Dear Parents,

This term we will be holding two school closure days. These were noted in last week’s newsletter and are to be held on Thursday August 14 and Friday August 15. The staff will be working off-site on these days. Our focus on Thursday will be on how we can more effectively use ICT to support our planning structures and track student learning and on Friday we will be focusing on Wellbeing.

Congratulations to the senior boys who competed in the basketball tournament that was held here on Friday. It was great to see such good sportsmanship demonstrated by our boys - Mrs Mazzarella has detailed how the boys performed in the sports news section of the newsletter.

A reminder that the Parent Association is holding their Dad’s Comedy Night this Friday night at 7pm. I’m sure the night will be a grand success and thoroughly enjoyable.

Kind Regards,

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal
EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST COMMUNION LUNCH

The school Mass and First Communion Lunch are on Wednesday 17 September. At present only a couple of parents have offered to help with the organisation of the luncheon. As there is quite a bit of work involved in ordering the food and preparing the tables we need some more parents to help on the day. If you could assist in any way possible could you please contact myself or your child’s class teacher.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

St Oliver’s School Improvement Plan

In last week’s newsletter I shared information about our school review process and the development of our School Improvement Plan and Annual Action Plan. We looked at our goals in Education in Faith and today I will be detailing our goals in the sphere of Learning and Teaching.

Our long term (4 year) School Improvement Plan goal is:

To continue to develop independent and collaborative learners who engage with their global community.

Our shorter term annual goals are:

That student engagement will improve though the targeting of individual needs.

That student outcomes will further improve in all areas.

In order to achieve these goals we are working towards further developing ‘student voice’. We are focusing on providing ‘Learning Intentions’ at the beginning of each lesson, whereby we make explicit to the students what it is that they will be learning, and sharing with them what they need to do in order to demonstrate success. We are also continuing to explore how we can effectively use data to drive learning and teaching and track student learning.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator

Prep Curriculum Night

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Prep Curriculum Night last week! As mentioned, if you would like to give your child some practice in moving left to right through words the following site has many free, short books that you can access on your ipad:


The Magic 100 Words site has activities for the most frequently used words in reading and writing:


Barbara Olanda
Literacy Support & Reading Recovery
What’s happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will continue work on our unit titled ‘The Mass: Sacrifice and Meal.’ We will look at the four different parts of the mass and highlight key features seen within each. We will use the website ‘Together at One Altar’, as a tool for learning.

**WRITING:** Writing workshops and goal meetings will continue this week and we will continue our focus on ‘Writing to Recount’, with a particular focus on historical recounts. We will provide students with a range of examples based on Australian history and look for prominent text features.

**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 BTN reports on the Gold Rush and Eureka Stockade, and practicing the skills of note-taking and summarising key information.

**SPELLING:** Students will be looking at a range of different suffixes and will explore how the addition of these can sometimes alter the word from a verb to a noun.

**MATHS:** Our Maths groups are in full swing, with students making fraction walls to highlight equivalence, using number lines to model fractions, decimals and percentages whilst also building their mental maths knowledge.

**INQUIRY:** In preparation for our excursion to Sovereign Hill we will be using the website ‘My Place’ 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...**

- A reminder that the Sovereign Hill excursion is this Thursday. We ask that all children bring a small backpack with their playlunch, lunch and a drink bottle. Children can bring a camera and between $10 and $20 spending money which will be their responsibility. We hope the weather is kind to us but just in case please provide your child with a warm, weather-proof jacket. We look forward to a fabulous day.
- Homework is due Wednesday the 13th of August. Please continue to support your child in the completion of these tasks.
- 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 focus on the features of the initiation sacraments and discuss the similarities and differences related to these.

**WRITING:** We will continue to look at writing to instruct. We will work on planning and writing an instructional text on ‘How to Throw a Boomerang’, including sub-headings and adding diagrams to our writing.

**READING:** We will continue reading ‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy’ by Jackie French. We will begin looking at the My Place website and listen to stories about what life may have been like for an Aboriginal child. We will also look at a poem called ‘The Spiritual Song of the Aborigine’ and analyse the meaning of this.

**MATHS:** This week we will begin our unit on Multiplication. Students will be attending workshops on multiplication which will cater to their individual learning needs.

**INQUIRY:** In our unit ‘Terra Australis to Australia’ we will be looking at who the first Europeans were to discover Australia. We will look at a timeline of events and the various routes that these early explorers took on their journey to Australia.

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

RELIGION: This week in our unit ‘Experiencing God’, we will identify times we feel close to God and reflect on our experiences of prayer. We will focus on the times and places we pray, the prayers we say and the people we pray with.

READING: In Reading, we will continue to study non-fiction texts. Some of the features we will focus on will be the inclusion of contents pages, indexes and glossaries. We will discuss the purpose of these pages and how we can use them to help locate particular information in what we read.

WRITING: This week in Writing, we will continue to investigate the structures and features of information reports with a focus on adjectives. We will reflect on how the use of these descriptive words enhances the text being studied. We will also begin to model how to research a topic and record the information found on a planning sheet.

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

MATHS: As we continue with our multiplication unit, the children will be working on tasks applicable to their understandings about this concept. These tasks will involve solving and recording multiplication problems using a variety of strategies including drawing, concrete materials and arrays.

INQUIRY: This week we are looking forward to our Excursion to Yarrabee Yesterday’s World where we will experience what it was like to go to school in the past. We will see and learn about many household items from other eras as well. Following the excursion, the children will record their observations and reflect on what they learnt about living a long time ago.

Click HERE for a copy of the current Junior’s homework task sheet

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be using Godly Play to tell the story of Jonah and the Whale and discussing how Jonah was protected by God. We are also talking to the children about the people in their lives who protect them in everyday situations.

READING: We are reading big books about grandparents and sharing and discussing the stories we heard at our Grandparents’ morning.

WRITING: We will be making invitations for our ‘100 Days of School’ party, and we will be using our new ‘seeds’ in writing to develop our thinking.

MATHS: In Maths we are learning to count by 10s and looking at the ‘manyness’ of 100 objects. For example, 100 counters compared to 100 books.

INQUIRY: We had the Grandparents’ morning on Monday and it was a great success. A big thank you to all the grandparents who could make it. We will be discussing the different stories and objects that were shared with the children.

REMINDERS . . .

- Our ‘100 Days of School’ party is this FRIDAY! A note will be going home today with all the final details.
- The Prep Mass is this Sunday 3rd of August in the school church starting at 10:30am. We hope to see you all there!
- Prep F will be presenting at assembly next Wednesday 6th of August at 9am (depending on weather).
MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet. This week’s insight looks at ‘Helping kids make sense of the MH 17 air disaster’. What has been the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people? Michael Grose suggests some guidelines to use when discussing the tragedy with your children.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

As advised in last week’s newsletter, 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.

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.

This data will be collated and entered into the system at the end of this week.

Libby Sheedy
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORT

Congratulations to all the senior boys who played basketball for interschool sports last Friday. The boys lost 1 game by 2 points and won their second game by 1 point. They played extremely well and showed great sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents and other children in the school who came along to support them! A big thank you to Miss Cadman for all her support and hard work!

District Athletics trials will be held next week. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the day and time.

Mrs. 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 – Bruno Arena  JD - Ava Satterthwaite  JL – Olivia Lanyon  JR – Isaac Checketts

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 at the beginning of term 3. 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 this Friday night. 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

Mattie 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 Mattie 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
Derrimut

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 $__________
A lot of different looks

Last week we explored ways to change our appearance, from making **jewelled statement necklaces** and drawing **temporary tattoos** on each other to creating different styles of false **moustaches**. The children had fun trying lots of different looks! They also proved that they can beat me at **Line Tiggy**. I might have to take up running if I want to equal the very fit children of St Oliver's!

This week is a bit of a mix: some activities inspired by children’s requests (**Wizard Duelling**) and others inspired by the Commonwealth Games (**Guess The Flag**, **Sports Pictionary**, and because the games are in Scotland, **paper people in kilts**). Come along and join the fun!

Keeping your bookings up to date

Thank you to all the parents who take the time to let us know when their children will not be attending. When a name is on our roll and the child doesn’t arrive, we have to check with parents and teachers whether that child was away or has just been picked up already. So it’s a big help when parents call or text the OSHC mobile, or use the online Parent Console to cancel unneeded bookings.

Staffing update

This week, Hanain and myself continue to coordinate Before and After School Care respectively. Gowri plans to return to OSHC next week.

-Zilla

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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)

**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.

**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

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