Dear Parents,

It was interesting to see on one of the weather reports last week that we are experiencing one of the coldest winters for many years. At St Oliver’s we have noted a higher percentage of absences caused by the cold and wet conditions. I’ve spoken with several local Principals and they also report a higher incidence of children’s absence because of the infections, colds and stomach ailments being experienced across their communities. All of our classes are being reminded of basic hygiene practices including the importance of all children washing their hands when using the toilets. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather that spring promises in the next few weeks!

A reminder that all Grandparents are invited to join us at Mass this Thursday 13th August commencing at 11.45 a.m. Following the Mass all Grandparents are welcome to join us at the school to share some time visiting their grandchildren’s classrooms and share a tour of the school if they wish.

Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes will then be served in the school hall from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Regards,

Alan Sweeney
EDUCATION IN FAITH

GRANDPARENT’S MASS THIS THURSDAY

Our Grandparent’s Mass is on this **Thursday 13 August at 11:45 a.m.**
Mass will be followed by the Grandparents sharing time with their grandchildren in the classroom. Light refreshments will be available in the hall from 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
It’s not too late for any grandparents who have not yet indicated that they are coming. For catering purposes please let the office know of your attendance.

**PRAYERS FROM JUNIOR R**

*Dear Thankful God,*  
You are amazing for making the world and for creating wonderful people. You made the sky that is so beautiful and blue. You are a special God to me. *Amen.* (by Charlie Prattico)

*Dear Lovely God,*  
You are amazing for creating the water and the big and small animals and the beautiful rainbows. You are a wonderful person and we are so happy that we have you. *Amen.* (Ellisse Baviera)

*Dear Loving God,*  
You are amazing for making the earth, sun, water and trees. You made the mangos that are delicious and sweet. You are a loving, kind, sharing God.  
*Amen.* (Johan Boobal)

Trish Segrave  
Religious Education Coordinator

**PARENTING INSIGHTS**

This week’s insight is titled ‘Build up Frequent Father points’  
Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up frequent father points, and the benefits for both dads and kids.

Please click **HERE** to access the parenting sheet.

Libby Sheedy  
Wellbeing Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

**RELIGION:** Students will continue working in their groups on their inquiry project researching a global issue such as poverty, water sanitation, child slavery or climate change. They will present their findings to the class, using any means of presentation.

**READING:** We will continue reading our serial text, ‘The Cay’, by Theodore Taylor, modelling to students the ‘Quotables’ activity and also comparing and contrasting Phillip’s views of the world. Our non-fiction focus is summarising and listing key vocabulary about the body systems – particularly, the digestive system. Students will continue with the Reading Routine and will be involved in a guided reading session weekly.

**WRITING:** After planning our biographies last week, we will model to students how to write the introductory paragraph and also the first body paragraph. Students will be given the opportunity to start writing their own biographies on a class member. Workshops and goal meetings will also take place.

**MATHS:** We will continue our Shape & Transformation unit this week. We will discuss geometric terms used to describe shapes and classify a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

**INQUIRY:** We will continue watching the Wonder of Living DVD, discussing the process of conception and the beginning of new human life. Teachers will also address and answer any questions in the class question box.

**REMINDERS:**
- Homework is due this Thursday 13th August - Please continue to support your child with their completion of 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 assemblies this term will be held at 11:30 a.m.
- SM will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.
- Thursday 13th August is the Grandparent’s Mass. This will be held at 11:45 a.m. 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. – 2:30pm.

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 begin to look at the features of the four stages of the Mass.

**WRITING:** This week we will continue with explanation texts. Students will finish writing 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 critical questions, using our serial novel.

**SPELLING:** We will look at suffixes and prefixes this week and discuss the meaning of these.

**MATHS:** We will continue our unit on Division. Students will work in their groups to investigate different strategies to use to solve division problems.

**INQUIRY:** This week the ‘Living Eggs Ready Hatch Program’ will be arriving. We will investigate the life cycle of chickens as well as other animals. After this investigation we will watch ‘The Lion King’.

*Note: Please remember to finish off Italian number word find by Monday next week.*

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

**JUNIORS**

**RELIGION:** This week we will be continuing to discuss and record the ways in which we can look after our world and we will also be sequencing and illustrating the stages of The Creation Story. The Juniors will be joining the whole school to celebrate the Grandparent's Mass on Thursday.

**READING:** This week our shared reading texts focus on information reports. We will identify the structure, language and features used in the reports and link this to our writing sessions.

**WRITING:** Each student will continue to gather information about their chosen animal using resources in the classroom. They will then use this information to write a report using the structure and features discussed in class.

**MATHS:** In Maths, we will continue to investigate multiplication. The students will be engaged in a variety of activities including using concrete materials, drawings, arrays and repeated addition to record and solve multiplication problems.

**INQUIRY:** This week we will continue to use the three photos brought by the children and detail the developmental milestones that they achieved as a baby, toddler and child. We look forward to welcoming any grandparents that are available to visit our grades on Thursday. We would love to get your thoughts on your life today, as we study the different stages we humans go through in our lives.

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

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**PREPS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will be beginning our new unit, ‘God’s Great Family’ and spending some time reflecting on the special people in our own lives, especially our Grandparents given that we will be celebrating our Grandparent’s Mass on Thursday.

**READING:** We will be reading a variety of versions of the story, ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. We will compare the different versions and discuss the characters’ feelings.

**WRITING:** We are continuing to use our ‘Seed Box’ to help start our thinking for writing. We will be looking at how a ‘seed’ can help us write a recount, story or facts.

**MATHS:** We will be continuing to focus on the ‘teen’ numbers and practise making and writing the numbers correctly.

**INQUIRY:** We will continue to look at how vegetables and fruits help us to grow strong and healthy, and learn how to care for our Prep Vegetable Patch at school.

**REMINDERS**

- Grandparent’s Mass on Thursday at 11.45am
- M100W testing will be NEXT Friday, August 21st. Keep up the terrific work you are doing with your child at home!
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
Thomas Worland, Madison Rumoro, Georgia Banks, Sara Belia, Eamon Sheehan, Michael Boato, Luke Pelosi, Emily Holub, Cameron Pascoe, Johan Boobal, Jordana Harris, Stefan Hatzievangelou, Sienna Romeo, Joshua DeMarco, Christopher Mikhail, Christina De Filippis, Oscar Hubbard, Jack Capuana, Anthony Bialatzis, Aaron Frattasio, Anthony Manducca, Eva Cartwright, Jett Ryder, Samantha Ayers, Charlotte James, Julia D’Angelo, Liam Tierney

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
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

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
New Pascoe Vale Coles BBQ….12th Sept. Book this date in to come on down to the new Coles and have a snag or two for lunch and support our school

Disco…. 17th Sept

Subway Lunch…Date to be confirmed

Next meeting…scheduled for Wednesday 12th August 7.30pm
FETE STALLS 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’re on Facebook ‘St Oliver’s Spectacular Fete’ Like us and keep up to date with the days plans and early bird ticket deals.

JAR COLLECTION….Please send all jar donations ASAP!!!!!!!!!!!! We have counted the amount of jars already donated and worked out how many we are going to need in the next couple of weeks…..we need another 180 jars!!!! Jars required are for example are 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.

ROTARY RAFFLE Again this fete we are joining forces with the Pascoe Vale Rotary Club. We will soon be sending home raffle tickets from the rotary club. $1 from every ticket will be going directly to the school with the other $1 going to the rotary club who do some wonderful charity work within our neighbourhood. The tickets and the trailer full of prizes will also be available on the day of the fete.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS In the coming weeks a “Calling all volunteers” form will be sent home. We need as many people as possible to help run the fete on the day. Allocated rostered times will be available and we hope that everyone can spare a few hours contributing to this fabulous event.

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
St Oliver Plunkett

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

by Camp Australia

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**How to get started**
Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy.

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**Once registered**
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

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**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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**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.

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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:

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