Dear Parents,

We hope that all of the Grandparents enjoyed our special Church and School celebrations last Thursday. The day was a great success and enjoyed by all concerned. Thank you to Shelley Hackett our School Community Coordinator and to all of the staff who assisted in organising the school and the lunch for our special visitors.

BOOK WEEK...
Next week is The Children’s Book Council of Australia’s BOOK WEEK. The teachers in all classes will be reading the short-listed books to their students over the next few days. We will be having a ‘BOOK WEEK PARADE’ on Wednesday August 26 and ask that students come to school dressed as a character from a book. The Parade will be at 9:00 a.m. in the North Yard (weather permitting) therefore there will not be a school assembly at 11:30 a.m. Following the Parade the children will participate in three different activities related to the short-listed books. The students will be grouped in multi-age groups from prep to six and will rotate between three different classrooms to complete the activities.

On behalf of the school community, congratulations to Lisa Cadman who will be celebrating her marriage to her fiancé Michael at 1.00 p.m. this Saturday 22nd of August at St Fidelis Church.

Regards,
Alan Sweeney
Thank you to all the grandparents, great-grandparents and families who attended our first grandparents' Mass and luncheon. It was a very special occasion for all involved and wonderful to see the children and their grandparents praying and singing together. Many of the grandparents said “We'll be back next year.”

FIRST COMMUNION
A reminder that the First Communion home activity of the chalice is due on 17 August. Thank you to those families who have already sent theirs in.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

THIS WEEK IS SCIENCE WEEK!!!!

As a family you may wish to explore the following site…..’Galaxy Explorer’

Galaxy Explorer is an online citizen science project undertaken by ABC Science in conjunction with the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research, WA. Throughout August, particularly this week being Science Week, participants are being asked for their help with classifying and sizing galaxies up to 3-4 billion light years away - this is important work that can't be trusted to a computer algorithm. You can do it ALL from the comfort of your lounge room. All you need is a computer or tablet and a connection to the internet.

Click on the following link to register:
https://www.galaxyexplorer.net.au/register/

The web site has good science information about galaxies, great photos as well as profiles of the scientists involved in this study. Classifying the images of galaxies will help Australian astronomers with their research into how galaxies grow and evolve.

Once you have registered you can go into the draw to win a Celestron Cosmos 90GT Wi-fi Telescope (RRP $1,099.95 each).

Click on the following link for more information:
https://www.galaxyexplorer.net.au/win-a-telescope/

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
SENATORS

RELIGION: We will finish our unit, ‘Life is Good’, with students presenting their inquiry projects on a global issue such as poverty, water sanitation, child slavery or climate change.

READING: We will continue reading our serial text, ‘The Cay’, by Theodore Taylor, discussing role reversals and posing new questions about the text. Our non-fiction focus is summarising and listing key vocabulary about the body systems – particularly, the nervous system. Students will continue with the Reading Routine structure and will be involved in a guided reading session weekly.

WRITING: We will continue writing our biographies from last week. We will model each stage of the process to students and they will be given the opportunity to write their own on another class member. Workshops and goal meetings will also take place.

MATHS: We will continue our Shape & Transformation unit, looking at line and rotational symmetry and also nets of 3D objects.

INQUIRY: We will continue watching the Wonder of Living DVD, discussing the changes that both males and females undergo during puberty. Teachers will also address and answer any questions in the class question box.

REMINDERS:
- Miss Cadman is getting married this Saturday 22nd of August – her final day is Tuesday and we welcome Mrs Mercuri who will teach SC in her absence.
- A new homework grid has been distributed this week – 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.
- SD will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.
- On Wednesday our grade 5 boys will be visiting Parade College to experience a day in high school. The boys need to wear their sport uniform and bring a backpack with a pencil case and money for the canteen (optional).

Please click HERE for a copy of the Senior Homework grid

What’s happening around the levels...

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week Middle K and Middle T will begin their Communion practice. Middle B and Middle J will be going to Reconciliation on Friday. Students will discuss receiving their first Holy Communion with Mrs Segrave.

WRITING: This week we will look at letter writing. Students will explore the structures of formal letters and begin to draft their own letters.

READING: We will continue to read our serial novel ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ by C.S. Lewis, and we will be focusing on character analysis in the novel.

SPELLING: This week we will look at words we have been discussing in our Inquiry unit on ‘life cycles’. Students will participate in a modified ‘spelling bee’ with other children in their table group. Points will be awarded for correct spelling, providing a definition and finding a ‘base word’ (if applicable).

MATHS: This week will be our final unit on division. Students will work in their groups to investigate different strategies to use to solve division problems.

INQUIRY: This will be our final week of the ‘Living Eggs Ready Hatch Program’. We will continue to watch ‘The Lion King’, focusing on the circle of life. Later in the week students will investigate the life cycle of a plant.

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

RELIGION: This week we will be starting the unit ‘Celebrating with the People of God’. Students will discuss and draw objects that are special to them and identify some special objects that are part of the Mass such as the altar, the chalice, candles, the Bible etc.

READING: This week our shared reading texts will continue to focus on non-fiction texts about different animals. Students will focus on recalling facts about these animals in their own words.

WRITING: Students will continue to work on their individual animal report. They will be encouraged to revise their writing when they have finished recording their information and will begin to publish their final report.

MATHS: In Maths, students will create their own array picture to demonstrate rows and columns of objects. Students will also complete the post assessment for the multiplication unit.

INQUIRY: We will begin to explore the lifecycles of different animals such as frogs, chickens, butterflies etc. Students will identify the different stages of life and discuss the sequence of each stage.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children will be listening to the story of Abraham and Sarah and making their own promise to God.

READING: We will be continuing to read Fairy Tales and share our thoughts on the message in the story.

WRITING: We are learning how we can extend our ideas when writing by thinking about the Who, What, Where, When and Why.

MATHS: We will be learning how to use and follow directional words when giving and listening to instructions; between, beside, left, right, under, over etc.

INQUIRY: We will continue to look at how important fruits help us grow strong and healthy and we will be sharing ways to have a greater variety of foods in our diet through P.A.C.K (Pack Assorted Colours for kids).

REMINDERS
- M100W Testing this Friday 21st August. Please ensure your child brings their book to school on this day so they can be tested.
SPORTS NEWS

Middle’s Hooptime was held today at MSAC. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful day the children have had next week.

Training for Athletics is well on the way. Training is held each Monday lunchtime at the oval for all events except for High Jump, which is held in the hall at recess. Please ensure you return your child’s permission note along with their money in a clearly labelled envelope with their name, grade and Coburg District Athletics.

Many Thanks
Mrs Giulia Mazzarella

PARENTING INSIGHTS

This week’s insight looks at ‘It’s time for dads to ‘Speak Up’. Michael Grose look at the role of a father’s ‘presence’ and the need for fathers to ‘speak up’ to their kids to important life lessons.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

ITALIAN NEWS

ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION – MEDALS TO BE PRESENTED

At this Wednesday’s assembly the students who participated in the Italian Poetry Competition will be presented with their medals. Every year the competition is conducted by Penola Catholic College. Trish Franzoni from Penola will be presenting medals and certificates to the participants and winners of the competition. The finalist of the second round Northern region competition will also be announced and presented with their trophy!

Julie-Ann Dimasi
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
JC - Thomas Whitchurch  JB - Grace Calcagno  JR - Felix Porter  JL - Michael Pagnin

STUDENT AWARDS
Giordano Manca, Molly Jones, Oscar Florence, Sofia Munoz, Joshua Carlton, Jairaj Beri, Luke Kafritsas, Chiara Rizza, Hannah Conlin, Bobby Tran, Rithika Subin, Dante Licciardi, Sienna Rumoro, Patrick Carlton, Eva Brazzani, Max Carr, Ruby Blaney, Zach Iapozzuto, Luca Scalogna, Jesse Capello, Mia Chiera, Claudia Pironi, Eloise Merlo, Marco Balzarini, Damian Maccarone, Emma Pagotto, Billy Kalesoglou, Harrison Mandic, Samuel Russo

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
A number of eager year 5 and 6 students entered the ‘All Write Now - Everyday Australians with stories that matter’ competition where they were required to write a story about someone inspiring in their community.

They needed to find someone interesting, conduct an interview and write up their story. We are pleased to announce that one of our year 6 students – Alice Hurren from SC has won the competition. Here is her amazing article titled ‘Still Pirouetting After Sixty Years’

‘Still Pirouetting After Sixty Years’

Ballet shoes are slipped on and buns are neatly pinned. Ribbons are carefully tied up and some ballet students are stretching. Then it is time for class and students rush to their room. A flood of excitement runs through me as I join the class. For the next hour my body will stretch and glide gracefully across the room with the guidance of Ms Jones, my ballet teacher for the past eight years and the most inspiring person in my community.

It is rare to find a ballet teacher who has been teaching for sixty years. A teacher with years of experience and a strong passion for what they do. After all you have to be very passionate to run a ballet school for sixty years. At the age of seventy five Ms Jones still manages to run a ballet school ‘four nights a week and all day Saturday.’

At some times of her life though, Ms Jones had to be very persistent. For a long time her family couldn’t afford the cost of ballet lessons. It was only when her family GP recommended ballet classes for her sister that she could attend ballet classes with her sister. Ms Jones was eleven.

I can just lose myself in the ballet studio. Seeing my seventy five year old ballet teacher demonstrating poses that I wouldn’t dream to attempt is truly amazing.

“I don’t jump as high as I used to, but enough to demonstrate,” she said.

“I am very flexible still, I can put my foot on my head.”

Something that really boosted my belief that Ms Jones is inspirational is her son recently asked her

“How long will you keep teaching, Mum?”

Ms Jones replied “As long as I’m able.”

This made me realize that you don’t have to let age impact your retirement decision. If you find yourself incapable of doing your job you might have to retire but Ms Jones has inspired me to try and keep working until I find myself incapable.

I think Ms Jones’ story can motivate aged people to get up on their feet and keep fit.

A warm thank you to Ms Shirlene Jones for being such an inspiring person.

By Alice Hurren
CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**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: ___________________

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**
Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

**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.

**TERM 3 UP AND COMING EVENTS**

**Father’s Day Stall… Friday 4th September**

**Subway Lunch…Booked in for Wednesday 9th September.** It must be noted that we had Subway contact us after our last lunch day to complain that parents with late orders were physically dropping them into the store. They have advised us that they will NO longer accept late orders. Please return orders to the school office by the specified dates to avoid disappointment. Thank you

**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**
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 tickets

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 140 jars!!!!! Jars required are for example are the 500gm pasta 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 works 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

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.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

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