Dear Parents,

Welcome to spring!!!

**Eucharist Celebration**
Congratulations to the year four children from Middle T and Middle K who celebrated their first Eucharist on Sunday morning. Many thanks to their teachers Lauren Klymenko, Jessica Toniolo and our wonderful Religious Education Coordinator Trish Segrave. The children were prepared beautifully and they were a credit to the school and to their families.

**Book Week**
From all accounts the Book Week celebration and the day's activities were enjoyed by everyone. We have many parents and staff who show remarkable imaginations in planning the numerous Book Week costumes! Thank you to Cecilia Garden and our Librarians Sylvia Van Meel and Kerrie Weller who organised the day's activities.

**Fathers' Day Breakfast and Gift Stall**
A reminder that this Friday morning we are celebrating our Fathers' day breakfast and the Parent Association will be holding their Fathers' Day stall. We have had a wonderful response to our breakfast invitation but if you are attending and have not let the office know please do so. We hope that all the dads in our community enjoy their special day this Sunday and have an opportunity to enjoy their day with their family members.

Regards,

Alan S.
**STEPATHON FOR KIDS**  St Olivers Term 3 Fundraiser

Step-a-thon for kids is a national campaign for primary school children to help teach them the importance of making every step count. Obesity is on the rise in Australia and Step-a-thon aims to teach children the value of making every step count, by encouraging them to keep active and supporting the research that keeps kids everywhere healthy and active.

From **31st August until 6th September 2015** children will count their steps and raise money for child health research. The first 25,000 children to register will receive a free slap on pedometer to make counting their steps fun and easy.

**DID YOU KNOW**
- Obesity is on the rise in Australia
- One in ten children suffer from a food allergy
- Heart disease is the cause of one third of childhood deaths
- Every week three Australian children will die from cancer

The Murdoch Children’s Research Foundation is working towards finding preventions and treatment for hundreds of common and rare childhood illnesses.

**REGISTRATION**
Parents are required to register their children through this website, and are sent a Step-a-thon pack which includes a slap-band pedometer for the first 25,000 people who register.


They then raise money from family and friends who support the initiative and then they are off stepping. As this is our fundraiser for term three we are hoping that all the children can step up and support this initiative.

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**FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the grade four children in Middle K and Middle T who made their First Communion last Sunday. It was a very special occasion for the children and their families and the children are to be congratulated for their reverence in the church.

Prep M will be attending the Thursday class Mass this week. Parents are welcome to join the children in prayer at the Mass.

**Trish Segrave**
**Religious Education Coordinator**

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**LEARNING AND TEACHING**

This week is Literacy and Numeracy Week, however we will be celebrating this event at St Oliver’s next week. This is because Miss Jaki (our Maths coordinator) is at professional development Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and we are also busy preparing for our big Fathers’ Day celebration on Friday.

Miss Jaki and I are working on some fun activities for all students to participate in next week to celebrate of this event.

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

**SENIORS**

**RELIGION:** We will continue work on our unit ‘The Seven Sacraments’, looking at important rituals in our lives that involve actions, words and symbols. We will also focus on the many signs, symbols and gestures used at the Eucharist.

**READING:** We will continue reading our serial text, ‘The Cay’, by Theodore Taylor, modelling to students a double entry journal and discussing a major turning point within the text. Students will continue with the Reading Routine and will be involved in a guided reading session weekly.

**WRITING:** We will finish writing our biographies, following the authorial and secretarial editing processes and then completing the writing cycle by publishing. Workshops and goal meetings will also take place.

**MATHS:** We begin work on our new unit on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, reviewing common misconceptions students found when completing the pre-test and beginning with equivalence and fraction walls.

**INQUIRY:** Students will begin working on their own personal inquiries, writing letters to ‘Puberty Pete’ addressing scenarios that they may encounter over their adolescent years. They will use knowledge gained throughout the unit to help them in writing their letters, which will be compiled and made into a class book.

**REMINDERS:**
- SD class assembly this Wednesday – 11:30 a.m.
- 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.
- The tissue supply in each classroom requires replenishing – if you could PLEASE send your child with 1 or 2 boxes of tissues to last the remainder of the year.
- SC will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.

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

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**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** This week Middle J and Middle B will begin their Communion practice. Middle T and Middle K will begin their new topic ‘The Church lives the word of the Lord’. We will look at the old and new testament and discuss the way we can live the word of God in our lives.

**WRITING:** This week we are continuing to look at letter writing. We will walk to the post office to post our letters to St. Bernards as well as begin planning a letter to a pen-pal from Colorado Springs in America.

**READING:** This week we will use the text ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ to look at the author’s craft. We will discuss how the author implies things in his writing without always stating this directly.

**SPELLING:** This week we will continue to 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 groups. Points will be awarded for correct spelling, providing a definition and finding a ‘base word’ (if applicable).

**MATHS:** This week we will begin looking location. We will discuss directional language and how to use this when giving instructions. Students will write a list of directions to give to a partner explaining how to get from one point in the school to another.

**INQUIRY:** Student will begin their action research project on an endangered animal of their choice.

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

RELIGION: This week we will be continuing with the unit ‘Celebrating with the People of God’. We will look at the parts of the Mass and the importance of the celebration of Mass in the lives of all Catholics. The students will also identify, label and illustrate the main parts of the Mass.

READING: Information report texts will continue to be our focus during shared reading this week. We will identify how headings, captions and photo labelling add extra information to support the text. We will make links to these features as they support the publishing of the children’s information reports.

WRITING: In writing, the students will be continuing to compose and edit their animal information reports. When this process is complete, the children will publish a chosen report of their own. The children will then continue with their personal writing.

MATHS: In Maths, we will further explore the concept of division. The students will participate in a range of hands on experiences to assist with the development of efficient division strategies including recording and solving division problems.

INQUIRY: This week in our unit ‘This is my Life’, we investigate several other examples of the life cycles of living things. We will then use a venn diagram to compare and make conclusions about the similarities and differences of the various life cycles we have studied.

Please click HERE for a copy of the Junior Homework grid

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children will learning about the people in Jesus’ family and listen to the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth.

READING: In reading the children are learning the comprehension strategy of checking for understanding to encourage us to think about the story as we are reading it.

WRITING: We will be introducing the children to the ‘Mystery Box’. This will be another strategy/tool to help with their writing.

MATHS: We will be focussing on the skill of counting on from the highest number. The children will be using number stories and hands-on activities.

INQUIRY: In Inquiry we are discussing the importance of exercise. The children will be participating in yoga, dance and boxing sessions.

REMINDERS
- The Fathers’ Day breakfast is this Friday 4th September from 7:30 a.m.
- There will be a stall set up Friday morning during school for the children to buy a gift for Dad. Please bring a small amount of money and a plastic bag for your child to buy something for Dad.
- M100W testing is also on Friday so please remember to bring in your child’s book.
Sports News

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Coburg District Athletics today. You all showed great sportsmanship and represented our school with confidence and pride.

Results and photos will be published in next week’s newsletter. Thank you to the parents who assisted with marshalling. We couldn’t have done it without you. It was great to see so many parents supporting their children at such an event.

Well done to all the Sports Captains who have given up their Friday lunchtimes to run the Sports Club. It has been a great success so far and I know that all the students love attending. Keep up the great work!!

Many Thanks
Mrs Giulia Mazzarella

Wellbeing

Walk to school in October

Once again we are participating in Walk to school in October and all students are encouraged to sign up. Visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au and you can become part of our school team.

By signing up, students can track their walks throughout October and make their walks count toward our school tally.

Walk to school is a VicHealth initiative that is supported by Moreland Council. During the whole month of October schools, students, parents and staff are being invited to strut their stuff and walk to school. Walking can help learn healthy habits and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. More people walking in our streets can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts driving a car to school might have.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

Italian News

Per L’Austalia! Italian guest speaker/s request: Can you share your story?

In Italian the students are learning about the story of Italian migration to Australia: Per L’Australia. If you, or someone you know, is an Italian migrant and are available to share your/their story with the students and some personal artefacts brought over on the journey, please email me at jdimasi@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au. I will be in contact with you ASAP to make arrangements.

Requested dates for guest speakers are Monday the 7th or 14th of September, and times can be between 9am and 3.10pm (all day if available, 7 classes), 9am to 11am (3 classes), 11.30am to 1.30pm (3 classes) and 2.30pm to 3.10pm (1 class).

Grazie Mille!
GENERAL NEWS

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


LOST PROPERTY
We have a number of items in the lost property cupboard. If your child has lost anything can you please ask them to look for it in lost property. All items will be discarded at the end of term.

STUDENT AWARDS

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: __________________________________________

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.

Father's Day Stall… Friday 4th September. Gifts are priced between $1 and $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 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

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

Disco…. 17th Sept. Permission slips went home last week. Please send these into school office along with the correct money and entry tickets will be sent home the week of the Disco. Any further questions please contact Christine Marchionni 0416 211 756

Next meeting…scheduled for Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm
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

**MYSTERY JARS** The mystery jars went home yesterday. We are asking that each student fill the jars with goodies from the $2 shop and return them to the school by 11th September. The Parent Association will then wrap the filled jars to be sold as mystery jars at our fete. We look forward to what mysteries await us!!!!!!

**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’s Little Athletics Club
Run, Jump and Throw your way to fun and fitness.

Come and join St Oliver’s Little Athletics Club. (Ages 5 – 16)

Little Athletics is a great way to have fun, get fit and meet new friends.

**Competition** is generally held on Saturday mornings from 8.30am to 11.45am (earlier finish for under 6’s and 7’s). We compete at Harold Stevens Athletic Track, Outlook Rd, Coburg (Melway 18 A10).

**Come & Try Days** are at Harold Stevens Track on **Saturday 19 September 2015** and **26 September 2015** from 10am - 12 noon (first time athletes will require proof of date of birth). We will be there to assist with online registrations.

All children are welcome to join the St Oliver’s Little Athletic Club. Register online at lavic.com.au or click on the following link [LAVIC Member Registration](#)

New athletes may ‘try out’ for two weeks, before having to pay fees. First day of competition is Saturday 10 October 2015.

**FREE professional coaching** is also available to all athletes at Coburg.

For more information please contact;

Ben Pascoe  0409 806 795  

Richard Archer  0438 578 008  
St Oliver Plunkett

Last week at OSHC

Book week dress up day saw plenty of imaginative play – think of the fun we had with Willy Wonka, a zombie, two Iron Mans (Iron Men?), Where’s Wally, Specky McGee, Elsa, and more! Zombie Tiggy, a regular game, was even more exciting than usual when Eoin was actually dressed as a zombie…

Our OSHC room makeover continues – we now have a multicultural display, featuring a world map, flags of different countries, and ways to say hello in different languages. The children have been trying these out with enthusiasm!

Some of the senior girls enjoyed cooking pancakes for the group, and when they had to leave the boys took over – they judged themselves to be “very good chefs”.

Another fun activity this week was an obstacle course set up by some junior girls – many students of different ages had a go at this challenging course.

Would you like to have fun with us at OSCH?

Big thanks to those parents who spent a few minutes playing with their children at OSCH before taking them home, this week it was skipping and basketball. We always welcome parents if they want to be involved in the program, even for a few minutes at the end of the day. This makes the kids smile too.

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

How to get started

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 Rebat. 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.

we make kids smile
www.campaustralia.com.au