Dear Parents and Children,

Congratulations to all of the senior children who participated in the basketball Hooptime competition last week. The day was a great success and I thank the Parent Association for their financial support, and the many parents who offered their time and coaching skills to assist on the day. I’d also like to thank Giulia Mazzarella, our Sport Coordinator and our wonderful senior team of teachers who ensured that the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by the children.

Regards
Alan Sweeney

My name is Adriana Cartwright and I’m the Chairperson of the St Oliver’s School Board.

The aims of the St Oliver’s School Board are to support, assist and advise the Parish Priest and Principal in the efficient management and development of the school in order to provide a sound catholic education for the children of our school. My primary role as Chairperson is to coordinate our meetings which are held monthly. Our meetings bring together information for discussion to aid the school decision making process.

All Board members are happy for you to speak with them directly if you have any thoughts or perspectives about school processes or management that you feel should be raised at Board level. Contact can be made to me though the following email address.

schoolboard@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au
Day to day parent concerns should be addressed through the “Let’s Talk About It” protocol shown below.

Let’s Talk About It

From time to time in any school parents may have a concern or an issue about school life which they may need to resolve. The following steps outline the appropriate process to follow if you find yourself in this position.

**STEP ONE**
Speak to the class teacher or specialist teacher concerned about your issue or problem. (If it is important make an appointment so that teachers are not interrupted during valuable class time). Simple matters can usually be sorted out at this level.

**STEP TWO**
If you are unable to find a satisfactory solution to your problem make an appointment to see the Principal to discuss the matter further.

*Please note:*
*At no time is it acceptable for a parent to directly confront a student as a means of resolving the issues they have*

At our meetings Alan, in his Principal’s Report, shares and acknowledges the various events and activities that are occurring in and around our school and the parish community. Key discussion points have also included enrolments, future school planning and future challenges.

Georgie McElligott has continued to provide us with a monthly Parent Association report updating us on recent fundraising activities as well as ongoing programs. Feedback to the School Board regarding plans for the upcoming school fete have been provided, and it sounds exciting! This is our single largest fundraising event due to the tireless efforts of the Parent Association and the support of our local community and businesses.

Our last Fete was held in in 2013. All of the events the Parent Association organises raise significant funds to contribute directly back into the school to support our children’s education. Most recent collaborations have updated computers, provided our school with a significant number of tablets and with additional sporting equipment that is used by all of our children.

The O.H.S.C. program is continuing to run well and numbers have increased significantly since introduction in 2011. The current arrangement we have with this service will continue throughout 2015.

Possible renovations or the rebuild of the school hall has been discussed at Board Meetings. It was quite pleasing to hear that the Catholic Education Office has acknowledged the poor condition of the existing hall, and has finally granted permission for the school to explore how we can self-fund a new hall. Alan and Fr Paul are working through options to improve this facility as part of the commitment to provide for our children’s educational needs. We should be able to advise you of developments in the next few weeks!

The five spheres of schooling are listed below.

The five spheres are:

- Education in Faith
- Learning and Teaching
- Leadership and Management
- Student Wellbeing
- School Community.
In June Libby Sheedy presented to the Board our School Wellbeing Structures. Student Wellbeing goals were discussed in detail and indicated strong and positive data at St Oliver’s. Some of the activities and programs at St Oliver’s that strengthen student wellbeing include Bounce Back, ongoing staff professional learning, the referral procedures, the role of the student counsellor, active travel, lunchtime clubs, the transition process and family support.

THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Fr Paul Connell
Parish Priest
Adrianna Cartwright
Chairperson
Alan Sweeney
Principal
Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal
Georgie McElligott
Parent Association President

Brendan Blaney
Monica Byrne
David Caroselli
Marita Pascoe

Best regards,
Adriana Cartwright
School Board Chairperson

STEP-A-THON FOR KIDS
St Olivers Term 3 Fundraiser

Step-a-thon for kids is a national campaign for primary school children to help teach them the importance of making every step count. Obesity is on the rise in Australia and Step-a-thon aims to teach children the value of making every step count by encouraging them to keep active and supporting the research that keeps kids everywhere healthy and active. From 31st August until 6th September 2015 children will count their steps and raise money for child health research. The first 25,000 children to register will receive a free slap-on pedometer to make counting their steps fun and easy.

DID YOU KNOW
- Obesity is on the rise in Australia
- One in ten children suffer from a food allergy
- Heart disease is the cause of one third of childhood deaths
- Every week three Australian children will die from cancer

The Murdoch Children’s Research is working towards finding preventions and treatments for hundreds of common and rare childhood treatments.

REGISTRATION
Parents are required to register their children through this website, and are sent a Step-a-thon pack which includes a slap-band pedometer for the first 25,000 people who register. http://www.stepathon.com.au/about/
They then raise money from family and friends who support the initiative and then they are off stepping. As this is our fundraiser for term three we are hoping that all the children can step up and support this initiative.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator
SENIORS

RELIGION: We will continue with our unit ‘Life is Good’, inviting students to work in groups to complete an inquiry project using a global issue in our world. This will address the focus question ‘How Can We Respect and Care for Life?’ They will present their findings to the class, using any means of presentation.

READING: We will continue reading our new serial text, ‘The Cay’, by Theodore Taylor, modelling to students how to effectively use a ‘think-mark’. We will focus on the emotions of the main characters, Phillip and Timothy using evidence from the text to support our interpretations. Our non-fiction focus is summarising and listing key vocabulary about the body systems – particularly, the respiratory system. Students will continue with the Reading Routine structure and will be involved in a guided reading session weekly.

WRITING: We will begin planning our biographies on a student from another class. Using information gained from their interview, students will organise this information onto an appropriate scaffold, with teachers modelling the process. Workshops and goal meetings will also take place.

MATHS: We will begin our Shape & Transformation unit this week. Students will be pre-tested and this data will be used as evidence to guide our daily foci. We will begin the unit looking at features of quadrilaterals.

INQUIRY: We will visit the Melbourne Museum and watch ‘The Human Body’ movie at IMAX to tie in with our ‘Growing Up’ unit. Students will be given a workbook to fill in throughout the day focusing on the different body systems. We will also watch the ‘Wonder of Living’ DVD focusing on the beginning of new human life.

REMINDERS:
- Please continue to support your child with the completion of their homework tasks.
- Please help your child to ensure their reading is recorded in their diary each week. They are also required to write two OSSLs a week summarising what has been read.
- All Wednesday assemblies this term will be held at 11:30am.
- SM will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.
- Next Thursday 13th August is the Grandparents’ Mass. This will be held at 11:45am and grandparents are invited to visit the children’s classrooms afterwards. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes will be served in the school hall from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Please click HERE for a copy of the Senior Homework grid

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue our unit ‘The Eucharist- Celebrating Jesus’ Presence. We will be investigating the last supper. Year Fours please remember to bring in your “Family Home Activity for First Communion”.

WRITING: This week we will be focussing on explanation texts. Students will begin to write their own explanation on the human lifecycle.

READING: We will continue to read our new serial novel ‘The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. We will be focussing on answering literal questions, using our serial novel.

SPELLING: This week we will be working on plurals.

MATHS: We will starting our number unit on Division. Students will investigate different strategies to use to solve division problems.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry Unit is “Survivor”. We will be going on our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. We will also be having a guest speaker to discuss the changes from teenager to adult and adult to elderly.

Please click HERE for a copy of the Middle Homework grid
**JUNIORS**

**RELIGION:** As we conclude our unit ‘Creator God’, the students will retell the story of Creation and discuss the ways that they can look after themselves and their world. We will read the story ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea” and focus on the ways that we can make a difference to our school environment, our homes and ourselves.

**READING:** During reading sessions, we are continuing the routine of the ‘shared big book’ and guided reading sessions. In our shared reading sessions we will be focusing on the use of punctuation and different fonts to help us use expression and add emphasis when reading aloud.

**WRITING:** This week, the students will continue to be exposed to and explore the structure of various information reports. We will look at how to use the information from non-fiction texts to plan a report. The students will then choose an animal and begin composing and detailing their individual reports.

**MATHS:** The Juniors will begin the new unit of Multiplication this week. As an introduction, we will brainstorm the keys words and concepts of the topic and the ways the concept may be expressed e.g. groups of, times, arrays and repeated addition. The students will then participate in a range of hands-on experiences to assist with the development of efficient multiplication strategies.

**INQUIRY:** During ‘This Is My Life’ Inquiry sessions, the students will share their findings from their interviews with their senior buddy. We will then discuss the differences and similarities in their lives from Grade 1 and 2 to Grade 5 and 6. We will also use the three photos brought by the children and detail the developmental milestones that they achieved as a baby, toddler and child.

**REMINDEERS**
- M100W testing starts this Friday 7th August. Please send your child’s M100W book to school.

**PREPS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will be re-reading the story of ‘David and Goliath’ and ‘Jonah and the Whale’ through Godly play.

**READING:** We will be reading a variety of versions of the story ‘Little Red Hen’. We will be comparing them and discussing the characters feelings.

**WRITING:** We are introducing the children to the “seed Box’ and writing our ideas. We will be sharing our seeds with the class.

**MATHS:** We will be focussing on the ‘teen’ numbers and making them using tens frames.

**INQUIRY:** We will be beginning to look at the importance of food in our diet, in particular fruit and vegetables.
PARENTING INSIGHTS

This week’s insight looks at ‘Raising a Critical Generation’. Michael Grose’s article written by Lakshmi Singh looks at how we can foster a critical spirit in a constructive, healthy and balanced way.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

First Aid in Schools

The First Aid Sessions run by St John’s Ambulance last Friday were fantastic. Hopefully your children have been able to share their experiences with you. Are your children first aid ready?

There is online support and information to see how much you know about First Aid.

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

Libby Sheedy Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR HOOPTIME

Well what a fantastic day we had at MSAC for the McDonald’s Hooptime last Wednesday 29th July. The seniors participated in a round robin competition against other schools from around Victoria. The St Oliver’s children showed great sportsmanship and team work on the day. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all the parents who helped out on the day. The day wouldn’t have run as smoothly as it did without you!! If any parent still has the basketball tops can you please hand them back to me or the senior teachers as soon as possible.

COBURG DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Yesterday I met with the children to discuss how students will be selected to go to the Coburg District Athletics. Using the results from Sports day, and their ages, students will be selected to represent our school at this event. I will be asking children who would like to participate in high jump, triple jump and 200m to try out for these events this Thursday at lunchtime. In the past, the majority of children selected for the District Athletics, have been from grades 4, 5 and 6. The finalised list of children will be available next week.

MIDDLES HOOPTIME

Middles Hooptime is coming up in a few weeks. Permission notes will be sent home today. Please fill them in and return them to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP. If you are available to help please fill in the appropriate part on the slip.

Many Thanks
Mrs Giulia Mazzarella
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

STUDENT AWARDS
Monique Chiera, Rafaela Yan, Christian D’Aprano, Serena Scodela, Harry James, Montana D’Aloia, Mira Russo, Cara Tsionis, Lola Ferrante, Ryley Cataldo, Mikaela Marocchino, Ellisse Baviera, Alannah Bell, Luca Vecchiarelli, Georgie Denes, Matilda Rose, Oscar Hubbard, Molly McGregor, Lara Unger, James Astuto, Cloe Yan, Alana Capuana, Alex Hatzievangelou, Emma Ferraro, Danielle Ferraiolo, Oscar Cain, Lia Aguiler, Cartia Chiera and Steven King

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 9 a.m.-10.30 a.m. 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

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 new edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory is not too far away now. We look forward to distributing our booklet in the coming weeks.

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

**TERM 3 UP AND COMING EVENTS**

Disco…. 17th Sept

Subway Lunch…Date to be confirmed

Next meeting…scheduled for Wednesday 12th August 7:30 p.m.
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 have been blessed to have a few mums available to make preserves/jams/sauces to sell at our fete ….. Now we just need produce (Fruit, citrus, capsicums etc) that can be turned into jams/spreads etc. If you can help out with donations please contact Georgie on 0405 435 770
Thank you
PASCOE VALE CRICKET CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY FOR SEASON
2015/2016

JUNIORS (u10, u12, u14 & u16) $140 includes playing shirt and

Melbourne Stars membership
Season begins start of October

MILO IN2 CRICKET $75 includes MILO playing pack
Sessions begin Friday 30th October

Friday 4th September  5pm-8pm
Raeburn Reserve
Landells Rd Pascoe Vale
Free Sausage Sizzle for dinner

Note: NO cricket is played in the school holidays over the Christmas period. For regular updates you can “Like” us on facebook. For more information contact: Georgie McElligott 0405435770