Dear Parents,

Yesterday the Deputy Premier/State Education Minister James Merlino, The Director of Catholic Education, Steve Elder and our local State Member of Parliament, Lizzie Blandthorn visited our school. Several of our student leaders led our V.I.P.’s on a tour of our school that ended in our school hall where we were able to share our architect drawings for the proposed redevelopment of the current building. Hopefully this V.I.P. party will support our state government grant application with regards to our new hall project in 2016. Many thanks to Marita Pascoe, one of our School Board Members, who represented and offered a parent perspective when meeting with our visitors yesterday.

Coming home this Friday is a copy of your child’s second semester report and profile book. I know that parents and teachers have continued their communication throughout the year but we do provide an opportunity for parents to attend parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 15th December if you so desire. Please note that these interviews are not compulsory. A note will be coming tomorrow with online booking details if you wish to make an appointment.

2016 School Fees and Levies

Please note that first term Student levies in 2016 will be $250 per child together with the building levy of $50 per family. School fees for second, third and fourth terms will rise to $360 per family plus the building levy of $50 per family, per term.

On the recommendation from the School Board we will also include on your Term One Invoice the children’s Sacramental fees (if relevant) as we have done this year.

Invoices for Term 1, 2016 and instructions for Book Pack collection will be posted during the first week of January 2016.
As this is our second last newsletter for the year I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have contributed to make this year at St Oliver’s so successful. Thank you to our wonderful Board Members who continue to offer their skills and expertise with regards to school improvement.

A huge thankyou to our highly committed Parent Association led by Georgie McElligott. The committee is made up of a fantastic group of parents who are always out there organising and coordinating school functions. It is a pleasure to have a committee made up of parents who are so generous with their time and organisational skills.

I’d also like to offer congratulations and acknowledge our hard working staff. We have highly committed teachers, teacher aides and administration staff at St Oliver’s and on many occasion they offer family support and deal with family concerns that go far beyond classrooms. We have a wonderful leadership team consisting of Mary Kearney, Libby Sheedy and Trish Segrave. I see how they interact both with parents and with the children around our school. The school could not operate so effectively without their expertise and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Father Paul Connell for his involvement and support at many levels. We are most fortunate to have Father Paul as our parish priest at St Oliver’s.

I’d like to thank all of our children for their hard work and all of their efforts this year. We should all take pride in the behaviour of our children. A special congratulations to our Graduating year 6 students. Good luck at secondary school and I hope you look back on your years at St Oliver’s with genuine affection. I’d also like to acknowledge the many families who are leaving our school community. A number of these families have a long association with the school. From everyone at the school thank you for all you have given so generously to make our community a better place.

Just a final reminder that the term concludes at 3.15 on Wednesday 17th and that Term One resumes on Thursday 28th January 2016.

Kind Regards

Alan Sweeney

Minister Merlino and our local State Member of Parliament Lizzie Blandthorne also visited our classrooms and chatted with some of the junior students.
END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS  
The end of year school Mass is on Friday 11 December at 11:45. The Prep children will be singing the Communion reflection song. All parents are welcome to join the children in prayer and song.

ST OLIVER’S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
The School Christmas concert is on Wednesday 9 December in the north yard of the school. The children are required to be at school by 6:30 to sit with their class. The concert will commence at 7:00. The children have been busy rehearsing their item and are very excited about the event. Seating will be provided for the families and we encourage families to join in singing any songs they know.

Trish Segrave  
Religious Education Coordinator

PARENTING INSIGHT  
This week Michael’s insight is titled ‘Stay sane when travelling with kids’. Michael shares some practical, easy ways you can make the trip enjoyable for the children and the parents and keep your sanity in the process!

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

Holiday Program : Basketball School Holiday Camp  
19th and 20th January 2016 9.30-3pm  
Coburg Basketball Stadium  
Register at www.hoopsmart.com.au  
For more information call 0406 488 313

Libby Sheedy  
Wellbeing Coordinator
SENIORS

RELIGION: During religion this week we will continue to practise for our Christmas concert and read the Nativity story from Luke and Matthew’s Gospel. We will use a Venn diagram to compare the events and characters within both Scripture passages.

READING: During reading, we will finish reading our serial novel ‘Two Wolves’. The students will reflect on the novel and compare it to the themes represented in the film ‘Tomorrowland’. The students will continue their personal reading routine.

WRITING: This week in writing the students will finalise their writing pieces to be included in their ‘Writer’s Gift’.

MATHS: During maths this week we will conclude our Measurement unit, focusing on mass, capacity and volume related problems.

INQUIRY: This week in Inquiry, we will conclude our unit ‘Lights, Camera, Action!’ The students will present their Inquiry project to the class.

REMINDERS:
- School Christmas Concert - Wednesday 9th December at 7:00pm.
- Clothing for the night:
  - Senior D and Senior C all students to wear black clothing. Boys to have tinsel decorations for their wrists. Girls to have a tinsel halo and tinsel around their wrist.
  - Senior M and Senior G all students to wear black pants and a white top.
- End of Year Mass - Friday 11th December at 11:45am
- Senior’s Big Day Out – Tuesday 15th December
- Students last day of school – Wednesday 16th December

The Senior teachers would like to extend our gratitude and sincere thanks to you all for making this year a real success. We really appreciate all that you have done for your children and the support that you have shown us this year. For those families who leave us at the end of the year, thank you for all that you have done and the contributions you have made to the St Oliver’s community throughout your time here. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: During religion this week we will continue to practise for our Christmas concert and learn songs for the End of Year Mass on Friday.

WRITING: Students will finalise their writing pieces for ‘Writer’s ‘Gift’ and begin to write Christmas stories.

READING: We will be reading Christmas stories and students continue with their independent reading.

SPELLING: Our spelling topic will be focused around Christmas words. Students will be completing word searchers and crosswords relating to Christmas.

MATHS: This week in Maths we will be doing a variety of Christmas activities relating to number

INQUIRY: This week students will begin an activity ‘Christmas around the World’ where they will research a country and investigate how they celebrate Christmas.

On Thursday as a reward for the children’s hard work and wonderful successes throughout the term, the children will enjoy a movie afternoon and an ice-cream surprise. The children are also permitted to wear casual clothes on this day.
RELIGION: This week students will focus on the meaning of the second week of Advent which is love. Students will reflect on ways they can show love to their families at home and friends at school.

READING: Students will listen to a range of Christmas stories this week and focus on using punctuation when reading to improve fluency.

WRITING: This week students will begin writing a letter to their ‘buddies’ to wish them a Merry Christmas and tell them about how they spend Christmas with their families.

MATHS: In Maths, students will begin revising some of the concepts that they have learnt about this year. Students will focus on activities related to place value, counting, addition and 2 dimensional shapes.

INQUIRY: This week students will continue to practice their Christmas concert item and will also listen to some of the hymns that will be sung at the end of school mass on Friday.

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

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PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We are continuing work within the unit of ‘God is with us’. We will be listening the Christmas story and making our own Nativity scenes. We have also been practising our Christmas song which we will be performing at the end of year Mass on Friday.

READING: We are reading different Christmas stories and making a variety of Christmas crafts.

WRITING: We are writing about our excursion to ACMI and continuing writing letters to Santa.

MATHS: In Maths we are revising what we have learnt throughout the term. We will also introduce the children to some simple subtraction stories.

INQUIRY: We are continuing to practise our performance for the end of year concert and Prep assembly. Learning the words and actions to our Christmas songs.

REMINDERS:

- Tomorrow night is the School Christmas Concert. Please make sure your child is dressed in the appropriate attire. If you are unsure of what they are to wear then please speak to your child’s classroom teacher.
- This Friday is the children’s last testing for their M100W lists. Please remember to bring their books in.
- Can all reader books and library books be sent back to school as they need to be collected for stocktake.
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
A reminder that all children as part of the school summer uniform children are required to wear their SCHOOL broad rimmed HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons, during terms one and four. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

LOST PROPERTY
If you have any missing items, please check the lost property cupboard located in the administration area as we will be discarding it all on the last Wednesday afternoon.

STUDENT AWARDS

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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.....TUESDAY
We hope everyone has enjoyed banking in 2015. We would like to thank everyone for participating in this program.....the school bankers, banking coordinators and the parent volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a banker please keep a look out for the information packs sent home in the New Year. If you are able to volunteer your Tuesday mornings (2 hours) to help process these transactions please contact Diana Capuana on 0419 331 966.

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 our last assembly for term 4

ST OLIVER’S BUSINESS DIRECTORY
The new edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory was distributed out at the end of last term. We hope you find this a useful booklet and remember to mention where you saw their advert when utilizing it.

2016 CALENDARS
Our calendar orders are being processed and will be distributed as soon as they arrive later this term. For more information call Lisa Said on 0425 820 325

XMAS HAMPERS
The Parent Association would like to thank are school community in supporting our efforts this past 12 months. In doing so we are putting together Xmas hampers to give away at the last assembly of the year. Each class will have a winner. We hope everyone (parents, friends, teachers and students) has enjoyed the events we coordinated this year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2016.
This week at OSHC
This week we made a 2D Christmas tree for the OSHC room. The children are doing their best to decorate it. They also made other Christmas things like Santas, flowers, Christmas cards, and decorations. On Monday, we let the kids have some practice speaking in front of an audience of their peers, to talk about their weekends. Also, this week we also had a talk about sustainability with the children; together we discussed how we can reuse and recycle paper. On hot days, we had frozen jelly or frozen bananas to cool down.

Around the world
This week in BSC the children played a game called “Around the World”. They throw our world map blow-up ball to one another and when a person catches it, they stop and see which country is showing on top of the ball. Then they go to our multicultural wall display and see how to say hello in that country and tell everyone else. They learnt about how to say hello in different languages.