Dear Parents,

This week we commenced our 2015 prep orientation program. We will commence 2015 with a prep enrolment of 64 (50 preps in 2014). To accommodate this increase in enrolments we are moving to three prep classes in 2015. In the next few weeks we will commence to refurbish the Art room into a third prep room and move the Art room to the downstairs room in which Senior C is currently located. Senior C will move to the Large Multipurpose room upstairs.

I’m pleased to welcome Ria Byrne to our staff in 2015 as our new prep teacher. Ria is currently teaching in Bendigo and moves to Melbourne in the next few weeks.

Planning for 2015
We ask that you notify the school as soon as possible if your child/children are not returning to our school community next year.

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

Regards

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, at the eleventh hour, four students of the Senior Student Representative Council, represented St Oliver’s School at the Pascoe Vale Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. The students laid a wreath at the cenotaph in remembrance of the forgotten soldiers, who fought for our country, in the Great and Second World Wars. The students listened to the Last Post and observed a minute silence. We felt honoured to listen to the stories of soldiers and saddened for the lives lost at war.

By Christian Dupre SG

SHARING OUR RESOURCES

PRE–LOVED BOOKS

Our school has been asked to donate any books for reading to help resource a library in Papua New Guinea. The children in the western province of Daru have very few books to resource their library. If any families have any picture story books or novels suitable for primary and secondary children, could they please be donated. A basket will be placed in each classroom for the collection of the books. The last date to send the books in is Tuesday 2 December.

‘Sharing of resources makes the world less cold and more just’ Pope Francis

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator
What's happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** This week we begin our new unit about Advent and Christmas “Waiting for the Saviour - He will come”. We will revise the difference between Advent and Christmas as important times in the Church calendar.

**WRITING:** This week our focus is on editing our class report. We will discuss editing our spelling, grammar and content. Students will continue working on their personal writing goals.

**READING:** Reading routine continues as well as reading our class novel Holes. We will discuss the climax of the story and we are slowly learning the characters’ ‘back story’.

**SPELLING:** We are learning about compound words and strategies for remembering how to spell them. Students categorise compound words using - B is like A eg: jellyfish (is a fish like a jelly), B is of A eg: earthquake (it is a quake of the earth) B is for A eg: bathroom (it is a room for the bath) B is from A eg: earthworm (it is a worm from the earth) B is A eg: blackbird is a bird that is black).

**MATHS:** We begin our new Maths topic and will be investigating measuring and drawing angles.

**INQUIRY:** Students will be reflecting on their weekly intake and pie graph completed based on homework meal diary. We will be analysing food nutrition labels to discuss the recommended intake of each ingredient.

**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 M will be visiting Dorothy Impey Nursing Home this Thursday - weather permitting.
- Senior G & S will be attending class mass at 10am on Thursday, parents are most welcome.
- Homework is 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:** In our unit, ‘Emmanuel, God is with Us’, we will discuss times and places that we have felt God’s presence.

**WRITING:** This week the students will create a class recipe book, using the recipes that they have brought from home. The students will ensure that their recipes include all the key features needed for a procedural text.

**READING:** This week the students will continue practising their Reader’s Theatre Scripts. At the end of the week the groups will present their plays to the class.

**MATHS:** This week the students will complete their post-tests on Chance and Probability. We will then begin our unit on Measurement.

**INQUIRY:** This week in our unit, ‘Energise Me’ the students will begin researching their actions, focusing on an area that they would like to know more about.

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

RELIGION: This week we will continue our new unit, ‘Advent and Christmas’, by reflecting on the many things we wait and prepare for in our lives. Mrs Segrave will talk to the children about ways the Church prepares for Christmas during the season of Advent. The students will explore the meaning of the Advent wreath. We will also read and discuss the four Sunday Advent gospels and identify the characters, setting and message of the gospels.

READING: In Reading this week, we will continue to engage the children in a variety of shared reading practices, focusing on the vocabulary found in the text. This will include looking at word meanings, suggesting synonyms for words in the text and other words for ‘said’.

WRITING: In Writing, we will continue to explore the features of different types of narratives, e.g. fables, fairytales etc. The children will continue to be encouraged to edit and conference their work, set writing goals and explore a range of genres in writing sessions.

MATHS: In Maths we will revise and conclude the topic of fractions. We will also begin the measurement units of capacity and mass. Junior L and Junior R will look at capacity and begin to estimate, measure and compare the capacity of containers using informal tools e.g. cups and spoons. Junior D and Junior C will focus on mass and begin hefting and comparing the mass of a variety of classroom objects as well as ordering them from lightest to heaviest.

INQUIRY: This week during Inquiry, we will continue with our unit ‘Let’s Get Physical’. We will discuss and list the benefits of exercise on our body. The children will use an outline of a body to draw and write the positive things that occur to our bodies when we are regularly exercising and keeping fit and healthy.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be reading the story of the annunciation of Mary and be discussing how Mary felt when the angel Gabriel came to see her.

READING: We will be continuing to read a variety of texts about animals and discussing what we already know about them. We will also be learning the ‘ai’ sound through Jolly Phonics.

WRITING: The children will be continuing to write ‘Who am I’s?’ and sharing them with a partner.

MATHS: In Maths the children will be playing a variety of number games to revise their understanding of number.

INQUIRY: The children will be completing a venn diagram to show their understating of healthy and unhealthy foods.

REMINDER... - M100W testing is this Friday 21st November.
Building emotionally resilient behaviour

There are many ways we can help our child build emotional resilience. One very powerful way is to give behaviour specific feedback to your child when you see them behaving or thinking in a resilient manner. Children love to hear specifically what they are doing that is on the right track rather than just hearing generalisations such as ‘well done’ or ‘you did well’. Here are some examples of giving specific feedback for emotionally resilient behaviours:

**Ways to praise your child for emotionally resilient behavior:**

“I can see that even though you are a bit nervous, you are going to try to do it anyway”

“Even though you are finding this hard, you are not getting too sad about it”

“I can see you are choosing not to get into a fight”

“Good for you, you didn’t let yourself get too angry”

“You’ve learned how not to get too worried”

“You see, you can get through something that seems scary”

“Even though you didn’t know how to play the new game, you didn’t worry and you kept on trying”

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**Give lots of BSF (Behaviour Specific Feedback)**

**Behaviour** – the behaviour they are doing that shows resilience and confidence.

**Specific** – be very specific e.g. “I like the way you went up and spoke to that girl you did not know – that was really confident!”

**Feedback** – Verbally praise when you see it. You are giving feedback as a “resilience” coach and children need guidance and positive praise when they are on the right path!

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**Subtle ways of giving feedback**

Children need a lot of guidance around all sorts of behaviour and this needs to be constant and consistent. Children look to adults to get feedback on their behaviour even though they may not be aware of this. The feedback they get from you is one of the most powerful ways we can encourage resilient responses to setbacks. Our feedback can be very specific as explained above, but it can also be subtle and just as powerful. If we respond in a very anxious way to small setbacks our children are having the message is clear to children: I need to be anxious about this as well – if mum or dad is worried about this, then I need to be as well. The messages we give our children through our own emotional reactions teach children how to cope with life’s difficulties and they often learn how handle difficulties by observing our own behaviour.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing 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!

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 – Charli Tortul  JD – Matilda Rose  JL – Adam Carbonaro  JR – Lara Unger

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 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at ssc_holidayprogram@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.

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 & 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 Golden Star Pizza and Goodyear Autocare. For more information regarding the St Oliver’s Business Directory please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au.

MATTEL TICKETS
We have been lucky enough to gain a few tickets to the Mattel Distribution Centre Xmas Sale. Please see attached flier for more details…..but get in quick as we only have a small amount of tickets available.

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
#2015 Calendars….November
#Mattel toy sale… Nov 29th or Dec 2nd available
#Xmas Raffle…December
MATTEL TOY SALE

Mattel has invited St Oliver’s families to their Xmas Distribution Centre Sale. There are the latest toys available at great prices. Toys that Mattel carry are Barbie, Hot Wheels, Disney, Matchbox, Justice League, Monster High, WWE and many more. It’s the best way to get organized for Christmas or even buy a few birthday presents.

WHEN: 29 November or 2nd December 2014
(limited tickets available for each date...first in gets the date selected)

WHERE: Distribution Centre
70 Park West Dr
Derrimut

TICKET PRICE: $10 per ticket

NOTE: no children or infants permitted
Fill in the slip below and return to the school office by Wednesday 26th November

For more information contact
Naomi Banks 0409 930 833

Mattel Toy Sale Order Form

Childs Name ____________________Childs Class_____________

Date selected ________________

Contact Phone Number______________________

Tickets Required___________x$10 Amount Enclosed$__________
This week some children made Honey Joys. The timer didn’t go on and the Honey joys burned. Children can make it again. Also most of the children used sidewalk chalk to draw wonderful creation on front of the OSHC Room floor. Some children play Tennis and Softball games. Also our Cricket Club children play amazing cricket. Senior children Claudia, Maddison, Alice and Middle child Aurelia did wonderful drawings on the Calico bag. This bag is going to go to South African aftercare. Staff encourage all children participate in making Australian animal masks and Friendships bracelets to South African Orphanage aftercare children.

Upcoming Activities: Australian animal masks and Friendships bracelets for South African children, Emergency evacuation practice. Cooking with Sonia - Joshua’s mum, Colouring in South African flag, Listening different cultural music, Dress ups and Gardening are planned activities for this week.

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

How to get started

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

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.

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: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

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