Dear Parents,

As we are half way through the third term this is a good time to pass on a few requests from the teachers.

**School arrival time** – the first bell rings at 8:50 a.m. and children should be lined up ready to go into class at this time. Being punctual with getting your child to school ensures that they have a smooth start to the day. Arriving late can be unsettling for your child and the other children in the class.

**Meeting with classroom teacher** – if you need to speak to your child’s classroom teacher please try to catch them after school or before the first bell rings in the morning. The teacher’s do not have an opportunity to speak with parents once the children are in their classrooms.

If your matter is urgent you can leave a message with the office and your child’s teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

Regards

Alan Sweeney

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**BOOKWEEK REMINDERS!!!**

**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 9a.m. 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 August 21, 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’.

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**DIARY DATES**

**AUGUST**

20 Book Week Parade
21 Book Week presenter – Peter Klein, aka ‘Captain Pete’
29 Final practice with catechists
31 Sacrament of Eucharist

**SEPTEMBER**

3 Father’s Day Stall
5 & 6 Middle’s Sleepover Urban Camp
4 Senior’s Hooptime
6 Father’s Day Breakfast
7 Father’s Day
10 Parent Association meeting
12 Final practice with catechists
14 Sacrament of Eucharist MS & MJ 10.30 am
17 Whole School First Communion Mass 11.45am
18 Grade 6 graduation photo
19 Term 3 ends – 1.00pm

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**NEWSLETTER Tuesday August 19, 2014**

**St Oliver Plunkett Primary School**

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**LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**
This week Middle S and Middle J will be attending the Thursday class Mass at 10:30a.m. Please come and join the children in prayer.

**SENIOR PARALITURGY**

Last Tuesday the senior students planned, organised and celebrated a paraliturgy in Saint Olivers Church as the culmination to their unit, 'The Mass Sacrifice and Meal'.

**PARALITURGY SUMMARY**

Last Tuesday all of the Senior students participated in a paraliturgy in the church. Every senior class had to plan a part of the Mass that was modelled on the prayers used in the Mass. The children didn't have much time to practise the readings and Mass parts but it all came together fabulously on the day. Everybody joined in the singing of the songs and there were some beautiful slides of scenery to reflect on. There was an overall feeling that our religion helps us to have more peaceful lives.

Written by
Calista Trimboli and Alannah Ramunno

**Trish Segrave**
Religious Education Coordinator

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**LEARNING AND TEACHING**

**St Oliver's School Improvement Plan**

The following are our goals and intended actions in the sphere of Leadership and Management:

Our long term (4 year) School Improvement Plan goal is: **To cultivate authentic school improvement embedded in a contemporary learning context.**

Our shorter term annual goals are:

*That the leadership capacity across the school be developed*
*That appraisal and recognition practices be strengthened.*

In order to achieve these goals we intend to provide professional development to build leadership capacity and develop further opportunities for collaboration and feedback within the leadership team, (this includes our Curriculum Leaders, along with the Principal and Deputy Principal). We will also focus on developing our leadership capabilities as managers of change – authentic change that is student centered, and underpinned by sound pedagogical practices.

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

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will be conducting a post assessment linked with our unit ‘The Mass: Sacrifice and Meal.’ We will begin our new unit titled, ‘Sacred Stories, Sacred People,’ and look at our own family stories and stories dating back to the life of Jesus.

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 make informed predictions about what may happen in the text. Students will also be involved in ‘Book Week’ art and literacy activities.

SPELLING: Students will investigate the ‘er’ sound and will make generalisations as to the different spellings associated with this sound.

MATHS: As our Fraction and Decimals unit draws to a close, students will be consolidating taught concepts to do with benchmarking, comparing fraction sizes and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.

INQUIRY: Students will further investigate significant events that have shaped Australian history, matching key dates with key figures and events. They will choose one of these events to illustrate on our class timeline.

Just a reminder...

- A reminder that THIS 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.
- A reminder that Hoop Time permission notes are due back ASAP
- Students will be attending the Jewish Museum next Tuesday and Wednesday the 26th and the 27th of August. Please ensure permission slips are returned ASAP. We thank you for the number of parents saying that they will be able to assist on the day. Your child’s classroom teacher will be in contact.
- 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.

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 begin our unit ‘Creation – Living in Harmony’. The grade 4’s from Middle G and Middle S will be practising in the church for their first Communion. Middle J and Middle S will also be attending their class mass.

WRITING: We will look at the type of information used when writing biographies. We will continue to complete research on Captain Cook.

READING: As we are reading our serial novel, ‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy’ by Jackie French our focus will be on identifying the characters’ feelings and emotions and finding supporting quotes to describe these attributes.

MATHS: This week we will finish our unit on Multiplication and students will complete a post test.

INQUIRY: In our unit ‘Terra Australis to Australia’ we will be looking at the First Fleet’s arrival at Sydney Cove and focus on the different perspectives of the same event, for example; the convicts, soldiers, Aboriginal people and explorers.

Please click HERE for a copy of the current Middle’s homework.
What’s happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week in our unit ‘Experiencing God’, we will think about and discuss how we can be an image of God in our daily lives. We will also identify our favourite parts of creation and give thanks to God for them.

READING: During reading sessions this week we will explore how the pictures and photos used in our shared books support the text and add an extra dimension to our understanding of what we read. We will also be taking part in the Book Week Parade on Wednesday, a talk by author Peter Klein on Thursday and other special Book Week activities throughout the week.

WRITING: In Writing this week, we will continue to write information reports using the notes taken and recorded on our research sheets. There will be a focus on editing reports in the class modelling sessions.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘uck’ (cluck, duck) 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, we will begin our unit on time. We will be using both analogue and digital clocks to read, write and match various times.

INQUIRY: This week, as we continue our unit ‘The Good Old Days’, we will read the book The Time Capsule. We will then discuss the various items we would put in a time capsule to represent life in 2014. This is in preparation for the action part of our unit which you will hear more about later this week.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we are starting our new unit called “God’s Great Family”. We will be discussing our families and stories that they know about them.

READING: We are continuing to focus on the comprehension of stories using the 5w’s (who, what, where, when, why).

WRITING: In writing we will be continuing to use ‘seeds’ to prompt writing and using our experiences from Book week to write about.

MATHS: This week we are learning to draw simple maps from a bird’s eye view. We will be learning how to give each other directions from a variety of starting points, being sure to use directional words.

INQUIRY: We will be sharing our family photos and discussing where people were born. We will be using a map to plot our findings.
Building Resilience in children

What is resilience? Resilience is knowing how to stay calm, being able to control your behaviour when you are upset so you can bounce back from difficulty.

Teaching your child to be resilient
A vital element of teaching children to build resilience is teaching children that what they THINK affects the way they FEEL. Usually it is not what happens that makes us feel negative emotions, it’s the perception and understanding around the situation that creates our feelings. Two children in the exact same situation can perceive a situation differently and therefore one crumbles and gets down and the other is able to control her emotions and bounce back from a minor setback. This is most often because of the child’s thinking skills and habits.

Discuss Ways to Think as well as Coping Skills that will Help Your Child to Be Resilient
Introduce your child to the idea of an Emotional Thermometer and explain that feelings like physical temperatures can go from being very low/weak in intensity to very high/strong: You could explain it something like “When something happens to you that you think is bad like someone doesn’t say hello or you get a bad mark, you can feel extremely upset, medium upset or just a little upset. A resilient person tries to manage her emotions so that she stays in the medium range of upset and when she gets to the top of the thermometer, she calms down quickly.”

When you are talking with your child about something that happened at school or home where they were upset, explain that there are some helpful ways they can think about what happened that can strengthen their resilience. One way, is not to let your thinking get the better of you by blowing the badness of what happened out of proportion (making mountains out of molehills).

Things that happen can be truly awful and terrible and other events are just “a bit bad” like being late for an appointment, a bad mark on a test, someone laughs at what you say in class or forgetting to do something. When you are thinking about something bad that happened, it’s good to think: “This is bad but it could be worse. It’s not a catastrophe, the worst thing in the world.” Thinking this way helps you to be calmer and more resilient to a difficult situation.

Habits of Mind that lead to poor emotional resilience:
There is a range of thinking habits that don’t help children to be resilient. If we can identify these unhelpful habits, then it’s easier to help our child think about a situation in a more healthy way. These are some common negative habits:

- Self-Downing – means thinking that I am useless or a total failure when I have been rejected or have not achieved a good result.
- Needing to be perfect – means thinking that I have to be successful or perfect in everything important I do
- I Can’t Do It – means thinking that, when I have not been successful at something important, I am not good at anything and never will be
- I Can’t Be Bothered – means thinking that life should always be fun and exciting and that I can’t stand it when things are frustrating or boring
- Being Intolerant of Others – means thinking that people should always treat me fairly, considerately, and the way I want and if they don’t then I will get really angry and frustrated

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORT NEWS

Thank you to all the senior children who tried out for the District Athletics over the last few weeks. A big thank you to all the teachers who helped out for the trials. It was a great success.

Permission notes for District Athletics will be going home this week to those children who made it through. We will also be having some training at school for these children before they go off for these events.

Also a reminder that Hooptime permission notes for the senior students were due back yesterday. Please send them to your child’s classroom teacher by tomorrow please so we can finalise teams for the day.

Many Thanks,
Mrs Mazzarella    Sport Coordinator
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.

PLEASE CHECK
We have had several cases of head lice reported over the last few weeks. Could you please check your child’s hair for any sign of head lice and treat if necessary.

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.

Junior Writers Term 3 Week 6
Congratulations to the following children

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Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the Canteen Menu

Please direct enquiries to Di Tabone  [dtabone@ozemail.com.au](mailto: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 featured businesses in the “Business of the Week” section of the school website are Ausdart and Airport West Swimming Academy. For more information regarding the St Olivers 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.

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3
#Father’s Day Stall… Wednesday 3rd September. Please note: Normally this stall is open on the Friday but because of the middles camp being on the Thursday and Friday we have moved it forward to accommodate all the children
#Subway Lunch… September 10th
#School Disco…. September 18th
#Rotary Raffle… August
Under 12 Grand Finalists 2013/14 season
The Pascoe Vale Cricket Club would like to invite all junior cricket lovers (boys and girls) to its Junior Registration day on **Friday 5th September 2014** at Raeburn Reserve Clubrooms from **5pm to 8pm**.

**Junior Fees** $120 includes playing shirt
**Milo IN2 Cricket** $70 includes milo playing pack

- U10’s cricket is played Friday evenings from 5.00pm till 7.30pm
- U12’s, U14’s & U16’s play Sat mornings from 8.30am to 11.45am.
- Milo In2Cricket ages 5-8 years played Fridays 5pm to 6.15pm

Note: **NO** cricket is played in the school holidays over the Christmas period.

Like us on facebook for regular updates or visit our website [www.pascoevalecricketclub.com](http://www.pascoevalecricketclub.com)

For any enquiries contact our club coach Chris Sewell 0402 536 359
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
Derrinut

**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$10    Amount Enclosed$____________
Update enrollment details

Parents need to update Doctor’s phone number, Medicare number and Ambulance number. Also provide copy of the Immunisation certificate.

Activities at OSHC

Last week preps and juniors made blue icing on biscuits. They enjoyed the cooking. Most of the younger children decorated lanterns use their imagination skills. The lanterns are amazing and hanging at OSHC.

At discussion time, OSHC children gave good ideas for this book week which include making poster and colouring sheets of book characters, puppet shows, dress ups, making bookmark, acting and craft work. Decorating fans, painting, loom bands, Iron on beads, science experiment and emergency drill practise are planned activities for this week. But unplanned activities happen according to children’s interest and staff’s encouragement.

OSHC Staff