the members of the Student Representative Council went to the Tontine Factory to use some of the money raised to purchase blankets for the poor. Tontine were very generous and gave us many ‘seconds’ of pillows and blankets.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

A reminder to the grade four parents whose children will be making their First Communion this term that there will be a parent information evening next Monday 21 July at 7:00pm in the church. This meeting is for parents and children, and a resource pack will be distributed on the night.

Dates for Eucharist:
Sunday 31 August at 10:30am – Middle M and Middle G
Sunday 14 September at 10:30am – Middle S and Middle J

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

THANK YOU  THANK YOU  THANKYOU

Once again we have had a terrific term of learning and teaching at St Olivers. Our students from Prep to Six have become adept at carrying out scientific experiments and have grown in their knowledge of Chemical and Physical Sciences!! This, along with the plethora of learning experiences across all the other areas of the curriculum, have led to a fantastic term!!

Thank you to all of the parents who have helped out in the classrooms or on incursions or excursions – your assistance is greatly appreciated.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable term break.

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

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we will continue our unit, ‘Be Compassionate, Choose Justice!’ We will be focusing on what a compassionate school and community looks like. Students will have the opportunity to illustrate and discuss their understandings.

WRITING: This week we will be focusing on scientific reports to link in with the students’ inquiry unit. Writing Workshops will be running and students will have the opportunity to continue any unfinished seeds. During independent writing students will continue working toward their goal through independent writing pieces.

READING: We will be finishing our serial novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J Palacio. The students will continue reading their own novels and will respond to the novel and share their thinking in their Reading Journals.

MATHS: We will be finishing our Division unit this week. Students will be attending focus groups throughout the week before sitting a post-test Thursday.

INQUIRY: This week students will be completing their personal inquiry for our Physical and Chemical Sciences topic. Students have chosen between chemistry and electricity and had time last week to begin preparing their personal inquiry.

Just a reminder...

- Senior S will be visiting Dorothy Impey Nursing Home this coming Thursday - weather permitting. Please confirm with your child whether you are able to assist with their class.
- Winter has arrived, if you could please send your child in with a box of tissues - that would be greatly appreciated.
- On Tuesday 24th June the children will be dismissed at 1:00pm. Please return your slip indicating whether your child will be remaining at school or being collected prior to 3:30pm.
- On Friday 27th June we will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

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

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will finish creating a dove to represent the ‘Gifts of the Holy Spirit’.

WRITING: Students will continue drafting and publishing a science report.

READING: Students will continue completing a ‘SWOT Activity’. They will discuss the opportunities and threats that arise in the novel ‘Finder Keepers’ and how they affect the characters chance of achieving their goal.

MATHS: This week the students will continue learning about ‘Time’. They will complete a post-test on the unit, which will demonstrate their understandings and areas for improvement.

INQUIRY: Students will conduct a science experiment and follow the aim and method that they have previously written during writing.

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

RELIGION: This week we will be completing the unit ‘God Loves Us No Matter What’. The children will learn a song relating to forgiveness and reconciliation. Some Year 3 representatives will talk to the Junior children about their experience of making their First Reconciliation. We will conclude the unit with a prayer liturgy and song.

READING: During reading sessions, we will read e-books on the interactive whiteboard and we will focus on revising and identifying grammatical features such as verbs, nouns and adjectives within the texts read.

WRITING: This week in writing we will continue to model the different ways we can use the seed ideas, mystery box items and story starter cards to inspire our individual writing pieces.

MATHS: We will continue to revise our understanding of a variety of Mathematics areas such as place value, counting patterns, 2D and 3D shapes and subtraction.

INQUIRY: This week we will conclude the unit ‘Sensational Science’ by completing our action projects. The students will work in pairs or small groups to demonstrate their knowledge of one of the aspects learnt this term. The children will present their finding using a variety ways including mind maps, experiments, posters, videos or writing procedures.

We would like to thank you all for a wonderful term. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you next in Term 3.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be practising the Mass responses in preparation for the whole school Mass on Friday 27th June.

READING: We will be reading different fairy tales and focusing on the various stages of writing - the beginning, middle and end. The children will be sequencing the events of the familiar stories in order.

WRITING: We will be introducing the children to the ‘Mystery Box’. This is another way to get the children thinking and help with ideas for writing.

MATHS: In Maths this week we are looking at mass. We will be comparing the weight of different objects and using scales to weigh things.

INQUIRY: We will be revising our Inquiry unit, ‘Movers and Shakers’. As a class we will look back through our whole class science journal.

REMINDER . . . . Friday is the last day of Term 2 and the children will be dismissed at 1pm.
MICHAEL GROSE - PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet. This week’s insight looks at ‘Why praise can be a double-edged sword.’ Jenny Brockis talks about the way we praise our children. When done effectively, it can really promote resilience.

HOLIDAY IDEAS
School holidays are a fabulous time to get out and about in Melbourne. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful city to explore; often all you need is a myki and a sense of adventure. If you are interested I have suggested some websites to investigate. Get the kids to plan a day out using some of these websites. Enjoy spending time together.

www.museumvictoria.com.au
www.thatsmelbourne.com.au
www.au.timeout.com/melbourne
www.fedsquare.com
www.kidspot.com.au
www.bunnings.com.au

Looking forward to seeing you next term.
Enjoy your break.

Libby Sheedy
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORT

MIDDLES HOOPTIME

On Thursday our middle grades participated in the annual Hooptime event at MSAC. A fantastic day was had by all, with students showing great teamwork and excitement throughout the day. Thank you to the parents and teachers who attended and assisted on the day. Your amazing support contributes to the event running smoothly and providing this opportunity for the children. A great effort by all.

Giulia Mazzarella
Sports 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
All children are encouraged to wear their SCHOOL HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check to see if your child is missing any uniform items. We have a large number of unlabeled jumpers in lost property which will be disposed of at the end of the school term in not claimed.

JUNIOR WRITERS OF THE WEEK
Over the year we have seen very creative and talented writers emerge in the Junior grades. Each week we will be acknowledging some children who have followed the writing process to develop a piece of work. Congratulations to these children. This work will be displayed outside each of the Junior Grades.

Congratulations to the following children
JC – Carla Rizzo  JD – Ewan McGregor  JL – Alessia Frattasio  JR – Jayda Dramis

STUDENT AWARDS

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Application forms are available from the school office for those parents who did not apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in Term 1. To be eligible you must: a) be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, & b) be an eligible beneficiary of Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 3 (11 July 2014) for the second instalment. Also part of the eligibility criteria is that applications must be completed and returned to the school office by the due day, which is Wednesday 30 July 2014. Please note that if you applied for the allowance in first term you do not need to reapply provided your details remain the same.

CANTEEN

PLEASE NOTE:  Canteen will be closed on the 28th June and the 14th July
The canteen will be open for Term 3 on the 17th July.

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Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu

We still require helpers for the canteen from term 2 onwards so if you are available to help out either Monday, Thursday or Friday, please email your name, availability, phone number and child’s name & class to Dianne at dtabone@ozemail.com.au  Di Tabone  0423 596 221
SCHOOL BANKING AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT SCHOOL
St Oliver’s School Banking days are Tuesdays. We are currently seeking volunteers to help run this program. It is a roster system and works out to be a couple of times a term. If you can help out on Tuesdays from 9am till 10.30 am please contact Georgie 0405 435 770

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 tomorrow morning in the school hall foyer. If you require this service beforehand please contact Georgie 0405 435 770 to arrange an appointment

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
The third edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory will be released the first week of term 3. Our featured businesses this week are Baked by Belle and Kip McGrath. These adverts can be viewed on the school website or in the Business Directory. For more information please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

St OLIVER’S FAMILY FAVOURITE COOKBOOK
We still have a few copies of the cookbook. If you would like to order or need further information please contact: Franca James 0413 909 964

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER….. DUE BACK NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Last term each child received a box of Cadbury chocolates to sell as our major fundraiser. Each chocolate is $1 with the box totally $50. For those that have not paid yet please contact Franca James 0413 909 964

DADS COMEDY NIGHT
Our Dads’ comedy night is just around the corner. Michael Said has organized some fantastic comedians and it looks like it’s going to be an absolutely spectacular event. For more information please see the attached flier.
ST OLIVER'S

COMEDY NIGHT

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST
7PM START
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School hall
Landells Road, Pascoe Vale

For all dads, brothers, brother-in-laws, grand dads and mates

FEATURED:

LAWRENCE MOONEY
Lawrence Mooney is a Melbourne based stand up comedian, actor, writer, television and radio personality.

MICK MOLLOY
Comedian, writer, producer and actor who is currently on radio, television and stand up.

GAB ROSSI
Gab is an Italian Australian comedian living in Melbourne, he often includes music in his stand up comedy shows playing acoustic guitar.

MC by local radio personalities FRANK SILIATO & JOE MANGIAFICO.

PRICE: $40 PER PERSON
Includes BBQ dinner and door prize.
Also on the night: Memorabilia auctions and raffle.

Get your tickets fast before this event sells out!

RSVP: 30 July 2014. For more information contact: Michael Said - 0418 994 711

Please detach and return to the School office by Wednesday 30 July 2014 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.
Thank you to our “Buddy Leaders”

At OSCH, we are now participating in the “Better Buddies” program created by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation. We are doing a variety of activities designed to promote friendship and support among the children, as well as prevent bullying. Each afternoon, one or two “Buddy Leaders” are chosen from Grade 3, 4, 5 or 6. These Buddy Leaders help younger children, provide problem-solving support during disagreements, orient new children to the program, and help out the OSHC staff. I’ve been impressed by seeing the confidence and enthusiasm with which many students have taken on these responsibilities. We will be having a small celebration on Thursday to thank those students who have been Buddy Leaders so far.

Midwinter Madness!

It’s midwinter. We’ve just had the longest day of the year, so it’s pretty cold! But why not celebrate the freezing weather? At after care, we’ll be making sparkly paper snowflakes, making our own hot chocolate syrup, and playing lots of active games like “Frost and Thaw” to keep warm. On Friday we’ll get out all our tasty treats at once, play party games, and watch a movie for our “Last Day” party from 1pm.

Holiday Club

Remember that Camp Australia is running many Holiday Clubs at different locations – if you’d like your child to attend, just check out the website to find out about locations, excursions, activities and bookings.

JOIN THE Fun

Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs