Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had an opportunity to spend a little more time with your children over their July holiday break. As we move through winter it is a good opportunity for a few reminders.

ROAD SAFETY

The majority of parents act as positive role models for all children when dropping or picking their children up from school. We have had several areas of concern raised by Silvana our traffic officer who looks after the children in Landells Road. She has outlined her concerns below.

1. We request that when you drive out of the church car park that you approach all 3 driveways at a low and cautious speed. The footpath is used by our children as well as members of our community. Children like to race ahead of their parents and in some cases they may not be visible to you because of the fence. Also some of our children ride their bikes to and from school on the footpath. If you are exiting the car park at an unsafe speed you may not be able to stop your car in time.

2. Traffic travelling on Gaffney Street making a left hand turn into Landells Road, please be aware that left hand turns should be made from the centre driving lane and not the bike lane. With heavy traffic in both the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times, if you are turning from the bike lane you will most certainly have another vehicle on your driver’s side. With two vehicles side by side traffic turning out of Landells Road has their vision obstructed.

3. When walking the children to school please walk to the lights/crossing and cross in a supervised area. If you teach your children to cross the road at the lights or at the crossing, they will be more likely to do that when you are not there to walk them to school.

4. Be aware of parents/children who are crossing Landells Road near the corner of Gaffney Street as they are often crossing in between cars. Before turning, make sure there are no pedestrians on the road. We need to be more attentive of all children on or around our school.

Like Felix, Silvana is there to protect families when they are crossing the road and she is in a position to share her experiences of near miss situations. So please read, heed and pass her advice to any family members involved in dropping or picking up your children.

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

Regards

Alan Sweeney

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From the Principal...

DIARY

JULY
21 First Communion Parent Meeting 7pm
25 Term 2 Fees due
27 Preps Family Mass 10.30am
30 EMA Instalment 2 closes

AUGUST
3 Prep’s Family Mass 10.30am
13 Parent Association meeting
15 Feast of the Assumption 11.45am
School Board meeting TBA
18 Book Week – ‘Connect to Reading’
29 Final practice with catechists MM & MG
31 Sacrament of Communion MM & MG 10.30am

Wednesday assembly
Click HERE to view the roster for term 3.

Click HERE to view the Class Mass roster for term 3. Masses are on THURSDAY at 10.00am.
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 21 July at 7:00pm in the church.** This meeting is for parents and children. 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

Senior C will be attending Mass this Thursday at 10:00am. Family members are welcome to come and sit with the children and join in the Liturgy.

NEW PRAYER CLOTHS

A special thankyou to Giselle and Zavia Lingenti, who generously donated their time to make new prayer cloths for the classrooms in liturgical colours.

Trish Segrave  
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!**

This term our throughline for Inquiry learning is History, with a particular emphasis on personal histories with the preps and juniors and Australian history with the middle and senior classes.

Curriculum Overviews will be sent home next week detailing the foci for each domain, please take the time to read through these so you are aware of what your child/children will be focusing on this term.

In the newsletter this term we will be sharing our School Improvement Plan with you. We will revisit the five spheres of schooling and unpack our long and short term goals in each of these areas.

Mary Kearney  
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator

**SOUND CHARTS: JUST A FEW LEFT!**

At school we use the ‘44 Sound Chart’ to help explain word patterns and sound/letter relationships for spelling. You may find that these will help at home to support your child’s learning so I ordered some last term. **There are a few ‘44 Sound Charts’ left, if you would like to purchase one please send $4.00 in an envelope to me, and I will give one to your child to take home.**

Barbara Olanda
What’s happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will begin our new unit titled ‘The Mass: Sacrifice and Meal’ where students will explore the celebration of the Mass and its importance for the Catholic faith community. We will be looking at the text, ‘Let’s Eat’ by Ana Zamorana and reflecting upon students’ own experiences of sharing significant meals.

**WRITING:** In Writing we will be reviewing the expectations and structures required of students in Writing Sessions. We will begin our focus on writing to recount – looking at a range of biographies, letters and diary entries, with an historical nature. Students will use their holiday experiences to complete a seed throughout the week.

**READING:** We are beginning our new serial text, ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase’ by Gabrielle Wang. We will begin a character profile on protagonist Celeste LaClaire. This text lends itself to the exploration of significant themes which we will discuss throughout our reading sessions. Students will continue reading their own novels and will be provided with opportunities to respond to their texts in different ways. We will also be using a range of graphic organisers to review non-fiction texts.

**SPELLING:** Students will be brainstorming topic specific words related to our Australian History unit. We will then be using these words to explore the sound, visual and meaning approaches to spelling.

**MATHS:** We will be starting our unit on fractions & decimals, eliciting prior knowledge and completing a pre-assessment to gauge where students are at.

**INQUIRY:** We will be introducing the new Inquirys Unit based around Australian History. Students will complete a pre-assessment matching dates, key figures and events, prioritising in a time sequence from settlement to Federation.

**Just a reminder...**

- Senior C will attend their Class Mass this Thursday 17th July at 10am – family members are most welcome to attend.
- Senior G will be visiting Dorothy Impey Nursing Home this Thursday - weather permitting. Please confirm with your child whether you are able to assist with their class.
- Homework will be handed out this week and is due Thursday 14th of August. Please continue to remind your child of the importance of remaining focussed on the task and general organisation.
- Winter has arrived, if you could please send your child in with a box of tissues that would be greatly appreciated.

**Grade 6 Graduation**

With already half of the year gone, organisation for the Grade 6 Graduation is about to start which includes organising the Grade 6 Year Book etc. If anyone is able to help out, please contact Carmela on 0400317548. All help will be appreciated.

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

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**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will begin our new unit called, ‘Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.’ We will begin by discussing Baptism, the first sacrament of Initiation.

**WRITING:** We will begin the term by reviewing our Writers Notebook procedures and expectations. We will think about how we can be effective learners in our workshops and during independent writing.

**READING:** We will introduce our new serial novel, ‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy’ by Jackie French. We will make predictions using the three levels of thinking about the text, based on the cover and title of the book.

**MATHS:** This week the students will begin our unit on ‘Location’. We will look at the language of location and the importance of giving clear directions.

**INQUIRY:** Our unit this term is called, ‘Terra Australis to Australia’. We will begin with pre-testing students’ knowledge on Australian history and our land.

**Reminder** – Year 4 students and parents are required to attend the First Eucharist information session on Monday the 21st at 7pm in the Church. A note with all the details was sent home on Monday. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the current middle’s homework.
JUNIORS

Welcome back for another busy, exciting term!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we will be starting our new unit ‘Experiencing God’. The children will discuss their images of God and share their ideas about what God is like to them. The children will also use playdough to construct their own image of God and focus on God being like a shepherd.

READING: During reading sessions, we will be focusing on reading non-fiction texts and identifying the language features and structural features of these texts. In reading rotations and guided reading groups, the children will continue to work in activities and reading leveled-texts related to their reading needs.

WRITING: This week in Writing, we will model the use of the class ‘Writer’s Notebook’ by brainstorming holiday concepts and using these ideas to list a variety of writing genres we can explore in our personal writing. We will also continue to use the seed box, mystery box items and story starter cards to inspire our individual writing pieces.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘est’ (rest, chest) and involving the children in a variety of activities to help reinforce the spelling and meaning of the words generated by the class.

MATHS: This week we will be commencing our multiplication unit. We will begin this by creating a class poster recording language and concepts related to multiplication. We will also create oral multiplication stories and model these using concrete materials.

INQUIRY: This week we will begin investigating our new unit entitled ‘The Good Old Days’ by having the children complete a prior knowledge task where they draw, label and write about what they know about life in the past. This will include topics such as school-life, transport, clothing, games, items around the house and chores.

Reminder: If you haven’t already sent back your child’s ‘Yarrabee Yesterday’s World’ excursion note, could you please do so as soon as possible. Thankyou to the families who have already completed and returned their permission notes.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our new unit for this term is ‘Protected by God’. We will begin the unit by watching the movie, ‘The Prince of Egypt’.

READING: We are reading a variety of texts that relate to Fairy Tales. The children will be working in mixed ability groups and choosing their activities. Children will be bringing home new readers this week.

WRITING: We will be sharing our experiences from the school holidays and commencing formal handwriting.

MATHS: We are looking at numbers before and after. We will also be introducing the language of ‘less than’ and ‘more than’ in relation to numbers.

INQUIRY: The Inquiry unit this term is called, ‘My Family Story’. We will be reading books about families and Mrs Mazzarella’s grandmother is coming in to talk to the children and share some of her family stories.

REMEMBER . . . There will be a few notes coming home in the children’s reader bags this week so please keep an eye out for these as there are a few dates for the diary.
MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT
Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.
This week’s insight looks at ‘Helping kids leapfrog their difficulties’. As parents our attitude to our children’s difficulties will determine how successfully they meet and overcome the obstacles and hurdles they face. Michael Grose shares five ideas to support us in this. Our attitude needs to be courageous, sensitive and supportive to our child.

Click HERE for information about a free parenting seminar to be held at Parade College Bundoora focusing on the topic: Parenting the i-Gen.

The seminar will be presented by Mark McCrindle

Mark McCrindle is a social researcher with an international following. He is recognized as a leader in tracking emerging issues and researching social trends. He is a best-selling author, an influential thought leader, TEDx speaker and Principal of McCrindle Research. Mark has appeared in the press, on radio and on television shows, such as Sunrise, Today, ABC News 24, A Current Affair and Today Tonight.

Community Support Program

At St Olivers we are very lucky to have a community that is willing to help other families. Our support program is designed to help families who, because of illness, grief or loss, may require an extra meal in their fridge at some time or another. This term I would love to compile a list of families who are able to provide a meal or two so that I can contact you on a ‘needs basis’. The support is anonymous for both the provider and the recipient. This is one way we can help out a family in need. More information will be provided when you contact me.
Please email or call me if you can help out during term 3. lsheedy@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au or phone 9354 5411

Parenting Programs dealing with Anxiety

Parade College and Mercy College are presenting the play ‘The Crucible’.

Click this link for details or see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The Crucible

Libby Sheedy
Student Wellbeing 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.

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.

THE LIONS CLUB OF GLENROY – FREE VISION SCREENING
The Lions Club of Glenroy will provide free vision screening for children aged 4-7 inclusive at Westbreen Primary School, Pascoe Street, Pascoe Vale on Saturday, 16th August, 2014. For further details please contact Dick Tracy on 9324 6821 or Roger Excell on 9370 6436. If we save even one child’s sight then this project has been successful.

CANTEEN

PLEASE NOTE: The canteen will re open for Term 3 on the 17th July.

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Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu

For other information regarding the Canteen please contact Di 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 were available for purchase at the last assembly for term 3. Watch this space for the next date. 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 was released yesterday. We hope you find this resource helpful and we would like to thank all of the businesses that advertise with us. Finally we would not be able to put together such a wonderful publication that not only promotes local businesses but is a major part of our fundraising campaign without the hard work from the following:

- Teresa Scalogna & Sebastian Giacchi (our business directory co-ordinators)
- The Parent Association committee members that have supported these parents
- Mark Pagotto our resident graphic designer who formats the BD.

Thank you thank you thank you thank you!!!!!!!
For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
During term one 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 flyer.
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

FEATURING:

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!

This event proudly sponsored by:

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.
PARADE COLLEGE
WITH
MERCY COLLEGE
PROUDLY PRESENT:

The Crucible
By Arthur Miller

August 28, 29 & 30 2014
7:30 PM
Rivergum Theatre
Parade College, Bundoora

Adult $15
Concession $10
Family $45

www.trybooking.com/88083

Director : Zoe Wood
Producer : Kathryn Dunstan

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, on behalf of Dramatists Play Service, Inc New York.
It was NAIDOC week last week – we missed it because of the holidays, but that won’t stop us celebrating indigenous Australian culture this week. There’s a hiding game called Koabangan, an aiming game called Mer Kolap, and we’ll also try creating some dot paintings and indigenous flags. Plus, it’s time to try our new silicone muffin tin and make chocolate cupcakes!

Are your bookings up to date?

Remember that bookings for OSHC automatically carry over from term to term. If you wish to cancel old bookings or make new ones, you can do so on the Parent Console online, or contact the Camp Australia Customer Service Team on the phone number listed to the right.

Staffing update

Unfortunately Gowri is still unwell, and has been unable to return to coordinating as soon as she hoped. I am very fortunate to continue running After School care at St Oliver’s, and Hanain is back again to coordinate Before School Care.