Dear Parents,

Sacrament of Eucharist

Good luck to our year four children in Middle G and Middle M as they prepare for their celebration of their first Communion this Sunday.

Book Week

Congratulations and thank you to all of the creative families and staff out there for the great costumes and the great fun that was shared at last week’s Book Week celebration. Many thanks to Sylvia Van Meel and to Kerrie Weller for organising the week of activity.

Fathers’ Day

As next Thursday/Friday our Middle children are attending the Urban camp sleepover the Fathers’ Day stall will be held on the Wednesday morning. For catering and organisation purposes could all dads attending next week’s Fathers’ Day breakfast please return their notes by next Monday.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
What a fantastic celebration of Book Week 2014 we had here at St Olivers last week.

The book parade on Wednesday was an outstanding success, the weather was kind to us and many fabulous book characters arrived to mark the occasion.
The Parade was superbly compered by none other than ‘Miss Jaki’!!!! We all know she loves an audience...... Thankyou Miss Jaki, for your vibrant (some-what impromptu…) and very very entertaining commentary.
Thankyou to all the parents who assisted with ensuring costumes were ready and to those of you who were able to watch the parade. Your support is always appreciated.
The day continued with fabulous book week activities organised and prepared by Sylvia and Kerrie. They have done a fabulous job in displaying this artwork in the library and in the office foyer. Please pop in and have a look. The following day we were lucky to have ‘Captain Pete’ who shared his talents with all the children who were totally entertained throughout the session.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

This week Middle M and Middle G will be attending the Thursday class Mass at 10:00am. This is part of their preparation before the grade four children receive the sacrament of Eucharist. Please come and join the children in prayer.

COMMUNION

This is a reminder for the parents whose children will be making their First Communion this Sunday. Individual photos will take place between 9:20am and 9:55am. The group photo for all children is at 10:00am. If you are having an individual photo remember to bring the envelope for the photographer. Please ensure the children are wearing their stoles. Good luck to all the children as we continue to pray for you over the coming weeks.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

BOOKWEEK
SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will be looking at the person of Jesus and his Jewish background. They will conduct their own KWL charts, accessing prior knowledge about what they know about the people of Israel and how they were formed.

WRITING: We will begin looking at the structure of historical narratives and the purpose, language features and structures of these specific types of texts. Students will also finish their own SQ3R based on the formation of Victoria as a colony.

READING: We will continue to read our serial text, ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase’ by Gabrielle Wang. Students will be required to record key quotes and their thinking behind these on a think mark, which will assist them in writing their own response on the text at the end of this week.

SPELLING: Students will investigate the ‘i before e’ sound and make a list of words that follow the rule, noting any exceptions.

MATHS: Students will conduct their fractions and decimals post test and begin work on our new location unit. We will be completing a number of tuning in activities to this unit within our own classroom, including playing Battleship and looking at co-ordinate paths.

INQUIRY: Students begin their own personal inquiries based around a significant event/figure that has shaped Australian history. They will be required to conduct research and present this information in a creative way.

Just a reminder…
- A reminder that Hoop Time permission notes are now overdue. Please return these notes ASAP
- Homework will be distributed this week – please continue to ensure your child completes these tasks
- SM and SC students will be attending the Jewish Museum THIS Tuesday 26th August
- SG and SS students will be attending the Jewish Museum THIS Wednesday 27th August – we will aim to be back at school by 3pm
- Senior S 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.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue 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. We will look at literature that deals with change and development of our natural environment.

WRITING: We will begin planning and drafting our information gathered last week into subheadings for biographies.

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 quotes that support our inferences. We will look at non-fiction text and introduce a new reading activity called the SQ3R which helps students identify and summarise key information using sub-headings and questions.

MATHS: This week we will begin our division groups. Students are grouped according to their results from their pre-test and will work on division strategies that cater for their individual learning needs.

INQUIRY: This week in our ‘Terra Australis to Australia’ unit we will discuss students’ interests and wonderings about the unit and decide what they would like to further research.

Please click HERE for a copy of the current Middle’s homework.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week in our unit ‘Signs of God’s Love’, we will discuss, write and draw about the members of our families who care for us. The concept of respect will then be related to these family members and the students will make a VIP badge for an important person in their lives.

READING: During reading sessions this week we will focus on predicting the text type and story details from the book title and cover. We will also look at how the language features support the text and help us to understand what we read.

WRITING: In Writing this week, the students will continue to write their information reports using the notes taken and recorded on their research sheets. They will also learn how to draw and label pictures to support their reports.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘ump’ (jump, stump) 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 continue our unit on time. The children will be working on tasks applicable to their understandings about this concept. They will use analogue and digital clocks to read, write and match examples of times such as o’clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past.

INQUIRY: Following on from last week, the students will be encouraged to bring their time capsule boxes as well as the important items that they wish to place in their boxes. We will also play some of the games from days gone by such as skipping, hopscotch, jacks, cards and marbles. Please feel free to also enjoy these games with your child at home and remember ‘The Good Old Days’!

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we are reading the story of Abraham and Sarah and talking about how they are a part of ‘God’s Great Family’.

READING: We are looking at the characters and settings in pictures books. We are also practising stretching 3-4 letter words and recording the sounds.

WRITING: In Writing we will be continuing to use ‘seeds’ to prompt thinking. We will also begin to write short narratives.

MATHS: In Maths we are looking at 3D shapes, in particular cubes, cones, spheres, cylinders and pyramids. We will be asking the children to identify these around the classroom and relating them to real life objects.

INQUIRY: We will be working on making our iMovie’s for the children to share at the end of term.

REMINDERS . . .

- Please return your child’s Portfolio Book if you haven’t done so already.
- M100W testing is this Friday 29th August.
Characteristics of Resilient Kids

**What is Resilience?** Resilience is the ability to cope and stay healthy in spite of the negative things that happen through life. Resilience is being able to cope with life’s ups and downs and to recover well when things go wrong.

**Building resilience in children includes 5 areas:**

1. Personal coping skills which include thinking in a healthy way so children can put things into perspective and build self-confidence.
2. Interpersonal skill development which includes making friends, managing feelings, dealing with conflict, seeking help and solving problems.
3. Developing individual coping strategies such as finding something fun to do, meditating, writing in a journal and using an emotional thermometer.
4. Nourishing the spirit by putting into place a variety of preventative strategies that help to minimise stress such as spending a lot of time engaging in free play and being creative.
5. Providing lots of opportunity for children to make mistakes, deal with problems on their own and giving children appropriate independence.

These tips are provided by Georgina Manning a well respected parent presenter. Keep an eye out each week in the newsletter over the next few weeks if you would like to learn more about how to support your child to resolve conflict and build resilience.

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. Training for this has been a great success and the children are working really hard. Please be sure to send back your permission notes by Friday with your $10 to the office.

Also Hooptime is next week. Notes will be going to home to parent helpers by the end of the week. Thankyou to all the parents who have offered to help. If you are available and would like to help please let me know.

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.

*Congratulations to the following children*

**STUDENT AWARDS**

**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 featured businesses in the “Business of the Week” section of the school website are Baked by Belle, CA Printers and VooDoo. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

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

ROTARY RAFFLE
The Rotary Raffle books will be sent home later this week. Each family has been allocated 10 tickets to sell and each ticket sold benefits both the Pascoe Vale Rotary Club and St Oliver’s. For more information please see the attached flier or contact Michael Said 0418 994 711

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Father’s Day Stall is only a week away…Wednesday 3rd Sept… Gifts available for students to purchase are priced between $1-$10. Please make sure your child’s money is secured in a purse or wallet and we are requesting that every child bring a plastic carry bag with them.
A Raffle will also be held on the day and the students will be able to buy tickets in the morning. If you have any donations to go towards this please leave them at the office or contact Lina Pitruzzello 0414 508 296.

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
#Working Bee… Saturday October 11th … safe the date and more information will be sent home in the coming weeks regarding a working bee at the school.
WE NEED YOU FOR OUR WORKING BEE!

Calling on parents, helpers, green fingers, handymen and Jack of all trades...

Where: St Oliver’s School
When: Saturday 11th October
Time: 8am onwards

Followed by a BBQ and drinks (all supplied)

Come along and lend a hand to make our school shine.

Jobs we hope to complete

- weeding and pruning in various areas
- painting
- rubbish removal
- general cleaning and maintenance

We hope you can join us for some fun and work.

RSVP - 19th September (for catering purposes)

Any further information required please contact:

Michael Said - 0418994711

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Family name_________________________________ Child’s name and class__________________

No. Attending_________ Contact details________________________________________________
St Oliver’s Parent Association in conjunction with the Pascoe Vale Rotary Club present the  
“2014 Community Raffle”

The 2014 Raffle prizes are:

1st Prize     6x4 trailer filled with goodies plus $2000 cash valued at $5950
2nd Prize     Bunnings voucher value $500
3rd Prize     Bunnings voucher value $250

Tickets are $2 each, which the school receives $1 for every ticket sold. The raffle will be drawn on Melbourne Cup Day, 4th November 2014 at 2pm at Coburg Bunnings, with the winners being notified.

Each family has been given a book of 10 tickets ($20 value). All sold and unsold tickets along with the correct money is due back to the school office by Monday 20th October. Remember both the school and the much valued Rotary Club benefit from this raffle, so get busy selling these onto friends, family and neighbours.

For any further information or to grab extra books please contact Michael Said 0418994711

trailer can be viewed every weekend at Bunnings Coburg.
Foundation Day
30th August 2014

On Saturday 30th August St Oliver Plunkett Primary School will receive the professional fee from a Nelson Alexander auction as part of their annual Foundation Day.

Come along to the auction and show your support:

13 Lochinvar St Pascoe Vale South at 2.00pm
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 enquires contact our club coach Chris Sewell 0402 536 359
Body art is the successful activity at OSHC. Most of the children are doing it from last week. Simply children are using colour pencils and water. Their creations are amazing. Last week the seniors cooked chocolate truffle and salami. Juniors made apricot scorns. This week on Monday seniors made chocolate cupcakes with blue and pink icing. All these treats were enjoyed by children.

Last Wednesday the book week celebration looked wonderful, dress up was awesome and children talked about their book characters. Some children coloured their favourite characters and enjoyed making poster.

Up Coming Activities

Pottery plaster, fabric painting, sidewalk chalk drawing and origami are planned activities for this week. Children’s interest and their ideas are the foundation of the program.

Update enrollment details

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

OSH Staff