From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that tomorrow we will be holding our final Assembly for the year commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Following the assembly the children will be advised of their 2015 classes and we will also welcome our new families to our Junior, Middle and Senior classes. I’m pleased to announce the names of the new teachers who will be joining our staff in 2015. We welcome Jane Bailey (Juniors), Jessica Trimming (Middles), Lauren Klymenko (Middles) to our classroom teaching staff and Kate Hart as our new middle and senior P.E. teacher. Jaki O’Halloran will move from her current P.E. role to a new position in our school as a Mathematics Intervention teacher.

Last Thursday Sue Carey advised me that she has accepted a teaching position at John Bosco School Niddrie. Sue has been a wonderful classroom teacher and on behalf of the school I thank her for all she has contributed. Sue’s resignation does however mean that at this stage we not be able to announce our full 2015 staffing.

REGROUPING

The teachers have spent a great deal of time balancing all of the factors that need to be considered in placing over 360 children including our 2015 preps into our fifteen grades. It was explained to the children that attempts were made to place the children with ONE child from their Friendship Circle. It was also explained to the children that a specific request made by their parents meant that the childrens’ individual requests could not be guaranteed. The needs of all of our children were considered in our class regrouping process and a great deal of worry can be saved if you support your child’s placement.

We thank all of the families who are leaving the St Oliver’s Community for all they have contributed to our school and we wish you, and all of your children, every future happiness and success.
FAMILIES LEAVING 2014

Albero Family  Asta Family  Atallah Family
Barker Family  Cham Family  Ciccone Family
Cologna Family  Compagnino Family  Mancino Family
Di Blasi Family  Dupre Family  Everett Family
Fakhoury Family  Farley Family  Ferreira Family
Gangi Family  Georgiou Family  Goundar Family
Graser Family  Incani Family  Loveday Family
Manetta Family  Martins Family  Mazzone Family
Merlo Family  Mokbel Family  Palmarella Family
Ramondetta Family  Roberts Family  Rozich Family
Scarpino Family  Styles Family  Vu Family

Just a final reminder that the term concludes for the children at 3.15 p.m. this Wednesday and Term One 2015 commences on Thursday 29th January.
On behalf of the entire staff I wish you all a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas.

Alan Sweeney
Principal
Thank you to all the parents who attended our End of Year School Mass. A special thank you to the Junior students, who led the Communion Reflection song at the Mass. A reminder to RSVP: mpascoe@gmkpartners.com.au if your child is attending the practice for the Christmas Family Mass. I’d like to wish you all a peace filled and happy Christmas.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

Special Advent Children’s Liturgy
You are invited to a special Children’s Liturgy for the Four Sundays of Advent - 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December, where the children will be doing a special activity around the Jesse Tree including presenting the symbols in the Offertory. St Oliver’s Children’s Liturgy is especially for children aged between 5 and 12 years to come along and celebrate their own special Gospel of the Lord. All are welcome to attend. We would love to see lots of children there as we celebrate this very important time in the Church’s calendar.

Aislinn Breen
Children’s Liturgy Coordinator

Learning and Teaching

I would like to acknowledge all of the fabulous learning and teaching that has occurred over this year in all levels. Our school data continues to reflect the good work and exemplary practices we have in place at St Olivers. Our staff have continued on their professional learning journey to further personalise the curriculum to the individual student needs. We have embedded our student goal setting, student conferences, small student centred workshops and collaborative learning practices in the writing block. Our Mathematics lessons have also moved to a more personalised approach, with teachers using data to effectively plot students along the learning continuum and effectively target the curriculum to individual needs of each student. We will continue to take a considered and measured approach to the introduction of innovations that ensure genuine improvement for all students.

I’d also like to thank the students for all the hard work they have put into their learning this year. There have been some tremendous ‘actions’ that have resulted from our Inquiry units of work and across all domains of learning. Congratulations and well done to you all!!

Finally I would like to wish each and every family in our school community the very best of wishes for Christmas the New Year. I hope you all have a restful, safe and enjoyable holiday.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching 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
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 Wednesday afternoon.

TERM 1 INVOICES
Invoices for Term 1, 2015 and instructions for Book Pack collection will be posted during the first week of January 2015.

CANTEEN
Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu
Please direct enquiries to Di Tabone  dtabone@ozemail.com.au or 0423 596 221
LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN WAS FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER.
Canteen will re-open Monday 2nd February 2015

WELLBEING

MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT
Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.
This week’s insight looks at ‘Making the most of the school holidays’.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish each family a very happy and safe Christmas break.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BANKING
This program will be running in 2015 and we look forward to another great year of savings. If you are interested in volunteering to help next year on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10.30am please contact Diana 0419331966. We work on a roster system so it only works out to be a couple of times a term.

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 this Wednesday 17th December.

XMAS RAFFLE
This year the Parent Association has put together 3 prizes per class for the Xmas Raffle. The raffle will be drawn by Santa at the last assembly for 2014 on Wednesday 17th December. Raffle tickets were sent home 2 weeks ago. Each ticket is $1 or $5 for the book.

MONEY RAISED FOR ST OLIVER’S IN 2014

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In 2015 our fundraising focus will be raising money for a new school hall. Our Fete is all booked in for Sunday 25th October… exciting times ahead!!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the St Oliver families and staff for their ongoing support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. See you all in 2015

St Oliver’s Parent Association

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School Banking Program

I (name) __________________________ am available to help with the school banking program on Tuesday mornings

My Contact details are: _____________________________
Dear St Oliver’s Families

The end of year is fast approaching along with our Christmas Eve Family Mass. We are in need of children from our Parish to help us re-enact the very special Gospel telling us about the birth of Jesus Christ. This invitation is extended to all children of our Parish, not just those attending the Parish Primary School.

Please let us know if you can come along to the rehearsal. The rehearsal details are:

When: Monday 22^{nd} December
Where: Parish Church
Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm
RSVP: Marita Pascoe  mPascoe@gmkpartners.com.au  0409 902 404 by 19th December 2014

Christmas Eve Family Mass will be in the Parish Church on Wednesday 24^{th} December, 2014 and the children involved are required to be at Church by 6.15pm, with carols commencing at 6.20pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm!

Kind Regards

St Oliver’s Parish Church
WISHING ALL FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR

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:

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
Before using our programs register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy.

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