Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm on these cold days – especially in the mornings!!

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**

I would like to draw your attention to a change of date for our prospective Grandparents’ Day. The day was initially advertised in the ‘calendar’ on the phone app and in ‘diary dates’ in the newsletter as Friday August 14, but due to Fr Paul’s availability we have changed the date to Thursday August 13 (this is the date advertised on the letter that went home last week). This is an inaugural event and we hope to have many Grandparents take the opportunity to celebrate Mass with the school community, and to have a look around the school and see their grandchildren working in their classes. We will also be offering refreshments— tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes in the hall.

**WOOLWORTHS – EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**

Please start collecting your ‘Earn and Learn’ points from Woolworths – information from Sue Leighton below in the Learning and Teaching section of the newsletter.

**CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS**

Curriculum overviews will be coming home this week. Please take the time to read this document so you are aware of what your child will be focusing on in the various domains of learning this term.

Kind Regards,

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal
LEARNING AND TEACHING

WOOLWORTHS COMPETITION
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help St. Oliver’s by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed bring it back to school, or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies., St Oliver’s has a box at Woolies AIRPORT WEST SHOPPING CENTRE. The more points we collect, the more we resources can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science and Art, through to sports equipment, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Leighton.

Sue Leighton
ICT Coordinator

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST
Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the First Eucharist Information Evening. Any parents who were unable to attend please see me or the class teacher to collect the information pack that was given out on the night. Please let me know if you are able to help with the organisation of the Communion lunch on Wednesday 16 September. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

PREP FAMILY MASS
The Prep Family Mass is this Sunday 26 July at 10:30 a.m. The children will be leading the liturgy, reading the prayers and singing the final song. We hope to see as many families there as possible.

DOROTHY IMPEY NURSING HOME
The grade six students 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. A box has been provided at the school office if you are able to donate either or both of these items.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator
**SENIORS**

**RELIGION:** We will continue with our unit ‘Life is Good’ discussing images and stories from the media that positively or negatively portray human dignity and life e.g. images of war, images of families, young people or communities working together. We will also look at a range of Catholic organisations that promote life.

**READING:** We will begin reading our new serial text, ‘The Cay’, by Theodore Taylor. Students will record their thinking on a think mark and discuss the significance of time of setting - 1942, the impact of war and identify the key characters that have been introduced and the relationships between them.

**WRITING:** We will begin looking at biographies and autobiographies and the structure and language features of these text types. We will look at a range of different biographies written about famous people, deconstructing each text and looking at the way the author has structured their pieces of writing.

**MATHS:** Groups will be reviewing strategies for solving multiplication and division including mental strategies and written methods. Some groups will be applying this knowledge to working with decimals and real life contexts.

**INQUIRY:** We will continue eliciting student’s prior knowledge of the human body. Students will trace around a classmate and label all the parts of the body that they know. We will also brainstorm a list of vocabulary to describe parts of the human body, introducing proper terminology.

**REMINDERS:**
- Tonight there will be a Parent Information Night regarding our ‘Growing Up’ unit – optional but strongly recommended that you attend.
- Homework will be distributed this week – Please continue to support your child with the 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.
- All assemblies this term will be held at 11:30am.
- SC will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.
- Social Justice Conference this Friday 24th July – Miss Garden will be attending along with 11 students

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the Senior Homework grid

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**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will continue our unit ‘The Eucharist- Celebrating Jesus’ Presence’ and continue looking at celebrations. With the students we will be discussing the ‘Last Supper’.

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

**READING:** We will continue to read our new serial novel ‘The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe’ by C.S. Lewis. We will discuss and make connections about the novel using quotes from the book. Students will be reading their own novels and responding in their reading journals.

**SPELLING:** We will be continuing with contractions and moving on to compound words.

**MATHS:** We will continue our number unit on Multiplication. Students will investigate different strategies to use to solve multiplication problems.

**INQUIRY:** Our Inquiry Unit is “Survivor”. We will continue to investigate the human life cycle and make connections to the life cycle of other living things.

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the Middle Homework grid
What's happening around the levels..

**JUNIORS**

**RELIGION:** This week students will focus on one of the most wonderful gifts of God's creation - themselves. They will reflect on the many things that makes them special and unique.

**READING:** During shared reading and small focus groups this week, students will focus on the various rules when changing a noun from singular to plural.

**WRITING:** This week students will be learning about the structure and purpose of an information report.

**MATHS:** Students are continuing to learn to tell the time using a digital and analogue clock. They are continuing to become familiar with the timetable of the classroom by discussing what times daily events occur and the duration of these events.

**INQUIRY:** This week students will be discussing various physical changes that occur during different stages of our lives such as crawling, walking, talking etc. Students will make their own personal observations of physical changes and things that remain the same by looking at photographs of themselves as babies and toddlers.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will be reading the story of Moses' birth and making comparisons to the movie the Prince of Egypt.

**READING:** We are continuing to learn about short vowel sounds. This week we will focus on 'i' 'o' and 'u', using rhymes and songs.

**WRITING:** In writing we are continuing to model writing on dotted thirds and making invitations for our 100 days of school party.

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

**INQUIRY:** The children will be discussing the different stages from birth until now and what they need to be healthy.

**REMINDERS**

- Dates for the Diary:
  - Prep Family Mass this Sunday 26th July
  - 100 days of school – Monday 27th July
ST JOHN’S AMBULANCE FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Friday July 31 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 Johns 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 ‘Teach your kids about time and place’. Michael Grose shares memories of his own mother’s words as he provides five strategies to support us on our journey as parents.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet

Libby Sheedy    Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Senior’s Hooptime will be next Wednesday 29th July at MSAC. Children will need to be at school at 8.10 a.m. so that we are on the bus by 8.15 a.m. Notes for parent helpers will go home on Monday.

Coburg District Athletics will be held on Tuesday 1st September. Details about this event will be communicated shortly.

Mrs. Mazzarella

Sports Co-ordinator
FAMILY DETAILS UPDATES
It is important that we have accurate student and 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 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 - Ava De Santanna   JB – Massimo Contarino   JR - Ryder Driscoll   JL - Harry Blaney

STUDENT AWARDS
Olivia Howes, Varkey Kurian, Eden Courtis, Luca Buttigeig, Emma Lazzaro, Flynn Hall, Zac Cutajar, Estelle Tabet, Charlie Prattico, Sienna Leonardi, Olivia Lanyon, Samuel Coviello, Angelina Mantarakis, Adam Scira, Jack Cook, Isabella Longano, Miles Hunt and Jack Scollo

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

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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 Oliver’s Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

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

WOMEN’S SELF DEFENSE COURSE... BOOKINGS DUE TODAY!!!!!!
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 defense 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

Next meeting…scheduled for Wednesday 12th August 7.30pm
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 Spectacular Fete  
25th October 2015  
11.30am to 4.30pm
BOOKINGS DUE TODAY!!!!

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.
St Oliver Plunkett

Care and great fun every day

At After School Care we know there are lots of different ways to make kids smile.

We also know that children have different interests and stay for different periods of time and that’s why we provide a wide range of fun and engaging activities every day in our program.

Our program consists of the following:

**Outdoor playtime** – sports, skills development, general play and inclusive games

**Things to make and do** – a range of arts and crafts, cooking, construction and indoor games

**Creative time** – for activities like drama, music and movement

**Life skills** – community involvement, role playing, communication and social skills development

**Homework and quiet time** – helping children to be able to relax with their family when they go home

**Unique experiences** – encouraging children to try new things, learn new skills and make new friends. It might seem unusual, but we really do take fun seriously and we believe that After School Care is a time for possibilities. While our activities are planned, we also ensure that there is flexibility in every session that is guided by the kids’ imagination. To see some of the activities in action and to find out how easy it is for your child to join in, feel free to drop by and visit us in the After school care room.

We look forward to seeing you 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:


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