Dear Parents,

**Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute of silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

In Australia and other allied countries, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States, 11 November became known as Armistice Day – a day to remember those who died in World War One. The day continues to be commemorated in Allied countries.

**Prep Information Day**

Tomorrow evening (Wednesday) we welcome our 2015 prep parents to our Prep Information evening. Due to the high number of enrolments we are moving to three prep classes next year.

**Students not return to St Oliver’s**

As we continue to move through 4th term we are also continuing our planning for next year. If your children are not returning to our school community in 2015 (Prep-5) could you please notify the school in writing a.s.a.p.

We also ask that if there have been any changes to your personal details please pass these on to your children’s teachers or to Katherine/Bernie in the school office.

**School Board Elections**

A reminder that the voting slips for our Board election need to be returned to the school office by 3.30 Monday 17th November. The result of the election will be announced at the Board’s Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 19th November at the school at 7.30. All parents are welcome to attend.

Regards

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

Thank you to the Middle families who attended the family Mass last Sunday. It was great to see so many children there to lead the Liturgy and especially the movement and actions to the recessional song.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

In Flanders Fields the Poppies Blow...
The sight of these delicate, vibrant red flowers growing on the shattered ground caught the attention of a Canadian soldier by the name of John McCrae. He noticed how they had sprung up in the disturbed ground of the burials around the artillery position he was in. It was during the warm days of early May 1915 when he found himself with his artillery brigade near to the Ypres-Yser canal. He is believed to have composed a poem following the death of a friend at that time. The first lines of the poem have become some of the most famous lines written in relation to the First World War.

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.
SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will reflect on the type of prayer that suits them best and they prefer. We will be completing a profile piece based on what we have learnt about prayer.

WRITING: This week we will practice how to write an introduction and body paragraphs for an information report as part of our writing to describe unit. Students will attend writing workshops and will continue individual writing pieces that work towards achieving their goal.

READING: Students are loving our class novel Holes which we will continue to read this week. We will focus on finding the main idea in non-fiction texts related to our inquiry unit and students will be publishing responses for their profile books.

SPELLING: This week we will discover the difference between homophones and homonyms. A word that has more than one meaning, e.g. suit.

MATHS: Students will complete a post assessment for our statistics and probability unit. We will then be learning about financial maths through a task where students research and propose ideas for our Big Day Out.

INQUIRY: This week we will be looking at our food diaries completed for homework to investigate the main food groups and our weekly intake.

Just a reminder...

- Homework Club continues on Tuesday this week. It will be held in Senior S and will go from 3.30-4.15pm. Please note this is an optional club. Students will be dismissed from the classroom at 4.15pm.
- 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.
- Homework will be sent home this week and will be due on December the 4th.
- We are running low on tissues again and would appreciate more donations.

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: This week students will complete our unit, ‘Mary Faithful Disciple’. Students will identify the qualities of a Mary as a Disciple and reflect on a time when they have shown discipleship.

WRITING: This week the students will finish writing their script for an episode of Lazy Town and prepare them for presentation.

READING: We will discuss Remembrance Day and look at the facts and importance of the day. We introduce Reader’s Theatre and group students to begin looking at their scripts.

MATHS: This week the students will conduct a variety of chance experiments. They will investigate the language of probability and chance.

INQUIRY: This week in our unit ‘Energise Me’ students will further investigate the foods in the healthy food pyramid and research how we get different minerals and vitamins.

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

RELIGION: This week, we begin our last unit for the year, Advent and Christmas. We will identify and reflect on the times in our own lives when we wait and prepare for different events. We will also reflect on the many people through the ages who waited and prepared for the coming of Jesus, who is our leader and our light.

READING: This week during shared reading sessions, we will continue to identify the features of narratives. We will also highlight the adjectives, dialogue and punctuation used by the author to help enhance the text and engage the reader.

WRITING: This week during Writing, the children will continue with their individual writing pieces. All children are also being encouraged to focus on the neatness of their handwriting by concentrating on the size, shape and spacing of their letters.

SPELLING: We will be creating a class list of words that contain er/ ir/ur. We will also involve 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 fractions. The children will be working on tasks applicable to their understandings about this concept. Activities may include recognising, making and drawing fractions of a shape and identifying fractional parts of a group of objects. The fractions being studied during this unit include halves, quarters and eighths.

INQUIRY: This week during Inquiry, we will continue with our unit ‘Let’s Get Physical’. We are participating in a Body Investigations Drama Workshop which will focus on what makes a healthy body. We will also learn about some of our body systems and how they are connected. The children will also participate in a Zumba workshop on Friday taken by Giulia Mazzarella.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be beginning our last unit for the year “God is with us”. This unit will be about Advent.

READING: We will be reading a variety of texts about animals and discussing what we already know about them. This will link in with our writing.

WRITING: We will be introducing the children to ‘Who am I’s?’

MATHS: In Maths we are revising graphs and how to collate information in a pictograph.

INQUIRY: We will be looking at the five sense and how this influences what we eat.

REMINDER... - There will be no Parent helpers next week as we have Prep orientation.
As part of our Inquiry unit Healthy me Healthy you, the preps went to the Preston Market to buy food to make a healthy lunch. Afterwards we went to Fighting Lions where they did a variety of activities to promote exercise as a part of a healthy lifestyle. Here is what some preps wrote the following day.

Yesterday we went to Fighting Lions. My favourite part was jumping on the trampoline!
Lewan PF

I went on the trampoline. It was so bouncy that I jumped in the foam pit. It was really hard to get out.
James PF

Yesterday we went to the Preston Market. It was fantastic!
Georgia PF

I liked it. It was really fun. I had the most fun ever in my whole life

Yesterday we saw guinea pigs at the Preston Market. We had a great day.
Michael PF

On Thursday we went to the Preston Market. I got oranges and apples and pineapple. It looked yummy!
Ellisse PF

On Thursday we went to the Preston Market. I got oranges and apples and pineapple. It looked yummy!
Ellisse PF

It was so much fun. I had one of the funniest times in my life
Ava PH

Yesterday we went to the Preston Market. I bought lots of things. It was fun. I loved the bus.
Grace PH

We went to Fighting lions. We learnt acrobatics. We did snap kicks. I go there and I am a yellow belt. It was fun!
Zac PH
What an amazing year we have had in Sports at our school for 2014. Our last event for the year is the semi-final for the T20 Blast for Cricket. On Friday 29th November two of our senior teams will be representing our school. Details about this will be out soon!

Many thanks

Giulia Mazzarella
Sports Coordinator

MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet. This week’s insight looks at ’10 research-backed tips for raising happy kids’. Michael shares some fantastic tips to support us on our parenting journey.

Be aware of what your children are doing online!
This week I was reading an email from Brett Lee one of our cybersafety speakers from last year and he shared an account of a new app that has hit the technology world of our children. Here is a copy of what he sent me.

The QuizUp App used to chat
An increasing popular app used by school aged children is the trivia app QuizUp. Once logged on to the internet this app connects users at random from around the world and pits them head to head in a 7 round quiz. Good for kids? Yes, if a parent chooses. The app is well developed, is fun and moderately educational. So why this article? The game not only connects users to undertake the quiz but has a chat/communication functionality. As with any program that allows others to connect and chat with children a parent/carer involvement is necessary. Only last week a parent indicated to Brett at a presentation that her 9 year old daughter had been asked for her address by a user in the game. Luckily the smart young girl refused, this is why we teach kids to protect their identity.

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 – Estelle Tabet  JD – Chiara Rizza  JL – Anastasia Vlasenko  JR – Phillip Pannunzio

STUDENT AWARDS

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 5 January – Friday 23 January 2015. There are 3 venues available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at sschoolholidayprogram@moreland.vic.gov.au. Enrolments are now open. Applications are available at the school office and must be in at the council no later than 5pm on Friday 21 November 2014.

ANTEEN

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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 & 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 Floral Accent, Foodworks, Twinkle Toes, GD Group, Genobile Bros and West St Deli. For more information regarding the St Olivers Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

2015 CALENDARS
Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for 2015 calendars. The response has been great which will result in substantial funds raised for the school. No forms will be accepted after **Wednesday 12th November**. Unfortunately no other orders can be accepted after this date as it may impact on when the calendars are delivered and we would like them to arrive well before the end of term ready for Christmas. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

ROTARY RAFFLE
On behalf of St Oliver’s Parent Association and the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale, we would like to thank all our families that purchased raffle tickets or raffle books. It was overwhelming to have such a fantastic response to this joint fundraiser where all funds will be shared with the wider community and directly to our school. The raffle was drawn on cup day and all winners have been notified. We thank you again and look forward to your continued support as we work together with the school and the broader community.

MEETING
We have a scheduled meeting this Wednesday 12th November 7.30pm in the staffroom. All our welcome to attend.

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
#2015 Calendars….November
#Xmas Raffle…December
St Oliver’s School Banking Program

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.

The processing system is very simple and requires volunteers to collect the deposits from our children’s bank books, check that the correct amount of money is available and then transmit it into the school banking system.

We have between 3 or 4 parents at any given time working together so it gets done efficiently and quickly.

This program has been operating at our school for 3 years now. It is a great way to get the children to learn about savings and using maths in everyday living. It is also a great fundraiser for our school with the Commonwealth Bank paying our Parent Association for our volunteers’ time based on the amount of deposits processed, with an average of over $2000 going to the school each year to date.

If you can help out on Tuesdays from 9am till 10.30am please fill out the slip below .... Or if you only have a limited time available please fill in the slip and there might be another parent that could time share the banking role.

Thank you

Georgie McElligott
PA President

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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: ________________________________________________
GOING to Mass

Growing through service

Giving with love

OUR THANKSGIVING PROGRAM starts next weekend

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, of 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
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
This week some children made masks for South African after school care program. Most of the boys enjoyed to make different kind of vehicles from our new ZoobMobile Car Designer Kit. Also some children made pink play dough and had fun to make different shapes. Last Friday all children played with water balloons.


Junior Globe Citizenship Program activity is a customised program by Camp Australia. Camp Australia is 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