Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all of the parents who gave their time to assist and who also came along to support the children at last week’s school sports. As we have stressed at all times the sports at St Oliver’s are about participation and fun for all of the children. Well done to our Sports Captains, special congratulations to the children in Gold (and in all colours) and to all of the children for their behaviour, cooperation and the good sportsmanship demonstrated on the day. I’d like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Giulia Mazzarella as School Sports Coordinator and all of the teachers for ensuring the day was wonderfully organised and a great success for all of the children.

School Board Nominations
We have five nominations for our three vacant Board positions. We will be sending out letters and voting slips to all families in the next few days.

Regards

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The senior members of the Student Representative Council will represent St. Oliver’s School at a commemoration ceremony on Tuesday 11 November at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the Pascoe Vale Cenotaph at Rogers Reserve where the children will lay a wreath.

It is a special time for all Australians and for many countries around the world as they reflect on the sacrifices made by those serving their country. Poppies from the RSL are available for sale at the front office.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

CLASS NEWS
This week there will be no Class News because of interruptions to level planning due to the Melbourne Cup holiday.

TESTING
Over the past few weeks the teachers have begun to prepare to write the end of year reports, and have been completing the post testing regime with students. Last week the junior teachers worked on a one-to-one basis with each student to assess their individual growth in English, and the prep teachers will be doing the same today and Monday and Thursday of next week. Next week will also see the commencement of ‘On Demand’ and ‘PATR’ (reading) and ‘PATM’ (mathematics) tests for children in grades 1-6. These tests will be administered over the next few weeks and are completed online, whilst the preps will complete the ‘I Can Do Maths’ booklet.

Teachers will use this information to determine each student’s growth, to drive their teaching and student learning for the remainder of the year. The information gathered will also be used to determine individual starting points for next year’s classes.

This formal genre of testing is just one form of assessing children’s achievements. Assessment and reporting is an ongoing process, carried out throughout the whole school year. It is an integral aspect of the learning and teaching continuum. Every classroom task can be regarded as an opportunity to make observations and evaluations of student learning.

Our approach to assessment is based on the following principles:
- The fundamental purpose of assessment is to improve student learning and direct our teaching
- Assessment should focus on the development of the individual learner
- Assessment strategies should vary and cater for a range of learning styles
- Students are active participants in the assessment process and are made aware of their strengths and where further growth is needed.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal
Learning and Teaching Coordinator
Firstly, a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Maggie Styles who came 6th in high jump at the State Championships. What a fantastic effort Maggie!!

SPORTS DAY!!

Last Friday 31st of October was our annual School Sports day. The day was a success and all the children had a fantastic time. Everyone showed good sportsmanship and team spirit on the day. Well done to all the sports Captains: James Incani and Liana Del Campo for BLUE, Josh Mirenda and Laura DeFillipis for RED, Ruby Roberts and Alex Di Blasi for GREEN and Breanna Farley and Dominic Mancino for GOLD.

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who helped on the day. Sports day would not run without all your help and support.

Also, a BIG thankyou to all the teachers for their help setting up for the day and for making sure that the day ran smoothly. A special thank you to Miss Jaki for all her help on the day. I really appreciate all your support!

And finally, CONGRATULATIONS to the GOLD TEAM for their first place on the day. To the Gold Sports Captains- Breanna Farley and Dominic Mancino what a fantastic result. GO GOLD!!

Thanks
Giulia Mazzarella
Sports Coordinator
MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.
This week’s insight looks at ‘Oh, So serious’
Malcolm Dix shares strategies to slow down and not be so busy. A good idea before the busy season begins….or does it ever stop???

Walk to School
October 2014

Congratulations to all the students who have walked or ridden their way through October. As a school we had a fantastic response to getting active and healthy throughout last month. The tally sheets that the children filled in each day in class will now be sent off to see if we can win prizes for our efforts.
Keep up the great work walking and riding to school. It’s a great way to start the school day.
The seniors have introduced a bike session with Mr Sweeney each Thursday at lunchtime. All seniors are welcome to join in as long as they have their own bike and helmet. This has been a fantastic initiative by a few of our senior students.

Thankyou!!!!
Thankyou to my amazing mums who are preparing meals for our community support program. We have had many families in our community who, for one reason or another, have been most appreciative of an extra meal. Your support has been fantastic.
If there is anyone else who would like to help out with meals for some of our families please contact me via email lsheedy@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au and I can send information to you.

Once again Thankyou to the families that already support this program.

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
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!

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 – Julia Polidori    JD- Sophie Keleher    JL – Christina De Filippis    JR – Adam Scira

ITALIAN POETRY COMPETITION MEDALS
Italian Poetry Competition medals will be handed out at assembly next Wednesday 29 October. Claudia Pironi, Amelia Pannunzio, Alexandra Hatzievangelou and Alannah Citino will be awarded for their very commendable renditions of various Italian poems. The girls worked very hard to rehearse their selected poems in recess and lunch breaks during Term One and part of Term Two. They have scored extremely well for their performances, two achieving a perfect score of 20 out of 20. Congratulations girls!

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 & whale pencil case reward items are 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 Face FX, Faraci & Co and Yoga Bugs. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

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
#2015 Calendars….November
#Xmas Raffle…December
PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM 2014

GOING to Mass

- Through our Baptism we are called to serve
- At the centre of our lives is the Eucharist
- The Word of God and the Body of Christ
- Our coming together as a parish family
- Our source of strength and nourishment
- A place of healing and solace, forgiveness and renewal
- The launching pad for our lives of witness, service and sharing

GROWING through service

- Nourished and strengthened we serve God and our neighbour
- Primarily by our own personal witness and example
- Also by our good works, caring and sharing
- By serving our parish, school and local community
- By ‘being there’ for people in their hour of need
- Growing personally by serving others
- Bringing God’s love to all those who most need it

GIVING with love

- To be a Christian is to be a giver
- Everything that we have and are is a gift from God
- He gave us his only Son who died on the cross for us
- He asks us to be givers too
- Givers of Time, Talent and Treasure
- To spread his word and to serve his people

A way of living at St Oliver’s

- We recognise that all we have and all we are is a gift from God
- Our family and friends, health, talents and ability to earn an income
- These gifts are held in trust by us rather than owned by us
- Our responsibility is to nurture and grow them using these gifts as God wants
- By doing so we give genuine thanks for our many blessings

OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM starts next weekend
PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM 2014

The Program

• Starts next weekend and is a time of personal and parish renewal
• We can use this time to reflect on the importance of our faith and how we live that faith in our daily lives
• We can reflect on the importance of our parish and what it means to us
• We will consider three central themes:
  • Going to Mass - the importance of gathering together to celebrate our faith
  • Growing through Service - how we grow through involvement in parish life
  • Giving with Love - how we can financially support our parish - with love
• One major parish gathering on Tues 11 Nov - to discuss our future plans

Over the next few weeks we will look at a simple blueprint for living the Thanksgiving way of life. We will start with the Eucharist, the centre of our lives and the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Vatican II). The Eucharist is an inexhaustible mystery: to be loved and lived every day. It is a sacrifice - the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross; it is a sacrament - the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion; it is a meal - the same memorial meal that Jesus shared with His disciples at the Last Supper and it is a liturgical celebration - the public proclamation of our faith in sign and symbol. The Eucharist nourishes us and gives us strength.

With that nourishment and strength we go on our way to serve the Lord and to serve others. In doing so we grow personally and we help others grow. Through our Baptism we are called to be witnesses and to proclaim God’s grace in word and deed. At the heart of our ministry is our own personal testimony and our own personal example, but we also serve others in practical ways by reaching out to all who need us - “see how they love one another”.

Each and every one of us is called to serve.

Finally, as chosen followers we have a responsibility to be givers. At many times in our lives we are takers - when we are young we are nurtured by parents and family; when we are sick we are ministered to by family, friends and medical professionals; when we strike difficulties in life we seek out help and support. At other times, though, we are called to be givers - givers of support, givers of solace, givers of food, givers of money.

Are you going, growing and giving?

Thanksgiving Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim your beliefs.
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and caring.
Lord, help us to always worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

A WAY OF LIVING AT ST OLIVER’S
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 $________
This week some children planted capsicums and egg plants. Also some children cooked gluten free banana cup cakes and they enjoyed the tasty treat. Children listen to Italian, Croatian, Sri Lankan, South African music.

Upcoming Activities: South African Collar Necklace, South African Drums, Maracas, Cooking – Cup cakes and Damper/Scorns Making cards – 3 things I can do to help change the world, Paper mache, Card tricks, Felt creation, Making play dough and are planned activities.

Junior Globe Citizenship Program activity is a customised program by Camp Australia. Camp Australia’s working in partnership with Oxfam Australia to provide care and support based in Nelson Mandela Bay in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Camp Australia encourages children to care about the planet and to develop empathy with, and active concern for, people in other countries. The activities provided will help children to see themselves as global citizens who can make difference to the world. Children will also learn about South African culture and Camp Australia’s 2014 Christmas collection will create handmade gifts for the children attending Sophakama’s after school care program.

OSHC Staff - Gowri