From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to third term everyone. I hope you are keeping yourself warm as we moved through winter and these cooler months towards spring.

With the cold and unpredictable weather we face this term we have moved our Wednesday assembly time to **11.30 a.m. rather than the normal 9.00 a.m. start time.** A reminder that Assemblies can only proceed at the 11.30 time if the weather allows. We will notify you though the St Oliver’s School App if we cannot proceed at this time.

We are increasingly using the St Oliver’s App as a form of communication so it is in your best interests to download it (via your App Store) on your iPhone, smartphone or iPad. Simply search for St Oliver Plunkett Primary School Pascoe Vale (be sure to include ‘Pascoe Vale’ or you may end up with the Queensland St Olivers!).

**We have three new students commencing at St Oliver’s this term.**

Lia Aguilar - Senior M (returning to our school after a two year absence)
Miles Hunt - Middle T
Joseph Stranaghan - Prep M

We welcome these students and their families to our school parish community

**School Yard Dog Free Area**

Both before and after school we have a yard full of excited school children, pre-schoolers and adults. Please keep your pet dogs out of the yard to ensure the safety of all.

Looking forward to a rewarding term for our entire school community.

Regards

Alan S.
FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
A reminder to the grade four parents whose children will be making their First Communion this term, there will be a parent information evening next Monday 20 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 30 August at 10:30am – Middle T and Middle K
Sunday 13 September at 10:30am – Middle J and Middle B
Senior G will be attending Mass this Thursday at 10:00. Family members are welcome to come and sit with the children and join in the Liturgy.

DOROTHY IMPEY
The grade six students in small groups visit the residents at the Dorothy Impey Nursing Home on a Thursday, as a way of living out their commitment to follow Jesus in a meaningful way. The nursing home is seeking any donations of wool or lemons to assist the residents. If you can support this could you please send any donations to the front office where a box to place them has been left.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

WELLBEING
St John Ambulance will visit our school on Friday 31st July to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters will lead students from prep to year six through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students will learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online with St John to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

PARENTING INSIGHTS
This week’s insight looks at ‘Keeping Children Safe in Public. Catherine Gerhadt shares 5 practical tips to assist you in keeping your child safe when out and about.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

Libby Sheedy Wellbeing Coordinator
WELCOME BACK TO TERM THREE…
(HOW TIME FLIES!!!)

I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday and I’m sure all our students are rested-up and ready for a great term ahead.

Our Inquiry units are focused around personal health – term overviews will be coming home in week three outlining the major focuses for the term. Please take the time each week to read our ‘What Happening Around the Levels’ section of the newsletter. This details the focus in each learning domain for every grade and provides the opportunity to have relevant discussions with your child/children about their current learning.

Mary Kearney
Learning and Teaching Coordinator

Classroom Helpers 3-6
Just a reminder that if you would like to be a part of the Literacy Program in Years 3-6 you are invited to come to a Parent Workshop on either Wednesday 15 July (Week One, Term Three) or Tuesday 21 July (Week Two, Term Three). Both will be at 9.00am in the Staffroom and will be for about 30 minutes. You will need to have a current Working with Children Check.

Prep Parents: Magic 100 Words!
The children have been learning about how we write letters from left to right to build words, and how we also read words from left through to right. This is a very important concept! They are already starting to recognise some words, particularly the ones that they use most such as ‘the’ and ‘I’ and, of course, their own names. We use the Magic 100 Words to build on these so that the children can quickly recognise frequently used words and turn their attention to new words that they come across when reading.

You can help your child become familiar with these words through games at home. There will be a Parent Workshop to explain the process more fully, and to give you some ideas for activities you may like to do with your children. This will be on Wednesday 22 July at 9.00am in the staffroom for parents who are not already familiar with Magic 100 Words. Don’t worry if you are unable to attend as your child will bring home their Magic 100 Book soon which will also include instructions and suggestions for you.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
If you would like to enroll your child in the Premier’s Reading Challenge all you have to do is go to: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/calendar.aspx

Happy Reading,
Barbara Olanda
SENIOERS

RELIGION: We will begin our new unit titled, ‘Life is Good’. Students will be presented with the story of Mother Teresa and will address questions relating to her work and choices. We will also focus on the life of St Oliver Plunkett, looking at his devotion to God and achievements.

READING: We will begin reading our new serial text. We will use the front cover to engage in a pre-reading and prediction activity and students will settle back into Reading Routine.

WRITING: We will be modelling a range of different seed scaffolds, highlighting to students the need to begin with this part of the writing process. Writing workshops and goal meetings will begin.

MATHS: We will be returning to our ‘Four Operations’ groups with a focus on multiplication and division over the next 3 weeks. We will look at a variety of mental and written methods for solving these problems.

INQUIRY: We begin our unit ‘Growing Up,’ focusing on the changes that occur during puberty and how these affect how we feel, act and relate to others. Students will share their pre-ideas about the unit and use a T-Chart to record what is good and difficult about being their age.

REMINDEERS:
- Homework will be distributed this week – Please continue to support your child with their completion of tasks
- Please help your child to ensure their diary is filled in weekly with reading. They are also required to write two OSSLs a week summarising what has been read.
- SG will be hosting Wednesday assembly with a focus on St Oliver, as it was his feast day on July 11th. All assemblies this term will be held at 11:30am.
- SG will attend class mass this Thursday 16th of July at 10am
- SD will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will begin our unit ‘The Eucharist- Celebrating Jesus’ Presence’ and will be looking at celebrations and what is the purpose of celebrations

WRITING: This week we will focus on Poetry writing. We will look at the structures and descriptive language of a variety of poems. The students will write their own colour poems.

READING: We will introduce and begin reading our new serial novel ‘The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe’ by C.S. Lewis. We will discuss and make predictions about the novel using the Three Levels of Thinking model. Students will be reading their own novels and responding in their reading journals.

SPELLING: We will complete an investigation on the ‘Long u’ sound.

MATHS: We will begin our number unit on Multiplication.

INQUIRY: Our new Inquiry Unit this term is “Survivor”. Students will share their prior knowledge on life cycles and investigate living things and the stages of development in the human life cycle.
What’s happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

Welcome Back to Term 3! We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing break and we look forward to continuing with lots of great learning this term.

RELIGION: Our new unit this term is Creator God. We will begin by reading the story of creation and then reflecting on the various aspects of creation that we are aware of in our own lives and our environment.

READING: This week as we enjoy our shared reading books, we will focus on the punctuation used by the author to enliven the text and help us to be expressive when reading aloud.

WRITING: This week we will revise the structure and features of recounts. The students will have the opportunity to talk about their holiday experiences as a way of planning what they will write about. We will also revise some of the different aspects to check when editing our writing pieces.

MATHS: We will begin our unit on Time this week by familiarising ourselves with some of the language associated with clocks and telling the time. We will also begin to read and make times on both analogue and digital clocks.

INQUIRY: This week students will be introduced to the inquiry unit for this term; Food for Life. Students will reflect on their understandings about the different food requirements of people at the different stages of their lives.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This term we are beginning new unit called “Protected by God”. Over the week we will be watching the movie The Prince of Egypt to introduce the students to the story of Moses from the Old Testament.

READING: We are learning about short vowel sounds. This week we will focus on ‘a’ and ‘e’, using rhymes and songs.

WRITING: In writing we are writing about all the wonderful experiences the children have had over the holidays. We will be introducing the children to writing on dotted thirds.

MATHS: We will be continuing with addition and using the strategy of ‘counting on’ through written stories and using concrete materials.

INQUIRY: We will beginning our new unit “Healthy me, Healthy you.” The children will be discussing their favourite foods and what they think is healthy and unhealthy.

REMINDERS

- Dates for the Diary:
  - Prep Family Mass Sunday 26th July
  - 100 days of school – Monday 27th July
  - M100W testing – Friday 7th August
**SPORTS NEWS**

Welcome back to another term full of sport and fun!

Seniors Hooptime will be held on Wednesday 29th July at MSAC. Permission notes will go home today. Please return them as soon as possible.

Middles Hooptime will be held later in the term. It will be held on Tuesday 18th August. Details with be given closer to the time.

Sports Coordinator

Mrs. Mazzarella

**Sports Co-ordinator**

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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.

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**SUNSMART**

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

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**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. **In Term 3 the Commonwealth Bank are running a new School Banking competition. Refer to attached flyer for details.**

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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 3

**BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK**
The featured businesses in the “Business of the Week” section of the school website are Star21 and Soy Scented Candles. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

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

**WOMEN’S SELF DEFENCE COURSE**
This event is designed to address a problem that we are seeing more and more in society. Women’s safety has become a major issue and we wanted to give the females in our community the power back, so we are holding a level 1 defence course. Attendance to this course is **NOT** dependent on fitness levels or dress sizes. It is a 2 hour course designed to empower a woman, so that if someone attacked her she could defend herself.

When: July 23rd 7pm
Where: School Hall
Conducted by: Dan’s Martial Arts
Cost: $40 (normally $100)
Bookings: Contact Georgie 0405435770 by Tuesday 21st July
For more information please see the attached flier

**TERM 3 UP AND COMING EVENTS**

Disco…. 17th Sept

Subway Lunch…Date to be confirmed
Hundreds of amazing prizes to be won.

An intergalactic portal from another dimension flies appearance Planet Savings. But this is no ordinary portal, it's a Prize Portal filled with amazing prizes.

Help the Dotlarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize Portal, simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes.

You can also complete a Money Mission online to double your chance of winning a prize. You can start your Money Mission at any time, but you’ll need to make sure you’ve made three School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3 to double your chance of winning.

To complete your Money Mission, or to find out more, visit: commbank.com.au/prizeportal

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SEATS BY DR. DRE HEADPHONES

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BOOKTOPIA GIFT CERTIFICATES

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizeportal. Promotion starts 8am EST 18/7/15 and ends 11:59pm EST 20/9/15. Student Finance: Entry is open to all Commonwealth customers aged 4–13 years. 1 entry per student. 3 entries are made through the School Banking Program. 3 entries are made when completing a Money Mission activity at commbank.com.au/prizeportal and submitting the application form. Max. of 2 entries per person. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/VIC, QLD, SA/TAS, NT and WA. A total of 40 prizes comprising 75 iPad minis ($239.99 RRP) per prize, valued at $19,995 in total. 125 Seats by Dr. Dre Headphones valued at $219.99 each. 200 Booktopia Gift Vouchers valued at $50 each. All prizes are subject to availability and may be substituted with similar products. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 123 125 124 GI Level 2, 11 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promoter is subject to the provisions of the Spam Act 2003 and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 123 125 124 GI Level 2, 11 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000. Tel: 13 22 33. Wherever applicable, all winners of the promotion will be notified in writing and prizes will be delivered via express delivery. The Promoter’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Prizes not claimed will not be replaced. Entry into the promotion is subject to the Competition Terms and Conditions.
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.

**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.

**JAMS, PRESERVES, SAUCES & HERBS**
We are asking for help with either making preserves/jams/sauces to sell at our fete or if you are able to donate produce (Strawberries, raspberries, peaches etc) that can be turned into jams/spreads etc. Also too complement our “food” themed stalls we are seeking small planted herbs. If you are able to help out with any of this please contact Georgie on 0405 435 770.

Thank you
St Oliver’s Parent Association

together with

Dan’s Martial Arts

is proud to

present

WOMEN’S SELF DEFENCE COURSE (Level 1)

Suitable for females aged 18+

DATE: Thursday 23rd July...7pm

WHERE: St Oliver’s School Hall

TIME: 7pm till 9pm

COST: $40

BOOKINGS: Phoning or texting

GEORGIE 0405435770 by Tuesday 21st July

This event is designed to empower our mums, girlfriends and women in our community. With women’s safety a huge issue in our society lately we have decided to hold a defence course that will teach us how to protect ourselves.

Dan’s Martial Arts have generously offered to run this program as a fundraiser for our school, so that 50% of all takings will be donated to St Oliver’s.
Welcome back to term 3. Hope everyone enjoyed the break.

Save 50% or more on program costs

Did you know that you can save 50% or more on our programs with government rebates? Nearly all families are eligible for some form of government rebate.

The Australian Government offers two types of financial assistance for childcare:

- The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not means tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees after the CCB has been calculated and applied.

- The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is means tested and scaled, depending on family income.

You can also link your rebate/s to be applied directly to your Camp Australia account. All you need to do is provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Number/s (CRN/s) during the registration process.

To find out what rebates you are entitled to, you can contact the Family Assistance Office on 136 150. If you would like to find out more about how to link rebates to your Camp Australia account, please call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343. We look forward to seeing you in the program soon.

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.

We make kids smile

www.campaustralia.com.au