Dear Parents,

The Senior Camp was a great success and I have no doubt the children returned home on Friday sharing many stories, tall tales and true! The camp could not take place without our wonderful staff who volunteered their time to make the children’s experiences so rewarding. Caring for over 90 children on camp is a huge responsibility and the teachers were on duty from early morning until well after midnight when the last homesick or over excited 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.

Wednesday April 29, we are holding our School Open morning 9.10 am - 12.00 pm where we invite current parents and 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 Sports

A reminder that our School Sports Day is being held being held this Thursday, April 30. All of our children from prep to year six will compete in a variety of sprint and tabloid events with the main objective of the day being fun for all! The Sports commence a little after 9.00 am and run until around 1.15 pm. If the weather conditions are unfavourable the Sports will be rescheduled for another day.

If it is raining in the morning or the weather is unfavourable we will send out a notification though our St Oliver’s App as early as possible.

At the conclusion of the sports the children will be lined up in their class groups with their classroom teachers. If you are taking your children home at the conclusion of the Sports please see your child’s teacher to sign your child out. If children are walking home at the conclusion of the sports or being collected by another parent, you will need to provide written permission to your child’s teacher detailing this. The children who remain at school will be supervised by teachers until 3.30pm. The Out of School Hours Program will operate as per normal arrangements.

Best Regards

Alan Sweeney
LORETO VIETNAM PROJECT
On Friday 17 April, Sister Trish Franklin spoke to the Middle students about The Loreto Vietnam Project. The project aims to lift the quality of life and education for many disadvantaged children and families. Sister Trish showed the children a wonderful power point highlighting the living conditions for families and the poor quality of the schools the children are being educated in. The children were also able to see the difference the project made to schools. They had been able to renovate and equip themselves with resources. The Loreto Vietnam Project will be the focus for our fundraiser for term three.

RECONCILIATION
Due to the large number of catechist children receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on 10 June, we are looking for about four families from Middle J and K to change their date to 3 June. If there are any families that this date would suit better could they please let myself or the class teacher know.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Today the curriculum overview detailing the term’s work for your child’s class will come home today. Please take the time to share this document with your child and discuss with your child their learning throughout the term. These documents are also available on the website in the Learning and Teaching section.

Each grade this term will be focusing their Inquiry learning on Science – in particular Earth and Space sciences. Please read this section of the overview for a snapshot of the foci for your child’s year level. If you have any resources at home that you think would be valuable for teachers to use as a learning tool or perhaps that might be used as a ‘seed’ for the students’ writing please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

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

SENIORS

RELIGION: We continue reading picture story books centred around death and new beginnings. Students will identify their feelings associated with the topic and will discuss what has helped characters through this time.

READING: We will be investigating how images can provide meaning in order to learn about particular people who fought and were involved in WW1. Students will also be reading their personal novels and responding in their Reading Journals.

WRITING: We will focus on determining our statement of position for a topic and writing the body of a persuasive text. Students will continue their own personal writing pieces.

MATHS: This week students will be involved in formal testing and we will be conducting a pre-test for our location unit. We will also continue our unit on the four operations.

INQUIRY: Students will share their knowledge of the sun.

REMINDERS:
- Sports Day is this Thursday. Please note that there is to be no coloured hair spray, zinc or face paint. We encourage all students to be dressed in team colours.
- This Friday is our school closure day.
- Homework was given out last week. 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 four stages of reconciliation.

WRITING: This week will be our final week on persuasive writing. Children will plan and write several persuasive pieces on various topics.

READING: We will look at various samples of writing and discuss what the writer has done well and not so well. We will also be reading for meaning and answering questions related to texts.

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

MATHS: This week we will finish our unit on Subtraction. The children will continue to 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 begin continuing looking at how day and night are formed as well as looking at shadows and how these are created.

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

RELIGION: This week the children will be participating in a Guided Meditation session about the story of ‘The Road to Emmaus’. The meditation piece encourages the children to imagine themselves walking with Jesus as he travels on the road to Emmaus.

READING: In Reading, we are using our interactive narrative texts to help us discover and consolidate our understandings about the conventions of print. We will continue to focus on popular fairy tales such as The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and Goldilocks.

WRITING: This week we will use examples of the children’s writing to explore appropriate revising and editing strategies. The children will then continue to write about their own experiences and also use their imaginations to create their individual writing pieces.

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

INQUIRY: This week, as part of the unit ‘Earth and Sky’, the students will participate in an ‘I Spy’ activity to identify landscape features and objects in the schoolyard and how they may change during the coming weeks. We will also discuss how these features may change as the seasons of the year progress.

A reminder about Sports Day on Thursday and the School Closure Day on Friday.

Please click HERE for a copy of the Junior’s homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be reading the story of Jesus and the miraculous fish and teaching the children about Pentecost.

READING: The children have learnt the last letter/sound for Jolly Phonics: ar. We will be revising the sounds learnt from the beginning of the year.

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 about 2D shapes and their features.

INQUIRY: We will be beginning to track the weather and discuss the different forms of weather we see each day (In Melbourne this could be four seasons in one day!!!!).

REMINDER...
- Please continue to read with your child each night and record this in your child’s reading log.
- Please check your child’s Jolly Phonics for suggested activities as the program is now complete.
WELLBEING

Thanks again to our amazing mums and dads cooking to support families in our school.
Keep the meals coming. They are greatly appreciated.
The families are truly blown away with the support.
It is one less thing that needs to be thought about throughout their busy day.

PARENTING INSIGHTS
This week his insight looks at ‘Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests’.
Michael shares some great strategies to use when talking to your children about NAPLAN.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

SUSSEX NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Sussex neighbourhood house provides opportunities for all.
A place to share, learn, enjoy and grow. Many activities and courses are offered i.e. computers and technology, creative, children’s, health and wellbeing, social, music…… just to name a few.
Their address is 235 Sussex Street Pascoe Vale 3044.
Their website is www.sussexnh.org.au and their email is enquiries@sussexnh.org.au.
A great resource if you or your children are looking to get into something new.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORT
School Sports Day is this Thursday!! Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help on the day. I ask that you come to the oval on Thursday morning between 8.45am -9am to find out where you will be placed for the day. If you are helping later in the day just come to the scorers table, near the locker rooms and I will advise you.
Please be sure to read the Principal’s news on how to pick up your children for the day.

It is sure to be a good day!!!
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.

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 - Isaac Checketts  JB - Charlie Warrick  JR - Ryley Cataldo  JL - Lucas Skorsis

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

Junior Mums Night Out

Please join us for a night out with other mums from our St Oliver Plunkett junior classes.

Thursday May 7th at 7.30 pm

PASCOE VALE HOTEL
12 Railway Parade, Pascoe Vale

Please RSVP to your parent class representative by 4/5/2015

JUNIOR B
Stacey Ciprez (Mrs. Ciprez) (0423 128 633)

JUNIOR L
Lisa Hickey (Mrs. Hickey) (0423 522 853)

JUNIOR R
Bev Peters (Mrs. Peters) (0411 589 086)

JUNIOR C
Suey Scriverman (Michael Scriverman) (0421 360 135)
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 Nelson Alexander, Njoy Café, Oheas Bakery and Pascoe Pizza. 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 earlier this term. 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

**Disco…. 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. Contact Michael Said 0418994711

ESSENDON RENAULT
LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGIES

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 from our coordinators listed below. Stall bookings are starting to fill up so get in quick. For a stall application form or for more information please contact Angelina Kalessoglou 0412829424 or Christine Marchionni 0416211756

RIDES each week we will feature a ride that has been booked for our fete

4 X BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES

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
Camp Australia runs Holiday clubs as well as Before and After School Care. St Oliver’s OSHC families can check the holiday programs at Brunswick North, Mill Park, Essendon North and Latrobe University. You can book your kids in for the whole two weeks or just one day if they want to go to a particular excursion. All the holiday clubs have excursions, incursions and full of fun in a safe environment. In the holiday club there are lots of activities and more opportunities to make friends. Check out the Camp Australia website for details of each program.

At St Oliver’s OSHC, children use recycled white paper for activities and putting fruit scrap into the garden. Also they are urged to minimise water usage when they wash their dishes. OSHC staff notice children learn and experience sustainable practices.

Last week children enjoyed decorating glass lanterns and photo frames. Also did pop stick craft, St Patrick’s Day drawings, play-dough activities. Most of the children played with the garden soil. Some children like to dance to the children’s pop music.

Due to the early finish of the school on Friday the 27th of March Camp Australia runs the program from 1.30pm to 6.00pm. Camp Australia wishes everyone, a safe and happy Easter Break.

Thank you. OSHC Staff – Gowri and Zilla

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

How to get started
Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy.

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

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.

www.campaustralia.com.au

St Oliver Plunkett