Dear Parents,

Last week all families were sent a copy of the 2014-2015 School Business and Information Directory. This directory is the third edition prepared by our wonderful Parent Association to promote the many local and family based businesses in our local community. Thank you to the many business owners who support our school through their sponsorship. Please take the time to look through this magnificent publication. On behalf of the school I encourage you to use the many fine local services and businesses listed and please let the business owners know that you found their ads in our directory.

Many thanks to our Parent Association sub-committee, Teresa Scalogna Sebastian Giacchi, Mark Pagotto, Michael Said, Diana Capuana and Georgie McElligott who have been so generous with their time and amazing skills in organising this great resource.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the First Eucharist Information Evening. Any parents who were unable to attend please see myself or the class teacher for the information pack that was given out on the night.

Senior G 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.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

St Oliver’s School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Framework is a four year cycle of school improvement in which all Catholic schools participate. Last year we participated in The School Review, which occurs in the fourth year of this cycle. During this process we reflect on the five spheres of schooling at St Oliver’s; those being Education in Faith, Learning and Teaching, Wellbeing, School Community and Leadership and Management.

When examining these areas we consider the following questions:
How are we going?
How do we know?
What would we like to achieve?
What do we have to do to achieve these outcomes?
How will we know whether we have achieved what we want?

The information gathered throughout this process is used to establish our School Improvement Plan – a document in which we state our long term (four year) goals in each of the spheres, and subsequent Annual Action Plans, in which we state our short term annual goals in each sphere.

Over the next few weeks I will share our long and short term goals in each of the spheres of schooling.

Education in Faith

Our long term School Improvement Plan goal is: *To broaden the school community’s understanding of our Catholic identity in a contemporary world.*

Our shorter term Annual goal is: *That students’ understanding of the Catholic faith will be deepened and connected to real life.*

In order to achieve these goals the children are being exposed through their Education in Faith lessons to the history of society in Jesus’ time. Students will also explore the background to the personal life of Jesus / the physicality of Jesus.

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

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue work on our unit titled ‘The Mass: Sacrifice and Meal.’ Students will view a re-enactment of the Last Supper and discuss the signs and symbols associated with the event. We will explore the notion that the Mass is the most powerful form of prayer.

WRITING: Writing Workshops and goal meetings will begin this week and we will continue our focus on ‘Writing to Recount’, looking at examples and highlighting the structures and language features of such text types.

READING: We will continue to read our serial text, ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase’ by Gabrielle Wang and look at the different ways in which the author uses visual imagery to paint a picture in the reader’s mind. We will be looking at a BTN (Behind the News) report on Federation and practice note-taking skills and summarising key information.

SPELLING: Students will be looking at a range of different prefixes and will explore how the addition of these parts of words alters the meaning of base words.

MATHS: We will begin our Maths groups this week with our focus being on Fractions and Decimals. Learning will be personalised towards student needs and teachers will engage students in a range of activities to further their understandings.

INQUIRY: In preparation for our excursion to Sovereign Hill we will be using the website MyPlace as a tool for learning, and looking at key events which have shaped Australia’s history in particular the Gold Rush and Eureka Stockade.

Just a reminder...

- Senior G will attend their Class Mass this Thursday 24th July at 10am – family members are most welcome to attend.
- Senior M 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 is due Wednesday the 13th of August. Please continue to support your child in the completion of these tasks
- A reminder that the Sovereign Hill permission note is due back ASAP. We thank you for the number of parents saying that they will be able to assist on the day. Your child’s classroom teacher will be in contact.
- 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 0400 317 648. All help will be appreciated.

Please click HERE for a copy of the current senior’s homework.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue our unit, ‘Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.’ We will look at some scripture related passages and the signs and symbols of the sacraments of Initiation.

WRITING: We will begin writing to instruct. We will make a class list of different types of instructional texts and the different ways these can be presented; including timetables, recipes and signs. We will look at some examples including “How to play a didgeridoo?”

READING: We will continue reading ‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy’ by Jackie French. We will use visual literacy to look at the Aboriginal history through the SBS series ‘The First Australians - They have come to Stay’. We will also be looking at some dreamtime stories and discussing their meanings.

MATHS: This week we continue our unit on ‘Location’. We will focus on writing directions using the language of location including left and right and referring to the points on a compass rose.

INQUIRY: In our unit ‘Terra Australis to Australia’ we will look at some illustrations and images of Australia before and at early settlement. The children will match and sort them, then make predictions about the effect of the arrival of the First Fleet on the Aboriginal people and the land.

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

RELIGION: This week we will continue our unit ‘Experiencing God’. The children will learn about the image of God as a potter who consistently guides, moulds and supports them. They will then connect the various images of God we have discussed with their own personal relationships in their lives. This will then help them see how their parents, carers etc support them in many ways as they live and grow.

READING: During reading sessions, we will continue to focus on non-fiction texts and identify the specific language and structural features found in these texts. In guided reading groups, the children will work with their teachers to explore, discuss and then read the various levelled texts.

WRITING: This week in Writing, we will begin investigating the structure of information reports. Each class will look at a specific animal and the children will write a fact about that animal. We will then go on to classify these facts under headings such as appearance, food, movement and habitat. After that, we will look at the structure of a report about a platypus.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘ink’ (sink, think) 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 continue our multiplication unit. The children will solve and record multiplication problems by representing examples of groups with concrete materials and drawings. Some of the children will also begin to use the multiplication sign to record their examples.

INQUIRY: As the next step in the investigation of ‘The Good Old Days’, each class will create a wonderings board. This board will contain questions about the things that may have been different in their parents’, grandparents’ and great grandparents’ lives. This Friday we will have a guest speaker, Val Fuller who will talk about her experiences growing up in an earlier era.

Just a reminder to organise your child’s olden days clothing for our excursion to Yarrabee on Wednesday 30th July.

PREPS

READING: We are looking at a variety of invitations and discussing their features. If you have old invitations at home please bring them in.

WRITING: We will be using talking to the children about ‘thinking’ and how everyone has different ideas. We will different seeds to demonstrate this.

MATHS: We are consolidating the language of “1 less” and “1 more” in relation to numbers. We will also be making teen numbers using tens frames and discussing place value.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be reading about the birth of Moses in a variety of books. We will also be talking about how people in our families protect us.

INQUIRY: We will be making invitations for our Grandparents to invite them to school for Monday. We will also be preparing the children to ask appropriate questions when the grandparents come to school.

REMINDER... Please remember to return your notes about Grandparent’s morning and 100 days of school. What a fun filled week we have ahead!
**WELLBEING**

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be excluded from this, you can choose to opt-out of the data collection by informing us in writing. A form can be collected from the school office should you choose this option.

For further information about the Data Collection see the flyer which will be sent home tomorrow with your child, contact me or visit Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) website [http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/](http://www.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/).

Libby Sheedy
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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**SPORT**

What a busy term we have ahead! This Friday the Senior Boys Interschool basketball team will be playing the semi-finals at school. If you are free and would like to come along and support them, they are playing in the North Yard at 9.45am and 11.45am.

Hooptime for Seniors will also be held this term so please put Thursday 4th September in your diary. More information about this will be given later in the term.

District Athletics will also take place this term and will be held on Friday 5th September. Unfortunately the Middles will not be able to take part this year as they will be away on their ‘Sleep over’. More details about this day will be available soon.

Giulia Mazzarella
Sport 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.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS
School Closure days have been scheduled for Thursday 14 August and Friday 15 August 2014.

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 – Lola Ferrante     JD- Luca Sebastiano     JL – Alessio Manca    JR –  Oliver Forbes

STUDENT AWARDS
Georgia Kneebone, Charlie Warrick, Ava Jakimov, Max Tulloch, Alessia Frattasio, Jesse Cappello, Matilda
Rose, Jett Florence, Carlo Rizzo, Emily Holub, Sophia Pagotto, Jack Capuana, Harry James,
Alec Kafritas, Giorgia Franzoni, Livia Lingenti, Jett Ryder, Alana D’Orazio, Arina Vlasenko, Xavier Said,
Rebecca Asta, Anthony Oliva, Damian Maccarone, Maggie Styles, Maddison Jokic, Anthony Russo, Jessica
Russo, Joshua Abdallah, Rebecca Moussa

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

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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 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 will be available for purchase at the last assembly for term 3. 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 last week. We hope you find this resource helpful and we would like to thank all of the businesses that advertise with us. 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. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control Mick Molloy is unavailable for our comedy night on August 1st; however we have been able to secure funny man Bob Franklin who is equally as funny for stand-up comedy. Please see amended attached flier and for more information please contact Michael Said on 0418 994 711.

MATTEL TOY SALE TICKETS
We have been lucky enough to secure 40 tickets to the Mattel Warehouse Toy Sale. As there are only 40 tickets they are going to be allocated on a “First in” basis. Please see attached flier for more information.
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:

BOB FRANKLIN
One of Australia's funniest and favourite comedians, Bob Franklin was both writer and performer on many TV shows. He has made several appearances on Thank God You're Here and recently starred in Shaun Micallef's TV series Mr and Mrs Murder.

LAWRENCE MOONEY
Lawrence Mooney is a Melbourne based stand up comedian, actor, writer, television and radio personality.

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!

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.
MATTEL TOY SALE

Mattel has invited St Oliver’s families to their once a year Distribution Centre Sale. There are the latest toys available at great prices. Toys that Mattel carry are Barbie, Hot Wheels, Avatar, Matchbox, Justice League, Diva Starz, Pixel Chix, Fisher Price and many more. It’s the best way to get organized for Christmas or even buy a few birthday presents.

WHEN: 23rd August 2014
WHERE: Distribution Centre
70 Park West Dr
Derrinut

TICKET PRICE: $10
NOTE: no children or infants permitted

GET IN QUICK ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE

Fill in the slip below and return to the school office by Wednesday 20th August
For more information contact
Naomi Banks 0409 930 833

Mattel Toy Sale Order Form

Childs Name __________________________ Childs Class __________________________

Contact Phone Number __________________________

Tickets Required __________ x$10     Amount Enclosed $ __________
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.

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:

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au