Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all of the mums, dads, children and staff who gave their time and shared their skills and expertise to assist at last Saturday’s working bee. The ‘many willing hands’ allowed us to mulch, prune, repair and tidy up our yards, garden beds and also clean out a great deal of rubbish from our sheds and the school hall. I’m pleased to announce that a small painting job that I committed to completing at our last working bee (two years ago) has now been painted!

We have many talented parents in our community and a huge thanks to Michael Said who did a great job in organising and coordinating the morning.

The working bee was another fantastic display of community spirit and I’m most grateful to everyone who was able to assist on the day and who kept the workers hydrated and well fed with their donations of bottled water, cake and food.

Regards

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

MISSION MASS
On Friday October 17 the members of The Student Representative Council will be attending the Mission Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in East Melbourne. They will be joining children from many other schools praying for those in need, particularly those who have left their homeland and families.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

Term overviews with full curriculum outlines will be coming home soon. Please take the time to read these overviews so that you can support your child, simply by having a discussion about what they are focusing on at school.

Home school links are a valued aspect of school life at St Oliver’s. We acknowledge that parents are the primary educators of our children and we anticipate that this ongoing communication will assist you in supporting your child on their journey through school.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What's happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will reflect on their feelings about and experiences of prayer and will be involved in rotating prayer activities where they are invited to respond in variety of ways.

WRITING: With our focus on writing to describe we will be looking at topics to write about in reports and descriptions, as well as using the 5 Ws to gather information to include in our texts. Students will continue their individual writing pieces.

READING: Students are excited to continue our new serial novel, ‘Holes’ by Louis Sachar. They will also continue reading and responding to their own novels in reading routine. We will be focussing on the comprehension strategy of finding the main idea.

SPELLING: Students will be discussing words associated with our Inquiry unit and we will investigate which spelling strategy is most useful for helping us to spell these words.

MATHS: This week we will be gathering, recording, comparing and analysing the heights of our class. We will be discussing and practising finding the mean, median and mode in a set of data.

INQUIRY: Students will complete their pre-assessment task where they illustrate their typical day and will draw conclusions about their lifestyle and what choices they can make.

Just a reminder...

- GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO will be taken THIS 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. Please bring your jumper just in case.
- Senior C 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.
- This week our interschool sports game is at home against Pascoe Vale South.
- We are desperate for tissues! If you could please send your child in with a box of tissues that would be greatly appreciated.
- PLEASE NOTE: Homework will be handed out this week and is due in week 5. Please refer to the note on the back of the homework sheet regarding changes to homework for grade 6’s and Homework Club which is starting in week 3.

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.

Click HERE for a copy of the current Grade 5 homework task sheet
Click HERE for a copy of the current Grade 6 homework task sheet

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The students will continue learning about, ‘Mary the Faithful Disciple’. They will learn about the story of the Annunciation, and explore Mary’s experience by completing a senses chart.

WRITING: The students will learn about ‘Rocket Writing’. They will be encouraged to record their ideas about a particular topic without taking their pen off the page. This activity will help the children to think imaginatively and creatively.

READING: The students will complete a Reading Response about various themes in the novel, ‘Tom Appleby: Convict Boy’. They will explore friendship and new beginnings, using quotes to support their ideas.

MATHS: This week the students will complete a post-test to demonstrate their understanding of Money. They will complete a pre-test and begin learning all about fractions.

INQUIRY: This week the students will complete a pre-test for our new Inquiry unit, ‘Energise Me’. They will demonstrate everything they know about living a Healthy Lifestyle.

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

RELIGION: During Religion this week, we will begin to look more deeply at the beauty and wonder of God’s creation. The students will write and illustrate a prayer, thanking God for the various parts of creation that they appreciate. We will use these prayers in a liturgy about creation.

READING: This week during shared reading sessions, we will be reading narratives and identifying the structure and features of the text. We will also be focusing on the purpose and use of adjectives within narratives.

WRITING: This week during Writing, we will revise the structure and features of narrative texts. We will model how to use direct speech and descriptive language to make the story come alive. 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 ‘eat’ (beat, seat) 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 division. The children will be continuing to work 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 during Inquiry, we will continue with our unit ‘Let’s Get Physical’. We are taking part in a Taekwondo clinic and our second Rugby clinic. Following these we will investigate the ways our bodies change after physical activity.

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

PREPS

READING: We are looking at information texts about healthy foods. We are beginning to teach the children what it means to be healthy.

WRITING: We are introducing the children to writing on dotted thirds. We will be doing lots of modelling and teacher will be directing the children’s writing.

MATHS: In Maths we are continuing with sharing (Division) and practising our skip counting by 5’s.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We are discussing the sacred symbols and objects inside and outside of the school church. The children will create these symbols and objects using a variety of mediums.

INQUIRY: We will be reading the stories Oliver’s Fruit Salad and Oliver’s Vegetables by Vivian French and identifying our favourite fruit and vegetables. We will then sort this information in a picture graph.

REMINDER. . . Tomorrow we have Melbourne Storm coming in so children are to please wear their sports uniform.
This year the preps have been fortunate enough to take part in a Fire Education Program with the Melbourne Fire Brigade. They participated in 2 sessions. The first session they learnt about good and bad fires and the importance of a smoke alarm. The second session was last Thursday and the preps got to see a fire truck. They learnt about all the equipment they use to help them and the sorts of things they do in an emergency. The preps had lots of interesting questions. A big thank you goes to Anthony Stevenson (Mikey’s dad) in Prep F.

Here are some of the preps experiences they write about!!

The fireman came to school and showed us the things they work with. **Chiara S**

000 is for police, ambulance and the fire brigade. This is a special number for help. **Paige**

A fire truck has the numbers 000 on the truck. **Dante L**

We were excited that a fire truck came to school. **Tara Bell**
Helping kids to think positively

Helping children to develop healthy thinking habits is vital and is the foundation of emotional resilience. At times we all think in unhelpful ways that we know makes us feel pessimistic, down or afraid. However if we think this way all the time, we develop thinking habits that impact on our ability to deal with life’s ups and downs. We can help our children become healthy thinkers by modelling positive thoughts and actions. We can point out gently to our children when they are thinking in a negative way (but not giving too much attention) and give loads of praise when we see our children facing difficulties with a positive attitude. Children also look carefully at parents to see how they are viewing difficult situations and in turn develop strategies and beliefs around what they see and hear. Below is a list of unhelpful and helpful types of thinking.

8 Types of Unhelpful Thinking

- **Catastrophic thinking** this is the worst thing in the world
- **Self-Downing thinking** putting yourself down
- **Perfectionistic thinking** Needing to be perfect
- **Needing approval** Everyone must approve / like me
- **Pessimistic** I can’t do it
- **Giving up** I can’t be bothered
- **Being intolerant of others** people should behave as I want them or expect them to
- **Low frustration thinking** everything in life should be fun, comfortable and easy and I can’t stand frustration of any sort

8 Types of Helpful Thinking

- **Perspective Thinking** means thinking it’s not the worst thing that could happen to me.
- **I Can do this thinking** means thinking while this is hard, I can still do it.
- **Accepting Thinking** means thinking that when I make mistakes I am not hopeless and people will still like me even if I am not perfect. I still have my good points.
- **Fearless Thinking** means thinking that it’s OK to make mistakes when learning new things.
- **Independent Thinking** it’s important to be myself and have a go at new things.
- **Confident Thinking** if I really put my mind to this I will be able to do it!
- **Persistent Thinking** we all have to work hard to achieve even though they may not like doing it.
- **Tolerant Thinking** things are hard / frustrating but I can stand it

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

**SPORTS NEWS**

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the T20 blast for cricket last week. Two of the boys teams made it into the regional semi-final on Friday 28th November at Epping Recreation Reserve. More details will be given closer to the event. Well done boys!!

Thank you to Miss Jaki, Miss Garden, Mr McKenzie and the parents for their help on the day.

Well done to all the children who represented our school at Divisions in Athletics. We had some great results on the day: Julius Guzzardi and Maggie Styles have made it through to the Championships next Wednesday. We wish them all the best. What an outstanding effort!!! The Melbourne storm program was a great success with all the preps and juniors. This will continue for the next two weeks on a Wednesday.

**SPORTS DAY** Information about sports day went home yesterday. This is a whole school event that is run each year. We couldn’t run this day without parent helpers so if you are free on the day and would like to help please fill in the slip on the note and return to school ASAP. Prep parents please check the note for your child’s house colour.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS** Interschool sports is on this Friday. We will be playing at home (at school).

Mrs Giulia Mazzarella
Sport Coordinator
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!

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER
The School Fees were sent out during the holidays. Payment is due this Friday 17 October, 2014.

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 – Patrick Carlton  JD- Lara Bascetta  JL – Elanor Dunstan  JR – Mia Renzella

STUDENT AWARDS

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

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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 D’aprano Real estate, Dash Dog and The Circus Spot. For more information regarding the St Olivers 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
Thank you to the many families that turned up on Saturday and helped clean up our school. Thank you to Michael Said for organizing the working bee, DC Bin Hire for the large skip bin, Genobile Brothers for donating drinks and O’Heas Bakery for the rolls. Thank you to Libby Sheedy for cooking lunch while the volunteer families and Alan Sweeney continued with the clean-up. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community at our school that comes together when needed.

BUNNINGS BBQ
Our annual Bunnings BBQ is in 2 weeks. A form was sent home last week asking for people to help on the day. Please see attached flier for more information.

2015 CALENDARS
The children are now starting to prepare their artwork for the 2015 calendars. An order form is attached. Please have your order and correct money returned to the school office by November 5th to ensure that calendars are ready for collection by the end of term. Remember each child needs to have their own order form. For more information please contact Lisa Said 0425 820 325

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
#Bunnings BBQ…October 25th
#Rotary Raffle… drawn Melb Cup day
#2015 Calendars….November
#Xmas Raffle…December
Dear Parents,

Your children at St Olivers have been busy designing a picture on their own calendar for 2015. The children have been working very hard on their artwork to make it just right. These excellent pieces of work have been collected from many budding young artists and are ready to mount.

If you wish to have these beautiful pieces mounted on to a calendar to be viewed and treasured all year round, you need to fill out the attached form.

The cost of the calendar is $13.00.
Each child must have a separate order form.
You may also order multiple copies.

What a great Christmas present from your child to grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends!

Please have your order and money back to the school by:

**WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER**

Please make cheques out to “St Olivers Parents Association” and please label the envelope “Calendar Money”

(Please contact Lisa Said 0425820325 for any further details)

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Please return by Wednesday 5th November  TOTAL enclosed $_______
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2014

On Saturday 25th of October St Oliver’s Parent Association are hosting the sausage sizzle at Bunnings Coburg. This is a great opportunity to raise money for our school. In order to run the event successfully we request a little bit of your time to help cook and sell the sausages. In addition we will be selling raffle tickets for the Bunnings Trailer prize.

Please have a look at the time slots below and return the completed form by Friday 17th October indicating what time you would be able to help out.

We understand that families have commitments on Saturdays and that is why we have kept the shifts short. If you are busy in the morning, please choose a time in the afternoon. If you are flexible, even better! Please tick all the times you can do and you will be allocated a time. A roster will be sent home before the day.

If you have any questions, please contact Vinnie 0425 731 643

Thank you.

(NAME: ……………………….......................... CONTACT NO: ……………………………) …………………………………..

CHILD’S NAME: …………………………… CLASS: …………………………………..

I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP OUT DURING THE FOLLOWING TIMES: (Please tick)

8.00am – 10.00am 12.00pm – 2.00pm
(includes set up)

10.00am – 12.00pm 2.00pm – 4.30pm
(includes pack up)
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.
St Oliver Plunkett

Since last week OSHC children are doing ATM banking. They withdraw money from bank, use credit card for shopping. This is a real life experiences. OSHC staffs are enjoying their creations.

Last week children made chocolate truffles and pancakes. Yesterday they made chocolate cup cakes. They liked to do the chocolate icing.

Most of the children helped to make health eating poster. They coloured and pasted fruits and veggies on the poster. As a Camp Australia staff we try to encourage healthy eating in OSHC.

Up Coming Activities: Play dough creations, pop stick craft, worm gardening, face painting, dress ups, cooking, making crystal and planning for junior global citizenship program are planned activities.

Bookings for OSHC automatically carries 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.