Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to Fourth Term. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy some extra time with your children over the September School Holiday break. Congratulations to all Hawthorn supporters and commiserations to Sydney supporters (if we have any) in our school community.

It has been pleasing to see so many of our children commence the term in the correct uniforms. Our School Uniform Policy states that no dates are prescribed for wearing either summer or winter uniform, rather the weather conditions prevailing each day can be a guide for parents. Generally speaking summer uniforms should be worn in first and fourth terms and winter uniforms in second and third terms.

As a part of our Sun Smart Policy we also ask that you ensure that the children wear their school hats to school every day. The children will be given a period of grace but from week 3 if the children do not wear the correct school hats they will need to play in designated shaded areas.

Your assistance in ensuring that your children wear the correct school uniform to school is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that this Saturday the school will hold a working bee (flyer attached). Your assistance for a few hours this Saturday morning would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forwards to a successful fourth term.

Regards

Alan S.
This week Junior L will be attending the Thursday class Mass at 10:00am. Please come and join the children in prayer.

Some of you may have heard about ‘Pope Francis’ Five Finger Prayer’.

This is a simple and lovely way in which you can pray with your child/children – I hope you enjoy it…

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator
RETHINK DYSLEXIA!

You may have heard of dyslexia and had an idea of what it meant – but you may be surprised about many aspects you are not aware of. Did you know, for example, that Richard Branson (founder of Virgin Airlines) is only one of many, many creative and successful people who are dyslexic? If you would like to know more, there are many activities organised during Dyslexia Empowerment Week (see information below).

Let me know if you are interested – perhaps there is a group of us who would like to attend together?

Barbara Olanda

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**Dyslexia Empowerment Week**

1 in 10 Australians are estimated to have dyslexia, with worldwide figures estimating it’s actually has high as 16% to 20%!!!!! That’s a lot of Australians (or 3-6 students in every single classroom) who, as we see it, have **Specific Learning Differences** that need our understanding and support.

Dyslexia Empowerment Week, now in its second year, is 19 - 25 October 2014. The aim of this very important week is to increase our communities’ awareness and understanding of dyslexia so that people with dyslexia (including all those students sitting in a classroom) receive the understanding and support they need!

There will be a variety of activities and events that will take place during Dyslexia Empowerment Week - so we’ll keep updating our website (www.dyslexiaempowermentweek.com.au) so you are kept up-to-date!

If you have any questions or would like to talk to someone about Dyslexia Empowerment Week please contact Deborah on info@ldnetwork.net.au.

**Melbourne**

When: **Sunday 19 Oct**  
Time: **1-3pm**

Meet at: **Birrarung Marr Park** (below Fed Square by the Yarra, near Artplay and the accessible playground.)

1.15-2pm -- **Walk for Dyslexia** through Fed Square around Fitzroy Gardens and past the ‘G’

2-3pm - Community party and picnic featuring inspirational interviews by Liz Dunoon and creative workshops with Kids Own Publishing.

Don’t forget to wear the colour **Purple**!
SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We are beginning our new unit “Teach Us to Pray”. Students will be learning about the different forms of prayer and the significance of prayer in our lives. We start our unit with discussion about our experiences and understanding of prayer. We will also discuss reasons we pray and different ways to pray.

WRITING: In Writing we will be reviewing the structures of our Writing Session in particular the purpose of writing goals and peer conferences. We will begin our focus on writing to describe – looking at a range of reports, descriptions and explanations. Students will use their holiday experiences to complete a seed throughout the week.

READING: We are beginning our new serial novel ‘Holes’ by Louis Sachar - a story which resonates around the themes of friendship, team work, cruelty, the significance of names and symbolism. Students will continue reading and responding to their own novels. We will also be reading a range of texts that describe, in particular looking at the features of reports.

SPELLING: Students will be focussing on the rules and patterns associated with silent letters.

MATHS: We will be starting our Statistics and Probability unit. Students will complete a pre-test to determine prior knowledge and will discuss associated language. Students will be involved in conducting chance experiments through games.

INQUIRY: We will be introducing the new Health Inquiry Unit. Students will complete a pre-assessment task where they illustrate their daily food consumption, exercise and relaxation techniques.

Just a reminder...

- GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO will be taken NEXT THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER. Grade 6’s are to be in full school uniform on this day, no nail polish, no runners, and school colour hair ties.
- Senior M 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.
- Homework will be handed out this week and is due in week 4. Please continue to remind your child of the importance of remaining focussed on the task and general organisation.
- We are desperate for tissues! If you could please send your child in with a box of tissues that would be greatly appreciated.
- Kanga Cricket and district athletics will be held on Wednesday.
- Interschool summer sports resume this Friday with a home game against Moreland primary school. We welcome any parents who wish to spectate.

Grade 6 Graduation
With one term remaining, organisation for the Grade 6 Graduation is about to start which includes organising the Grade 6 Year Book, Graduation Dinner etc. If anyone is able to help out, please contact Carmela on 0400317548. All help will be appreciated.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will begin our new unit of work, ‘Mary Faithful Disciple’. The children will look at and discuss different images and paintings of Mary. They will talk about the similarities and differences between them, and discuss why they believe some are more realistic than others.

WRITING: We will begin the term by re-establishing our Writing routine. The children will organise their writing folders and ensure they are motivated and ready to begin working hard on their writing goals.

MATHS: This week the children will learn all about money. They will experiment with coins and notes to represent different amounts and change.

INQUIRY: This week we will begin our new Inquiry unit. The children will brainstorm everything they know about the topic and begin to create a Wonderings Chart.
RELIGION: This week we begin our new unit ‘Created For Life’. We will discuss how we are all part of God’s creation and identify what we feel is good in ourselves. We will also identify and name other parts of creation and find images to create a class collage.

READING: This week during reading sessions, we will focus on how the use of punctuation helps us read with expression. We will also use the shared texts to make connections to events and experiences in our own lives.

WRITING: During Writing this week, we will begin to identify the various structures and features of narratives. This will be our main focus when modelling the different aspects of writing in the first part of this term. The children will also continue with their own individual writing pieces.

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

MATHS: In Maths this week, we will continue our unit investigating division. The children will be working on tasks applicable to their understandings about this concept. Activities may include using concrete materials and drawings to represent division problems, creating oral and written stories to illustrate division problems, making equal shares and using the division symbol when recording results.

INQUIRY: This week in Inquiry, we begin our new unit ‘Let’s Get Physical’. We will gather the children’s prior knowledge about why they think physical activity is good for us and identify the different types of physical activity we are involved in each day.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our new unit for this term is ‘Belonging to God’s People’. We will be taking the children to the Church and be discussing what we see inside and outside the Church.

READING: We are looking at recipes and discussing their features. We will then make some healthy snacks following the recipes.

WRITING: We will be sharing our experiences from the school holidays and using the 5 W’s to help the children with extending their writing. We will also be introducing the children to the ‘Mystery Box’ as stimulus for writing.

MATHS: In Maths we are introducing the children to sharing (Division). The children will use concrete materials to solve real life situations.

INQUIRY: The Inquiry unit this term is called, ‘Healthy Me, Healthy You!’ We will be asking the children what are healthy and unhealthy foods and be making some healthy snacks.

REMINDER. . . . M100W testing is this Friday!
Wellbeing

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 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.

If you would like to learn more about how to support your child to build resilience look out for the flyer sent home yesterday on our upcoming Parent Seminar ‘5 Secrets to develop resilience and confidence in your child’ at 7pm on 21st October at St. Oliver’s.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

Sports News

What a busy week we have in Sport this week. On Wednesday 8th October 51 children from the seniors will be heading off to Coburg City Oval for the T20blast for cricket. Also we have 11 students heading off to the Regional Athletics. We wish Daniel Barker, Maggie Styles, Eva Ryan, Adam Raffaele, Julius Guzzardi, Breanna Farley, Carla Martins, Giulia Palmarella, Jessica Russo, Ruby Roberts and Lucas Russo all the very best of luck!!!
Also the Prep-2 children will be participating in a fantastic program run by the Melbourne Storm. A note will be going home tonight with more details.

Sports Day
This year our school sports will be held on Friday 31st October (week 4) from 9am-1pm. Further information regarding the running of the day and parent helper forms will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Interschool Sports
Interschool sports commences again this week. We have had to reschedule a game to this Friday as we will be having our Sports Day in a few weeks. Please check your fixtures for the dates for the rest of the term.

Many Thanks

Mrs. Giulia Mazzarella
Sport 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.

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
CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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 10.30 am 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 4. 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 Commonwealth Bank and Complete Balloon Decorating. For more information regarding the St Oliver’s Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au.

ROTARY RAFFLE
The Rotary Raffle books were sent home last term. 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.

WORKING BEE
We have a scheduled working bee at the school this coming Saturday 11th Oct. Please see the attached flier for more information and we look forward to seeing a bright and clean school on Monday next week.

MEETING
There is a scheduled Parent Association meeting this Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
Bunnings BBQ…October 25th
Rotary Raffle… drawn Melb Cup day
Working Bee… Saturday October 11th … save the date and see attached flier for more information
2015 Calendars….November
Xmas Raffle….December
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.
Welcome back OSHC children and families to the term 4. We hope all children enjoyed the ‘sleep-ins’. Most of the children went to Melbourne show and had good time.

**Gardening:** Some children yesterday explored garden soil & watering tomato plants.

Yesterday one senior and two middles made chocolate truffles. Most of the children enjoyed to make pop stick catapult.

**Up Coming Activities:** Making healthy eating poster, Play dough creations, sidewalk chalk drawing, plaster painting and volcano- science experiment are planned activities.

**Bookings** for OSHC automatically carry over from term to term. If parents wish to cancel old bookings or make new ones, they can do on the Parent Console online, or contact the Camp Australia Customer Team on 1300 105 343.

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

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.

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 Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.