**NEWSLETTER Tuesday 21 April, 2015**

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**LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**

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**DIARY DATES**

**APRIL**
20 Prep Enrolments opened
29 School Open Day 9.00am
12 noon
30 School Sports Day

**MAY**
1 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
7 Junior Mums Night Out
8 Mother’s Day Breakfast
Mother’s Day Stall
Interschool School Sport starts
Prep Enrolments Close
10 Mother’s Day
12 – 14 NAPLAN test
13 Parent Association meeting
15 – 20 Prep Interviews commence
20 District Cross Country

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**From the Principal...**

Dear Parents and Children,

**Please note that there will not be an assembly tomorrow morning due to the Senior’s camp**

**Prep Enrolments**

Our 2016 Prep Enrolment forms are now available to be collected from the office. Completed forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 8th May.

**Seniors Camp**

Good luck to our senior children as they head to Camp Weekaway in the Benloch Valley this Wednesday. Benloch is located 15 kms past Lancefield.

**School Assemblies**

As we move into the cooler months of the year our Assemblies will only occur at 9.00 on Wednesday mornings weather permitting. As a rule of thumb if the temperature is below 10 degrees at 8.00 a.m. or if the synthetic grass in our yard is damp we move our Assembly to 11.30 on the same day (once again weather permitting). If it is raining in the morning and we are forced to postpone our assembly we will send out a notification through our St Oliver’s App as soon as possible. If we cannot hold the assembly on Wednesday we try to present on the Friday at 11.30. We cannot use the hall because the floor area isn’t large enough to seat our fifteen classes.

**School Open Morning**

A reminder that next Wednesday April 29, we are holding our School Open morning 9.10-12.00 where we invite current parents and the 2016 prep families to come along to St Oliver’s and spend some time with the children as they go about their normal day to day work.

**School Closure Day**

The school will be closed next Friday 1st May. On this day our teaching staff will be working with Stephen Brown a highly regarded Education Consultant who works for the Queensland Education Leadership Institute. Stephen will be guiding our staff on the theme of ‘Maximising Individual, Team and School Performance.’

**Regards**

Alan Sweeney
RECONCILIATION
Thank you to the parents and children who attended the Reconciliation information evening last Monday. If there are any parents who were unable to attend and did not receive the pack that was given out on the evening, could you please let myself or the classroom teacher know.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

A few more details . . .
If you would like your child to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/childregister.aspx to register as a Home-based Reader. You then fill in the Privacy and Consent Form and post it to:
Department of Education and Training
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge Coordinator
Level 2, 33 St Andrews Place
MELBOURNE 3002

You will be sent a username and password for your child. You will then use this username and password to log in to the Challenge website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc to keep his or her reading record up to date.

When your child has finished, send a paper copy of his/her record to the Reading Challenge Coordinator 2015 (at the address above) by no later than 14 September 2015.

Every few weeks we will have a Get-Together for the children so that they can share and recommend books they have enjoyed.

Enjoy!
Barbara Olanda
SENIORS

RELIGION: We continue our ‘New Beginnings’ unit reading some picture story books centered around death and new beginnings. Students will identify their feelings associated with the topic and share personal stories of loss.

READING: This week we are focusing on reading all details on a page to draw meaning in order to learn about WW1. Students will also be reading their personal novels and responding in their Reading Journals.

WRITING: We will focus on persuasive techniques used in advertisements, particularly in the recruitment posters for WW1.

MATHS: We continue our unit on the four operations. Students will learn about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using whole numbers and fractions, depending on their needs.

INQUIRY: At camp Mr. Sweeney will be conducting “constellation lessons” where we will use the iPads to explore the stars we will see clearly at Benloch.

SPECIAL REMINDER:
The seniors are off to camp tomorrow!!!
Please ensure all belongings are labelled clearly. Students need to put their luggage in the south yard (hall if raining) in the morning, behind their classes’ cone. We will depart between 9.00am-9.30am.
If your child is sick and will not be attending please contact the school office.
A reminder that if you have medications that you would like administered on camp please take them to the planning room to sign in with Mrs. Sheedy or Mrs. Segrave in the morning.

Homework was given out yesterday. Students are required to complete a minimum of two tasks per week along with reading. Each classroom teacher will set a due date for these tasks.

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

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue our unit on Lent called ‘Forgiveness and Healing’. We will look at the Story of Zacchaeus and how we can relate this story to our own lives.

WRITING: This week we will continue learning about persuasive writing. Children will plan and write a persuasive piece on the topic ‘School uniforms Should not be compulsory’.

READING: This week we will be looking at different people’s perspectives. We will show the children the story of the ‘Three Little Pigs’ from both the perspective of the three little pigs as well as the big bad wolf’s perspective.

SPELLING: We will be looking at examples of NAPLAN language conventions this week.

MATHS: This week we will begin our unit on Subtraction. The children will learn how to use a variety of strategies to solve subtraction problems.

INQUIRY: We will continue with our unit ‘To the Moon and Back’. Students will learn about day and night and we will investigate the reason this occurs.

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

RELIGION: This week the children will concluding the first part of the Easter unit by participating in a Guided meditation session. The students will also listen to the story of ‘The road to Emmaus’ and complete a response to this story of their own choice e.g. storymap, character dialogue etc.

READING: Throughout the week, the students will be reading about the ANZAC story and discussing various aspects of this important event. We will look at unknown words and terminology, descriptive language, proper nouns for places, what the acronym of ANZAC stands for and the text matching to relevant pictures.

WRITING: This week students will complete their response to the excursion held last week. We will revisit different ways of reflecting on such events through the use of storymaps, labelled diagrams, concept maps, recounts, letters and journals. We will also be responding to the ANZAC story through snapshot writing.

MATHS: This week students will continue to participate in a range of hands on experiences to assist with the development of efficient addition and counting on strategies.

INQUIRY: This week, during the unit ‘Earth and Sky’, students will continue to present their prior understandings of how the seasons change over time. Students will discuss and pictorially record their observations of a chosen landmark (e.g. park, countryside, beach, mountains or city) and the changes that may occur in that landmark over the seasons.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be introducing the children to Christian Mediation which will become a weekly prayer time in the classrooms and also looking at the Mass responses in order to prepare the children for their class masses and the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass.

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: qu, ou, oi, ue and er.

WRITING: In writing we are continuing to encourage the children to record the sounds they hear in words. We are also looking at the correct spacing between words.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is Measurement. We will be continuing to learn the days of the week through song and hands on activities. We will also be looking at 2D shapes and their properties.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry unit this term is called, ‘Whatever the Weather!’ We will begin our unit by watching the movie the Lion King and recording the various weather scenes to display on our word wall.

REMINDER...
- Please continue to read with your child each night and record this in your child’s reading log.
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
All children are encouraged to wear their SCHOOL HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons.

STUDENT AWARDS
George Lempiere, Cartia Chiera, Max Hopcraft, Mira Keleher, Adam Ferraina, Alicia Colella, Zac Izzard, Chiara Rizza, Charlie Warrick, Justin Tran, Isaac Checketts, Chiara Colangeli, Ellisse Baviera, Cameron Pascoe, Xavier Mandic, Paris Tortul, Ethan Doherty, Olivia Fragapane, Jaida Faraci, Luca Sebastiano, Anthony Baltatzis, Tianna Romeo, Xavier Said, Giovanni Piperno, Abby Curran, Alannah Gabriele, Odhran Fitzpatrick, Evan Ryan

CANTEEN
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN IS ONLY OPEN MONDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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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

WELLBEING

We are so blessed to have an amazing school community.
Thank you to the many families who are offering meal support
to our family in need. The family wish to express their thanks
and appreciate all you are doing for them.

PARENTING INSIGHTS
This week his insight looks at 'It’s not okay to be away…. nor to be late to school'.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

PASCOE VALE HOTEL
12 Railway Parade, Pascoe Vale
CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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 2

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
The featured businesses in the “Business of the Week” section of the school website are MSD Custom Invitations, M & T Charted Accountants, Murone Brothers and Nelson Alexander. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

...NOTE: last term we sent out the application form for our next edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory. If you have a business or know of someone that would be interested in advertising with us please fill out the form and return to the school office or email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au Applications, artwork and payments are all due by 29th May to allow for our graphic designer to format and printing to be completed with distribution scheduled for June/July

CADBURY CHOC DRIVE …please return all unsold chocolates and money now

TERM 2 EVENTS

Mother's day stall….booked in for Friday 8th May

St Oliver’s Trivia Night… booked in for Saturday 16th May. Invitations were sent home last week. Get friends and family together, book a table and have a great night full of laughs and support our fundraising campaign for our school. For more details please see attached flier or to book a table please contact Marita Pascoe 0409 902 404 or Lisa Hall 0409 522 916

Subway Lunch… date to be confirmed

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for May 13th 2015
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
DEAR ST OLIVER'S FAMILIES

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL!
IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted by
Sebastian Dworkin
from 'Trivia Buffs'

WHO IS THE SMARTEST OF THEM ALL?????? FIND OUT!
CATEGORIES - GENERAL, SPORT, SONG/DANCE, FACES & MOVIES

16TH MAY 2015
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM, FUN KICKS OFF AT 7PM

Hadfield Community Hall  |  88 Middle Street, Hadfield
$15 per person |  BYO Drinks & Supper

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE
(8 TO 10 PER TABLE) PLEASE CONTACT MARITA PASCOE ON
0409 902 404 OR LISA HALL ON 0409 522 916
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](image1)

![LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGIES](image2)

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 bird 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
Term 1 highlights
Last term OSHC children made welcome cards for new children, and made friendship banner with children’s hand prints. This is our better buddies program. Other high light is sustainable practice. Some children used recycle paper and used fruit scraps into the garden as compose. Most of the children enjoyed playing with the garden soil. Sometimes they replanted the veggies as well. All girls liked to decorate glass lanterns, decorate treasure boxes and decorated paper mache masks. Most boys spent their time with Lego, car - zoobs and enjoy playing outside. All children made cubby houses, shopping coroners, play dough creation and played with play money. Some girls liked to do cooking.

Term 2: This term children like to do some wooden craft, make pop stick cater poul, cooking recipes competition, drama activities, origami, making bean bags and tail tag for outdoor play, decorate super hero masks, colour cardboard boomerangs, body art painting and new dress ups. They will also be making mother’s day presents.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into after school care.

Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:
1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let her know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage him/her to let us know.

We’re here to make after school care visit the best experience possible – for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand. We look forward to seeing you.

The Camp Australia Team.

Program Details
To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

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

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

St Oliver Plunkett