Dear Parents,

**MOTHERS’ DAY CELEBRATIONS**

We hope all of the mums who were able to attend our special breakfast last Friday enjoyed sharing their time with their children. Many thanks to Shelley Hackett in her capacity as School Community Leader and to all of our wonderful staff who assisted in preparing and helping out on Friday morning. Thank you to Lina Pitruzzello for organising the stall and the wonderful band of Parent Association helpers for preparing and assisting with the stall on Friday.

**2016 PREP INTERVIEWS**

The prep interviews for 2016 will commence this Friday. If you are aware of any families who have not returned their enrolment forms please remind them that they need to be returned as soon as possible.

**NAPLAN**

Good luck to our year 3 and year 5 students who will participate in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing. Today the children will complete the Language Conventions and Writing tests. Tomorrow the Reading test will be administered and on Thursday Mathematics. If your child is absent on any of these days and you would like them to complete the ‘catch up’ test, these can be administered on either Thursday or Friday – please contact your child’s classroom teacher if this applies.

Best Regards

Alan Sweeney
The aims of the St Oliver’s School Board are to support, assist and advise the Parish Priest and Principal in the efficient management and development of the school in order to provide a sound catholic education for the children of our school. I have recently been appointed as the chairperson of the school board and my primary role are to coordinate and run our meetings which are held monthly. These meetings bring together information for discussion to aid decision making. The day to day decisions involving the running of the school and the curriculum are made by the Principal and leadership group who report to our meetings and keeps us informed of what is happening.

Monthly reports will be presented to the Board by Alan as Principal and Georgie McElligott in her capacity as the President of the Parents Association.

At the first meeting held in March 2015 the Board welcomed back returning members as well as extending a welcome to David Caroselli, Brendan Blaney and Marita Pascoe. Alan presented the 'My School' data and survey results. The data indicated that St Oliver’s continues to deliver quality teaching and learning across all levels.

Some of the focus areas for discussion in 2015 that were highlighted in this meeting are listed as follows:

- Data presentation- My school pages and surveys
- School improvement plan – Annual action plan
- Discussion about electronic forms of communication between parents and school and possible implications
- School reports
- Homework
- Traffic and car parking at drop off and pick up times
- Further improvement in facilities including refurbishment/reconstruction of the school/parish hall
- Student data SPA program
- Information technology- update.

The School Improvement plan and Annual Action plan were presented by Mary Kearney in the second meeting held last month. The plans document how the school aims to continue to improve student learning.

I will continue to provide some feedback throughout the year regarding items discussed and various outcomes.

Best regards
Adriana Cartwright
School Board Chairperson

THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE AS follows:

Fr Paul Connell
Parish Priest

Adriana Cartwright
Chairperson

Alan Sweeney
Principal

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal

Georgie McElligott
Parent Assoc. President

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

David Caroselli

Marita Pascoe

Monica Byrne

Brendan Blaney
FOOD DRIVE
FOR
ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Religious Education Program at St Olivers has a strong social justice component linked to the teachings of the church. To make this real in the children’s lives, this will be linked to our fundraiser for term two. The members of the Student Representative Council and myself have met to share and discuss the ideas the students have to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies). This is the nominated charity that the school will be fundraising for in term two. We are collecting NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. It is also important that the food items are not out of date. Please support the children in their efforts to make a difference. Baskets for the food collection will be in each classroom from Friday 15 May onwards.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

TESTING AT ST OLIVER’S

At St Oliver’s we use a range of different testing practices to identify what a child knows. This practise helps teachers in their weekly planning. At the beginning of the year teachers complete a range of differing tests to determine a child’s English and Mathematics knowledge. Throughout the year ongoing testing occurs which allow teachers to measure each student’s learning, and to give direction towards the content of teaching.

At the moment our grade 3 and grade 5 students are taking part in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests.

Today the students are participating in the Language Conventions and the Writing components of the testing regime. Tomorrow they will complete Reading, and on Thursday, Mathematics.

The formal ‘testing environment’ in which the children will be immersed is one that students are not familiar with. Many of the processes and procedures are new to the children. The tests are of a “pen and paper” nature, which is a small component of the school’s teaching and assessment strategies.

It must be remembered that these tests provide a “snap shot” of your child’s performance on a particular day. Teachers will use the NAPLAN results as one of the contributing factors in planning the teaching and learning experiences for individual children.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing please feel free to talk to your child’s classroom teacher or to myself.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
SENIORS

RELIBON: We will explore newspaper articles and BTN clips of well-known stories of people who have experienced hope and new beginnings in the midst of loss and sadness. Students will also be reflecting on their own experiences of new beginnings.

READING: We will be using visual literacy to record facts about our Sun, Moon and Earth from various sources. Grade 5s will be involved in NAPLAN practise and we will discuss how to tackle questions we are unsure of. Students will also be reading their personal novels and responding in their Reading Journals. Grade 5’s will complete the NAPLAN Reading test on Wednesday.

WRITING: We will again be revising the structure of our exposition texts. Students will continue their own personal writing pieces. Grade 5’s will complete the NAPLAN Language Conventions test on Tuesday. All seniors will write a text based on the given NAPLAN topic on Tuesday, this will be an assessment piece for grade 6s as we have been learning about both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

MATHS: This week we will conclude our unit on the four operations. Grade 5’s will complete the NAPLAN Reading test on Thursday. Grade 6 students will be completing open ended maths problems, using the four operations during this time.

INQUIRY: Mr Sweeney will be speaking to the students about our solar system. We will also be creating our own scaled model on the oval to represent the relative size distance of the planets.

REMINDERS:
- Homework is due this week! Please ensure your child has been able to complete the number of tasks set by their classroom teacher.
- Interschool sport continues this Friday, we will play an away game against Coburg West. All footballers and soccer players MUST have a mouthguard or they will not be able to play.

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’. As a class we will construct a chart outlining the major gestures and words within the Rite of Reconciliation.

WRITING: In groups children will create and publish an advertisement poster on a product of their choice.

READING: As a class we will read a picture story book. Children will complete a ‘Sketch to Stretch’ response on this book where they will identify and illustrate the beginning, middle and end of the story.

SPELLING: We will play some spelling games this week using a dictionary.

MATHS: This week we begin looking at shape. Children will sort and classify 2-D and 3-D shapes.

INQUIRY: This week in our unit ‘To the Moon and Back’ we will begin looking at sundials. Children will make their own sundial and we will test these at the end of the week.

Please click HERE for a copy of the Middle’s homework.
What’s happening around the levels...

**JUNIORS**

**RELIGION:** This week students will continue to explore the story of Pentecost by retelling the story through role play and participating in a prayer session.

**READING:** In Reading, students are continuing to learn about the structure of fairytale narratives. Students will also focus on sequencing the main ideas of familiar narratives.

**WRITING:** This week students will continue to explore the elements of a narrative story and begin to plan and compose their own individual stories.

**MATHS:** This week in Maths, students will complete a pre-assessment on ‘shapes’ and begin to identify and classify a range of 2D shapes.

**INQUIRY:** This week, as part of the unit ‘Earth and Sky’, students will continue to observe changes in the local landscape and record observations in the class science journal. Students will begin to discuss what creates these changes in the landscape.

Please note that Junior C will be presenting their assembly item at this Fridays assembly at 11.30 a.m.

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the Junior’s homework

**PREPS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will be sharing our objects that we love from nature. We will also be learning the song ‘What a wonderful world’ and drawing all the beautiful things that God created.

**READING:** The children will be learning the importance of making predictions using the front cover the title and the picture. We will also be teaching the children how to slide their finger under the words as they read, rather than pointing the words.

**WRITING:** In writing we will be continuing to use different strategies to help us when writing unknown words: use words from the word wall, look for words around the classroom and wound it out. We will also be introducing some word boxes.

**MATHS:** Our focus for Maths is Length. We will be learning what length is and comparing a variety of objects using the baseline.

**INQUIRY:** We will be reading stories about the rain and discussing how we know when it is going to rain. We will also begin to look at the WIND.

**REMINDER...**

- Prep M mass is this Thursday at 10am. If you are free please come and join us.
Next week we celebrate National Walk Safely to School day on Friday May 22nd.
We encourage all students and their families to be a part of this day.
There will be activities planned in each classroom. So get active, get healthy
And 'walk safely to school'!

The Objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:
• To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
• To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
• To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult’s hand when crossing roads
• To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
• To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
• To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

We look forward to your continued support.

PARENTING INSIGHTS
In light of the recent natural disaster in Nepal we’ve added a timely article on tips for parents to help their children respond to and make sense of natural disasters.

Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms and onto our devices via the media over the week, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?
This week Michael's insight looks at 'Helping your children make sense of natural disasters'.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SSV Cross Country is next Wednesday 20th May. If your child is involved please ensure you have returned their permission form to me by tomorrow. If there are any parents who are available to officiate on the day please let me know.
The children will be training on Monday and Thursday at lunchtimes so please ensure that they bring their runners to school.
Senior interschool Sports on Friday 22nd May, Soccer will be played at Hallam Reserve (corner of Landells Road and Boundary Road, Pascoe Vale). This will be a HOME game for us.
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 - Emily Holub  JB - Sienna Pollina  JR - Billy Contessa  JL - Diesel Chiera

STUDENT AWARDS
Tara Coghlan, Charlie Bernardi, Mya Cataldo, Gabriel McKeon, Jairaj Beri, Gabriel Ragona, Diesel Chiera, Willow Wermuth, Bobby Tran, Nicola Gravina, Marcus Funnell, Michael Stevenson, Ryder Driscoll, Elanor Dunstan, Sienna Romeo, Stefan Hatzievangelou, Matthew Ferraina, Sophie Keleher, Lara Cutajar, Lucas Hoerner, Jesse Cappello, Zara Howell, William Bell, Calista Trimboli, Rueben Schiavello, Matthew Edwards, Zander Cappello, Hamish McGregor, Alessia Scalogna, Oscar Cain

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
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 Pascoe Vale Vet and Polimeni Plumbing. 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…. A big thank you to Lina Pitruzzello who organizes this event and thank you to the mums/dads that helped out on the day. Thank you to those that donated to the raffle as well….LittleGiantScents, Glam & Co, omSkin and C&A Printers. We hope all the mums enjoyed their special day and loved the gifts that their children selected for them.

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 this Wednesday May 13th 2015
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

The Kite Flyer

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
Last week some children made delicious golden syrup biscuits and chocolate truffles. Again and again children like to make chocolate truffles. They like the chocolate and condensed milk’s taste. Some children made beaded jewellery for their mums. Some children enjoyed to make mine craft. Yesterday our senior girls organised and got information from all the children about their “Big ideas”. According to children’s interest and their input, staff can plan and organised activities. Most of the time children create their own activities.

OSH boys always make constructions with Legos. Some children love to create construction with bolt and nuts. Also running shops with play money is most of the children’s favourite activity.

**Better Buddies Leadership Program**

The Camp Australia Foundation in partnership with The Alannah and Madeline Foundation created an exclusive Better Buddies Leadership program for our services. Our program provides a range of safe, fun and friendly activities to help children learn from each other and build self-confidence through our Leadership Program. Buddy Bear is the mascot of this program. Our Buddy Bear symbolises the value of friendliness, care, respect, responsibility, valuing differences and including others. Children made big cardboard box house for our Buddy bear. Also made cushions, clothes and carpet for him.

**About the Child Care Rebate and how it works**

**More fun for kids, less cost for parents**

At Camp Australia, kids continue to come first in everything we do. But we also look for every opportunity to support families where we can, by making our program as cost-effective as possible.

Unlike many other childcare options, our program at St Oliver Plunkett OSHC is eligible for the Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate, which can reduce the cost of the program by up to 50% or more.

If you’d like to know how much you can save on the cost of our program, all you need to do is call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50 to find out what rebate percentage you’re entitled to.

You can also call our Camp Australia head office on 1300 105 343. The Customer Service Team know all about the Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate, and can assist you with applications and entitlement information.

The Camp Australia Team

**Program Details**

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To find out more about the program, view fees and to register visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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**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](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

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**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.

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**How to get started**

Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy.


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**Once registered**

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

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**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