Dear Parents,

From all accounts last Friday’s Comedy evening was a great success.

Many thanks to Michael Said for all of his enthusiasm and expertise in organising and planning the evening. Many thanks to his amazing band of helpers, Georgie and Stephen McElligott, John D’Angelo, Andrew Carlton, Biagio Pitruzzello and Peter Ryan and many thanks to all of you who were able to support the school by attending and bringing your family or friends to the evening.

 Regards

Alan Sweeney
EDUCATION IN FAITH

Senior M and Senior S will be attending the 10:00 Mass on Thursday 7 August. Any parents and family members are welcome to come and sit with their child and join in the prayers.

FIRST COMMUNION
There will be a meeting next Tuesday 12 August in the multi-purpose room at 3:40 for those parents who are helping at the First Communion Lunch. Could any parent who is able to help out at the lunch but unable to attend the meeting please let me know?

RECONCILIATION
On Friday 8 August the students in Middle M and Middle G will be attending the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is part of their preparation before they make their First Communion.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

St Oliver’s School Improvement Plan
The following are our goals and intended actions in the sphere of Wellbeing:

Our long term (4 year) School Improvement Plan goal is:
-To develop a caring, safe and positive school community where every member is holistically supported

Our shorter term annual goal is:
-That students continue to interact positively with each other, developing resilience and pro-social behaviours

In order to achieve these goals we intend:
-To strengthen positive behaviour management protocols in classrooms
-Provide support for all staff through professional learning in behaviour management
-Embed and evaluate Social and Emotional learning approaches to personalise learning and differentiate curriculum
-Survey students as to how they see themselves as learners

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

SENIORS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: Students will begin planning their own paraliturgy, drawing on aspects from the four different parts of the Mass that have been studied in class. Each class will be responsible for certain elements.

**WRITING**: Writing workshops and goal meetings will continue this week. Poetry will be a focus for workshops and we will continue our focus on ‘Writing to Recount’, with a particular focus on Biographies and their structure.

**READING**: We will continue to read our serial text ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase’ by Gabrielle Wang and record key quotes on a ‘think mark’. We will model a response based on our own personal experiences. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the 2014 CBCA Short-Listed Picture Books and deciphering the key themes and message presented within each book. For our non-fiction text we will be looking at the BTN report ‘Australia Day’ and practising our summarising skills.

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

**MATHS**: We will continue with our Fraction & Decimal groups. Students will be looking at fraction equivalence, fractions and decimals on number lines, and converting fractions to decimals and percentages.

**INQUIRY**: Students will use experiences gained from the Sovereign Hill excursion to produce a comic or picture story book based upon ‘The Gold Rush,’ ‘Life on the Goldfields,’ ‘Immigration to the Gold Fields,’ or the ‘Eureka Stockade’. They will use photos taken from the day and include text to tell their story.

**Just a reminder...**

- Senior S and Senior M will attend their Class Mass this Thursday 7th August at 10am – family members are most welcome to attend.
- Senior C 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.
- Thank you to all parents who attended the Sovereign Hill excursion. The day proved to be a great success, despite the inclement weather.
- 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.

MIDDLES

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: We will continue our unit ‘Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation’. We will focus on the parts of the Mass and the importance of each part. We will also be practising the Mass responses so children are familiar with them before they attend Mass.

**WRITING**: We will begin ‘writing to inform’ by looking at biographies. We will read some examples and look at the structures, language features and content of biographies. We will link this with our Inquiry Unit and look at explorers’ biographies.

**READING**: We will continue reading ‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy’ by Jackie French. We will introduce a new activity called ‘The Double Entry Journal’ which helps children respond to non-fiction text.

**MATHS**: This week we will continue with our unit on Multiplication. Students will continue to attend workshops on multiplication which will cater to their individual learning needs.

**INQUIRY**: In our unit ‘Terra Australis to Australia’ we will be looking at the first Europeans who discovered Australia. We will look at some of the Early Explorers and their reasons for exploring.

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

RELIGION: This week in our unit 'Experiencing God', we will continue to focus on prayer and discuss how throughout His life, Jesus Christ taught his disciples to nurture their relationship with God through prayer. We will revise four different types of prayer (prayer of thanks, prayer of petition, prayer of praise and prayer of sorrow). The children will focus on the prayer of petition and compose their own prayer.

READING: During reading sessions this week we will continue to engage the children in shared reading practices and further revise the structures and features of information texts. As we read the texts, we will identify the nouns, verbs and adjectives contained therein.

WRITING: In Writing this week, we will continue to model how to research and record information onto a planning sheet. We will model how compose an information report using the information from the planner. The students will choose an animal to research and they will start to gather information and record the facts on their planning sheet.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘ing’ (king, thing) 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 in 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, manipulating concrete materials, and arrays.

INQUIRY: This week as we continue our unit 'The Good Old Days' we will be looking at what life was like for a Victorian child in the 1900’s compared to the life of a child in 2014.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We are looking at the Old Testament story, David and Goliath and discussing how God protected David when he came up against Goliath.

READING: We are reading picture books from the Book Week display and at the end of the week the children will be voting on their favourite Book Week book.

WRITING: In writing we are modelling how to write an opinion about different topics. We will be encouraging them to use this as a different form of writing.

MATHS: This week we are continuing to see what 100 looks like using different objects around the classroom. We will be starting our new unit on location and directional language.

INQUIRY: We are reading stories about grandparents and the children are sharing how many grandparents they have. We are showing this information in a picture graph.

REMINDER. . .

- Prep F will be presenting at assembly tomorrow, 6th of August at 9am (depending on weather).
- Also a big thank you to all the parents who came to our 100 days of school party and those who were able to help set up/pack up. We couldn’t have done it without all your help!
**Tips for staying active this winter!**

Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to Students participating in sports and physical activities. Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:

**Before Exercise** take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.

**Warm Up** before exercise as normal.

**During Exercise** watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved. If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.

**After Exercise** cool down as usual. Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

**Other things to remember:**
- Ensure all students have current Asthma Action/Care Plans
- If possible make activities that are scheduled for the night indoors as the drop in air temperature makes air colder to inhale and acts as a greater trigger.
- Encourage students with asthma to participate fully!

Libby Sheedy  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

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**SPORT**

Trials for the seniors for Coburg District Athletics will be held this week. All events: 100m, 200m, 800m, 4x100m relay, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus will be held on **FRIDAY after lunch**. High jump will be held on **THURSDAY lunchtime** in the hall.

Also the permission notes for Hooptime will go home tomorrow. Please fill-in the forms and send back as soon as possible.

Mrs. Mazzarella  
Sport Coordinator
GENERAL NEWS

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

STUDENT AWARDS
Chiara Scodella, Eamon Sheehan, Grace Calcagno, Marcus Funnell, Christian D’Aprano, Paris Tortul, Ariann Abdallah, Sophie Keleher, Sienna Leonardi, Sara Belia, Julia Polidori, Daniel Augello, Lara Unger, Ava De Santanna, Rhys Gravina, Andre Tona, Dawood Sada, Celeste Barravecchio, Sarina Valastro, Sienna Romeo, Alessia Scalogna, Cristina Vigiano, Anelyse Rizza, Aidan McElligott, Julius Guzzardi, Matthew Miano, Lisa Mokbel, Jessica Russo, Amelia Pannunzio, Giovanni Piperno

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
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. OLIVERS’ 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

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.

DADS COMEDY NIGHT
A huge thank you to the coordinator of this event Michael Said. From all accounts everyone had a fabulous time. Please refer to the attached flier for a more detailed thank you and event summary.
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
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$10    Amount Enclosed$__________
MANY THANKS TO A GREAT COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who attended the comedy night last Friday. It was great to see more than 130 people brave the wild weather to come and enjoy the night. The night has continued to grow over the past 3 years which is a testament to the community spirit of St Oliver’s. Everyone enjoyed meeting up with each other while enjoying a meal and definitely a lot of laughs.

Bob Franklin warmed up the audience considering the weather outside on the night. He then set the stage for Gab Rossi who took the crowd on, and made everyone laugh immensely. We were then fortunate enough to have Lawrence Mooney close the night, having everyone in the crowd in fits of laughter.

Overall the night was a huge success that would not have been possible without the help of a lot of people behind the scenes.

A huge thank you goes to Georgie McElligott and Peter Ryan for helping set up for the night, Steve McElligott and Andrew Carlton for working the BBQ (in extraordinary weather conditions), Biaggio Pitruzello and Alan Sweeney for welcoming guests at the door and John D’Angelo who ran the bar.

A big thank you goes to all the dads who stayed back to help with cleaning up and stacking tables and chairs.

Most of all thank you to our sponsors who made the night a great success - without their support and generosity the night could not have happened. Also a big thankyou to our wonderful Masters of Ceremonies Frank Siliato and Joe Mangiafico who ran and co-ordinated the night with perfect timing.

Jetts Fitness, Pascoe Vale - Chris Blake
Reblue Real Estate - Joe Pollina

Murrone Brothers Excavation - Joe and his brothers

Centorrino Technologies - Your IT Specialists

CMS Meats, West st Glenroy - Tony

Ohea’s Bakery - Joe Arena

IGA Liquor, Kent Rd Pascoe Vale
OSHC Activities

Yesterday senior children made chocolate coconut slice.

Upcoming events are play dough creation, over world mine craft, felt heart shape cushions, Bi carb soda vinegar experiment and more.

Staff Update

Gowri returned this week. She missed OSHC children.

Curriculum Day – 14th and 15th August

Camp Australia will be offering care on these days. If we can get 18 bookings or more. So please go to the parent console or call customer service and secure your bookings now.

Curriculum Day fee.

7.00AM - 6.00PM - $55.00 full fee.

Out of pocket $8.85 - $27.50

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: www.campaussia.com.au/holidayclubs

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