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BOOK WEEK 2014

Connect to Reading

Next week is Book Week. Each class is busily reading the short-listed picture books and voting for the most popular book. The class that has the most votes for the picture book that wins this year will win a special lunch. This will be announced next Wednesday at our special Book Week assembly.

Wednesday 20th August: Book Week Parade.

All students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. Please do not spend money on this. Use your creativity and whatever you have at home to create costumes. The parade will be held at 9am when each child will get to show their costume to the rest of the school. Throughout the day the children will complete art activities related to a particular picture story book.

Thursday 21st August: Author Visit

On Thursday 21st August Peter Klein an author, bush poet, singer and songwriter will be visiting our school and working with each class. ‘Captain Pete’, as he is better known, integrates music and drama with Australian themes creating an entertaining learning environment that allows students to discover that ‘creativity can lead to successful outcomes’.

From the Principal...

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**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**

If there are any parents who would like to help out with the ‘Children’s Liturgy’ at the 10:30 Sunday Masses could they please let me know. It involves a couple of times a year, reading a scripture story to the children, discussing the story with them and then helping the children complete a simple work sheet afterwards. There are usually a couple of parents helping at the Masses. If you are able to help in any way could you please let me know?

**FIRST COMMUNION**

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

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

*Please note a change in the class Mass roster for the Middle grades – link in Diary Dates.*

**LEARNING AND TEACHING**

**St Oliver’s School Improvement Plan**

The following are our goals and intended actions in the sphere of School Community:

Our long term (4 year) School Improvement Plan goal is:
*To form closer links with parents, parish and the wider community*

Our shorter term annual goal is:
*That student learning is enhanced through connections with the community*

In order to achieve these goals we intend to develop partnerships between the school and local communities, and we will continue to use technologies and new programs to develop student engagement with the global community. We will also review our transition programs in the years prep and six in order to build student capacity.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator

**WELLBEING**

**MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT**

Please click [HERE](#) to access the parenting sheet.

This week’s insight looks at ‘Raising Calm Kids’ With anxiety on the rise there’s a simple but powerful technique that all kids should practice. Dr. Jenny Brockis explains the link between quiet time and the development of calm in children.

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

SENIORS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** On Tuesday the Seniors will be conducting their own Paraliturgy incorporating the four key stages of the Mass. Students have been heavily involved in the organisation and preparation of this very special liturgy, applying all they have learnt throughout the unit.

**WRITING:** We will be reading a range of historic texts that discuss the colonisation of different areas of Australia. We will carefully examine these texts and use a plan to organise ideas, being sure to paraphrase to make the content our own.

**READING:** We will continue to read our serial text ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase’ by Gabrielle Wang and students will write their own response to the text. We will finish reading the 2014 CBCA Short-Listed Picture Books and decipher the key themes and messages presented within each book.

**SPELLING:** Students will investigate when to use ‘cial’ and ‘tial’ and compile a list for each of the different spellings.

**MATHS:** Students will be illustrating all they have learnt throughout the ‘Fraction & Decimal’ unit by conducting a Profile Assessment piece.

**INQUIRY:** Students will publish their picture story books based on the Gold Rush and will further investigate significant events that have shaped Australian history, matching key dates with key figures and events.

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- A reminder that next Wednesday is the Book Week Parade, where students can dress up as their favourite book character and will participate in some activities associated with the short-listed books.
- Homework is due THIS Wednesday the 13th of August.

**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 finish our unit, ‘Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation’. We will continue to practise the Mass responses in preparation for the grade 4’s First Eucharist.

**WRITING:** We will continue looking at examples of biographies and discussing their structure and language features. Children will begin researching information on Captain Cook which they will include when they write a biography.

**READING:** We will continue reading ‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy’ by Jackie French. We are focusing on completing a ‘Double Entry Journal’ using a factual 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 European settlement and the impact it had on the different parties involved.

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

RELIGION: This week in our unit ‘Experiencing God’, we will continue our focus on prayer. In small groups, students will use Pope Francis’ 5 Finger Prayer model to prepare a section for a class prayer celebration.

READING: During reading sessions this week we will continue to engage the children in shared reading practices, and revisit strategies that help extend their word knowledge and recognition. These concepts will include substituting words in order to maintain meaning, locating base words and matching rhyming pairs.

WRITING: In Writing this week, we will continue to model how to research and record information onto a planning sheet and use this information to compose an information report. Children who have collected their information on a chosen animal will then begin to plan and write their own individual information report.

SPELLING: We will continue to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘ock’ (clock, rock) and involve 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, we will complete our multiplication unit by having the children consolidate their understanding of groups, arrays, matching number sentences, word problems and counting patterns through various multiplication activities. We will also continue with counting strategies such as counting forwards and backwards by ones starting at various different points.

INQUIRY: This week, as we continue our unit ‘The Good Old Days’, the children will revise the text ‘A Day in the Life of a Victorian Child’ and compare the features described in this text with life today. We will complete the data chart comparing the two eras.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be looking at the story of David and Goliath using Readers Theatre and ‘To Know Worship and Love’. We will be comparing them and discussing how God protected David from Goliath.

READING: We are focusing on the comprehension of stories using the 5w’s (who, what, where, when, why). This is to help the children understand what they are reading and know that stories have a beginning, middle and end.

WRITING: In writing we will be continuing to use ‘seeds’ to prompt writing.

MATHS: This week we are continuing to use directional language to describe where places are e.g. Prep F is between the library and Prep H. The children will be taking photos of each other showing their knowledge of directional language. They will then compile a short movie using imovie.

REMINDER...  
- The M100W testing is tomorrow so please make sure you bring in your child’s M100W book.
**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**
*Congratulations to the following children*
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 – Willow Wermuth  JD- Sienna Leonardi  JL – Nicholas Mc Coll  JR – Sarah Barrasscchio

**STUDENT AWARDS**
Lewan Prall, Ellisse Baviera, Diesel Chiera, Sienna Pollina, Taliya Hoblos, Georgie Denes, Sienna Fragapane, Charli Tortul, Bruno Arena, Oliver Forbes, Phillip Pannunzio, Mia Renzella, Sinead Sheehan, Zara Howell, Oliver Perini, Olivia Fragapane, Grazia Galanti, Ronan McElligott, Alana Capuana, Jack O’Sullivan, Oscar Cain, Billy Kalessooglou, Emma Ferraro, Cameron Bell, Alice Hurren, Josh Mirenda, Liana Del Campo, Daniel Barker.

**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 featured businesses in the “Business of the Week” section of the school website are 4D Baby, ADD Airconditioning and Westbreen Florist. For more information regarding the St Oliver’s Business Directory please email bd@sopascevale.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

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.

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING
We have a scheduled meeting this Wednesday night 7.30pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend.
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

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**Mattel Toy Sale Order Form**

Childs Name __________________________ Childs Class __________________________

Contact Phone Number __________________________

Tickets Required __________ x $10 Amount Enclosed $__________
Curriculum Day Care

Camp Australia will not run the Curriculum day care on 14th and 15th of August due to not enough bookings.

Activities at OSHC

Last week children enjoyed group sport activities very well. Senior children made pancakes on Friday.

Today children cooked banana bread. All children enjoyed the tasty snack. Lantern decoration, Jeweler making, Colorful icing on biscuits and preparation of the garden bed are planned activities for this short week. Children have lots of opportunity to choose their own activities available at OSHC.

OSHC Staff

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