Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the Year four children in Middle G and Middle M who celebrated their First Eucharist on Sunday. They were an absolute credit to the school and their families. The children were beautifully prepared by their teachers Nadia Glann, Marie Maguire, Liz Finlayson and by Trish Segrave in her capacity as Religious Education Coordinator.

Fathers’ Day breakfast
A reminder that this Friday morning we are celebrating our Fathers’ day breakfast where all dads have been invited to come along to school to share breakfast with their children before they head off to work (dads to work and their children to their classrooms).

For catering purposes if you are attending and you have not already done so please notify the school by Wednesday.

On Wednesday this week several of our staff are attending a Catholic Education Office onsite professional development programme. Good luck to our Middle children who head into the city on Thursday for their urban adventure and their sleepover and also to our Senior children who will participate in the Hooptime Basketball competition at M.S.A.C. On Friday over forty of the senior children are also representing the school at the Regional Sports at Coburg Athletics track.

As a number of teachers have generously volunteered to support the children at these events and evenings we will have a number of emergency teachers working across the school over the next few days.

Regards,

Alan S
PREP - YEAR TWO PARENT WORKSHOP
It is nearly holiday time, and so a good time to think about how far your children have travelled this year with their reading and writing. I am always amazed and thrilled to see the enormous strides that Prep children take in their learning during their first year of school!

This workshop is a chance to get together to talk about children’s reading at this stage and how you can keep your children interested and enthusiastic in the holidays and beyond into fourth term.

It will be held on Tuesday 16th September (Week 10) 9.00 in the Staffroom (approx. 30 minutes).

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Barbara Olanda

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Congratulations to the grade four children in Middle M and Middle G 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.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TERM 3
WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday 10 September the school will be holding a fundraiser for the people of Timor-Leste in East Timor. In East Timor 40% of the population are under the age of 14 and education outcomes across the country are poor. The Sisters of Mercy through ‘Mercy Works’ have established a new Early Childhood Centre in Taroman Village and are looking to improve the standards of 43 schools that are in appalling condition. Therefore, they are seeking our support. Sister Mary Lewis will be talking to the children in the Prep, Junior and the Middle classes, while the seniors will be watching a DVD about Timor-Leste. Mr. McKenzie has bravely offered to “Shave to Save a Life” and have his beard shaved off in front of the school.

We are asking every child to donate a gold coin on the day in the hope that, the support from the children and St. Oliver’s families, will make a difference in the lives of the children in Timor-Leste.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LITERACY NEWS

SPORT NEWS

This week is a busy week for sport, especially for the seniors. Thursday is Hooptime at MSAC. Please be sure to be at school no later than 8.10am. A reminder note will be sent home on Wednesday. It will be a fun filled day!

Also this Friday is District Athletics. We wish all the children participating the best of luck as they represent our school. The children have all been training hard and are looking forward to the day.

Many Thanks,
Mrs Mazzarella   Sport Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: In small groups students will record as many people, events, places, images of God and books in the Bible as they can. A classroom data chart will then be compiled, categorising the responses.

WRITING: We will begin exploring a range of ideas and events that we could write our own historical narratives about. We will continue to celebrate student’s writing, sharing the successes of achieving individual writing goals.

READING: We will continue to read our serial text, ‘A Ghost in My Suitcase’ by Gabrielle Wang. We will model our own examples of responses and a SWOT activity based around the protagonist of the book, Celeste. As we read, students will be required to record key quotes and their thinking behind these on a think mark.

SPELLING: This week we will be looking at antonyms and synonyms and exploring how we can build our vocabulary through the use of a thesaurus.

MATHS: Students will complete their Location & Transformation pre-test and continue with a number of different tuning in activities within their own classroom, including 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, effectively plan and present this information through two modes of communication.

Just a reminder...

- A reminder that THIS Thursday students will be travelling to MSAC to compete in the Hoop Time Basketball Tournament. Thankyou to all the parents who offered to assist on the day. Your help is so greatly appreciated!!
- District Athletics is THIS Friday – Good Luck to all the students involved
- Fathers’ Day Breakfast is THIS Friday – we look forward to seeing you for a yummy feast.
- Homework is due Wednesday 17th of September – please continue to support your child in the completion of all tasks.
- Please send your child in with a box of tissues. Despite the beginning of Spring, each classroom’s supply of tissues has diminished. A single box will be greatly appreciated.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the current Senior’s homework

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue our unit ‘Creation – Living in Harmony’. The grade 4’s from Middle J 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 finish drafting and publishing biographies on Captain Cook and share them each other.

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 revisit how to complete a detailed ‘Open Minded Portrait’ and complete a class one on the main character Tom.

MATHS: This week we will continue 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. This week’s focus will be using multiplication facts to help solve division problems.

INQUIRY: This week in our ‘Terra Australis to Australia’ unit students will decide what they would like to further investigate and begin their research.

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 ‘Signs of God’s Love’, we will be focusing on the story of the Wedding at Cana. We will read and reflect on this story and then respond in a variety of ways.

READING: This week during reading sessions, we will focus on predicting the text type and the features of each text. We will also look at how the language features support the text and help us to understand what we read.

WRITING: During 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 be creating a Father's Day card and message.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘unk’ (punk, trunk) and involving the children in a variety of activities to help reinforce the spelling and meaning of the words generated by the class.

MATHS: During Maths this week, 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: This week in Inquiry, we will be continuing to put items into our time capsule and discuss their relevance to our lives in 2014.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we are talking about the members in Jesus’ family and discussing with the children who Mary and Joseph were and their importance to our faith.

READING: We are reading books about Dads and completing various Fathers’ Day activities.

WRITING: In Writing we will be writing about our Dads and why they are so special to us.

MATHS: In Maths we are looking at the features of calculators and how they help us to count. We are also talking about the variety of number combinations that can make 10.

INQUIRY: We are continuing to work on our iMovies and will also be looking at family celebrations including Christmas and Chinese New Year.

REMINDERS . . .

- Prep H’s assembly is tomorrow morning at 9am (depending on the weather).
- The Father’s Day stall is also tomorrow so please ensure your child has some money to buy Dad something special.
- Subway money is due on Thursday 4th September.
MICHAEL GROSE - PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet. This week’s insight looks at ’Being a great Dad’. What better time to share an article just for our dads. They have a very important role in the lives of their children. Michael Grose shares seven ideas to help dads form close relationships with their kids, and maximise their effectiveness as a parent.

National Asthma Week (September 1-7)
Asthma affects around 1 in 9 school aged children. This means that in an average classroom there will be at least 3 students with asthma. Schools and staff can work together with the wider school community to provide a healthy and safe educational environment for students with asthma. Student health and safety are essential in schools to allow all students to achieve their best.

How does asthma affect students? Asthma is a leading cause of absenteeism in school students, which in severe cases can cause them to fall behind in their work. Asthma symptoms commonly occur overnight, which can mean a lack of sleep for the student, leading to a reduced ability to concentrate in class. Students can also show signs of worsening asthma, especially after vigorous exercise, and may have an asthma attack while at school, which requires an immediate response.

Whose responsibility is it? Responsibility for the management of a student’s asthma is shared.

Parents should:
- Inform the school that their child has asthma and give them a written Asthma Action Plan
- Provide sufficient information and equipment to school staff to allow them to support the child at school
- Advise if there has been a change in the child’s health, or in their medical management or Asthma Action Plan
- Ensure the child/school has their reliever medication with them each day at school, along with a spacer if it is used. The medication must not have expired and should contain plenty of doses, and be labelled clearly with the child’s name
- Ensure that your child is able to self-administer their medication when required
- Aim for good asthma management at home by taking the child to the doctor for regular reviews, and following medical advice on taking medication

School should:
- Encourage parents to provide up to date information about their child with asthma, and keep this information in a central location of which all staff are aware
- Enable and encourage staff to attend training and obtain information about asthma and how to manage an asthma emergency
- Ensure sufficient Asthma Emergency Kits are available and that staff are aware of the location and they are easily accessible (dates and contents of kits need to be regularly checked and updated accordingly)
- Have policies that support the staff to act appropriately and effectively in an asthma emergency, including during off-site activities
- Display Asthma First Aid posters
- Advise parents if their child has required medical assistance while at school.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
GENERAL NEWS

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.

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 – Luca Vecchiarelli  JD – Sienna Rumoro  JL – Jordena Harris  JR – Jesse Dupuy

STUDENT AWARDS

GRADE 6 PHOTOS
As part of the year book for the grade 6’s, I was hoping that if anyone has photos (clear and close up) taken in prior years, for example, sports day etc, could you please email the photos to Carmela at carmelaram66@gmail.com or contact me on 0400 317 648.

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
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 10.30am please contact Georgie 0405 435 770
Please note: the penguin key ring reward item is no longer available

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 Caps n More and Centorrino Technology. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

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 S 0418 994 711

FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Father’s Day Stall is this week…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.

DISCO
The permission slip for the disco is being sent home this week. These slips need to be signed and returned to the school office along with the correct money and an entry ticket will be sent home before the event. Please see the attached flier for more information

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3
* Father’s Day Stall… Wednesday 3rd September.
* Subway Lunch… September 10th Order forms were sent home last week. Orders and correct money needs to be returned to school by this Thursday. Sorry….but NO late orders will be accepted as stock orders for our lunches are placed Thursday Night by Subway
* School Disco…. September 18th Permission slip on attached flier
* Rotary Raffle… August
* Working Bee… Saturday October 11th … safe the date and see attached flier for more information
It’s DISCO TIME! All students are invited to come along on Thursday 18th September 2014 in the school hall and show off their groovy dance moves to some awesome music. Children are encouraged to wear something “white” eg. T-shirt, cap, headband, accessories etc. Cordial, water and lollies will be provided. Please note: no other food will be provided. No younger siblings allowed.

TIMES:

- The Juniors (Prep – Grade 2) 4:30pm to 5:30pm ~ $3.00
- The Middle/Seniors (Grades 3–6) 6:00pm to 7:30pm ~$4.00

If your child wishes to attend, please return the permission slip below together with the entry fee. Tickets will be issued shortly after permission slip and payment are received. We require one permission slip per child (additional slips will be available from the office or in the school newsletter).

We request that children avoid bringing any valuables to the disco.

Please note that children will not be allowed to leave the hall without a parent or guardian.

Thank you
The Parent Association

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Parent’s Name: ...

Parent’s Signature: ...

Parent’s emergency contact number on the night: ...

□ JUNIOR SCHOOL DISCO AT 4:30pm on Thursday 18th September 2014
OR
□ MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL DISCO AT 6:00pm on Thursday 18th September 2014
Special Event
BOOK LAUNCH
Friends & families of St Oliver’s are invited to attend the release of
My Five iFriends
By Annitta SW

Hi, my name is Julian but everyone calls me ‘Shorty’. This is a story about what’s important to a kid like me. Sports, Technology, Electronic games and friends.

Read about how all these things go together and how my five iFriends Riley, Cappa, Jules, Liam and Tom make my life so much fun.

MY FIVE iFRIENDS

Friday 12th September 2014
3.30 – 5.30pm
Come and meet the Five iFriends (appearing at 4:15)
AT ST OLIVER’S SCHOOL
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
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____________________

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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.
Cooking is a favourite activity for seniors. Last week repeatedly they made chocolate cupcakes and also chocolate, blue and purple icing. All children enjoyed sidewalk chalk drawing.

Up Coming Activities

Father’s day cards, Making ties and tool boxes, finger print magnet craft, cardboard shirt and tie, decorating sunglasses, Plait wool craft and science experiments are planned activities for this week. Parents input always help to improve OSHC service.

Fundraising for The Smith Family

Camp Australia raises funds for back 2 School Appeal to support The Smith Family's Learning for Life program. This fund will provide children in 97 of the most disadvantaged communities in Australia with education essentials and learning support. OSHC staff will discuss this with children and find a way to help these communities.

OSHC Staff