Dear Parents,

**School Board News**

Just a reminder that this Wednesday evening is the Annual General Meeting of the School Board.

The aims of the School Board as explained in the Board Constitution are to support, assist and advise the Parish Priest and the Principal in the efficient management and development of the school. The parent representatives on the School Board offer the parent community a formal voice in the decision making process at St Oliver’s.

The Annual School Board Meeting is an opportunity for all parents to come along to see how your Board works. This meeting commences at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.

**Staffing News**

I'm pleased to announce that we have employed the following staff to join us next year.

- Meagan Warby (currently employed at Marymede College teaching in the Junior area).
- Adriana Protetto (currently employed at St James the Apostle teaching in the Junior area).
- Matthew Rantall (returning from teaching overseas).

We also welcome to our 2016 staff Elizabeth Puglisi (L.O.T.E.) and Brian Booley (P.E.).

Thank you to Kate Hart and Lauren Klymenko who will not be returning to our staff in 2016. I thank both Kate and Lauren for all their work this year and wish them every happiness in their future professional pursuits.

**Regrouping**

A letter was sent home to all families last week regarding the regrouping process at St Oliver’s. If you would like to discuss your child’s placement for 2016 (following the criteria as stipulated in the letter) please phone the office by Friday November 23 to make an appointment.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal
REMEMBRANCE DAY
Last Wednesday the senior members of the Student Representative Council represented St Oliver’s School at a wreath laying ceremony at the Pascoe Vale Cenotaph. Many people came to the ceremony including the mayor of Moreland Council, policemen, firemen, members of the Pascoe Vale RSL and children from other primary and secondary schools. One of the students played The Last Post and this was very moving. We were all very honoured to be at the ceremony.

By Lachlan Cometti, Jonathan Thomas, Elley Gravina, Alessia Scalognia

PREP PRAYER AND PYJAMA EVENING

Thank you to the parents and Prep students who attended the Prayer and Pyjama Evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to re-visit the sacrament of Baptism and make links with their family story.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

HELP PLEASE

Thank you to the families who have supported our families in need. You have been amazing.
We are desperately needing more support for this family!
If you can help out with a meal they would be extremely grateful.
Please email me at lsheedy@soapscoevale.catholic.edu.au
Your generosity is truly valued.

PARENTING INSIGHTS

This week’s insight looks at ‘parents using kids as bargaining chips’. Children are often caught in the crossfire between their parents, being pulled this way and that. Kids of all ages can be impacted on by games of one-upmanship that can be played out, even when parents are together.
Michael shares some thoughts for all of us to ponder.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGION: In religion this week we will continue with our ‘Waiting for the Messiah’ unit. Students will investigate different definitions of the Messiah, look at key scriptural references and view images of the Messiah.

READING: This week during reading we will continue reading our serial novel ‘Two Wolves’. We will discuss the way the author builds suspense throughout the story. Students will continue their personal reading routine.

WRITING: We will be watching some videos about behind the scenes production of the stage show Wicked. Students will take notes about important aspects. We will continue to participate in writing workshops and attend goal meetings.

MATHS: During maths this week, we will finish our Statistics and Probability unit with a post-assessment. We will then begin our Measurement unit with a pre-assessment activity.

INQUIRY: This week during Inquiry we will continue with our unit ‘Lights, Camera, Action!’ The students will use their chosen element of theatre to continue their personal inquiry. They will record all their findings in their ‘Personal Inquiry Booklet’.

REMINDERS:
- Homework Club continues this Tuesday 17th November from 3:30pm - 4:15pm in SC. Parents please collect your child from SC classroom at 4:15pm.
- Homework— Please continue to support your child with their completion of tasks.
- Please help your child to ensure their diary is filled in weekly with reading. They are also required to write two OSSLS a week summarising what has been read.
- SC will visit Dorothy Impey this week, weather dependent.
- SG will attend mass this week 19th November.
- Due to weather cancellations, our Interschool Sport catch up day is Thursday 19th November – away game against Coburg Primary School. Matches will run from 11:45am – 1:30pm.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be continuing with our unit ‘Advent People - Waiting for the Prince of Peace’ and discuss what advent means to the students and describe the meaning of peace.

WRITING: We will use student’s note-taking of key points and important information about theatre and student’s will write paragraphs about the topic using their own words.

READING: We will continue reading our serial novel, Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis. This week we will re-introduce SWOT character analysis – in doing so students will investigate the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to the characters.

SPELLING: We will focus on exploring meaning, sound and visual strategies related to spelling.

MATHS: We will continue with our unit on Money this week. Students will use portable technologies to explore various ‘money management’ strategies.

INQUIRY: This week the students are attending an excursion to ACMI – Australian Centre for the Moving Image. This experience will allow the students to consolidate their learning about the theatre and performing arts in general. Next week we will include some reflections on the day.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week students will begin the unit ‘Called to Trust’. They will focus on Mary as the mother of Jesus and draw a portrait of her in their own image. Students will then make comparisons between their portraits and commercial portraits.

READING: In our shared reading this week, students will focus on comprehension of texts by discussing the main ideas and supporting detail provided in these texts.

WRITING: This week students will continue to work on their individual writing pieces. We will revisit ways to revise writing by using a dictionary and rereading writing to check for punctuation and meaning.

MATHS: This week students will start the topic of ‘Money’ by completing a pre-test which assesses their knowledge of ordering the value of coins, counting coin amounts and making change.

INQUIRY: This week the students are continuing to work on their individual animations and will begin to learn the actions and words for the St Oliver’s Christmas Concert.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will begin our new unit ‘God is with us’ and discuss a time when we have had to wait for something such as Christmas, birthdays, Easter and other special family celebrations.

READING: We are revisiting punctuation marks in our stories and focusing on how we can change our voice when we read.

WRITING: In writing we are continuing to write letters. We will be reading the story of the Jolly Postman and making our own book with letters written to our favourite book characters.

MATHS: We will be continuing to experiment with sharing collections up to 20 equally amongst two or more people.

INQUIRY: We are beginning to practise our performance for the end of year concert and learning the actions to our Christmas song.
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 - Dante Licciardi  JB - Gianluca Sozzi and Georgia Featherstone  JR - Patrick Carlton
JL - Chiara Rizza

STUDENT AWARDS

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 4 January – Friday 22 January 2016. There are 4 venues 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at schoolholidayprogram@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 20 November 2015.

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
CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BANKING.....TUESDAY
If you are interested in volunteering to help on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10.30am please contact Diana 0419331966 or fill out this helpful slip and hand into the school office. We work on a roster system so it only works out to be a couple of times a term

Yes I can help with the school banking program
Name and contact number: _______________________________
Child’s Name and class: _______________________________

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read
Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.
To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!
Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.
Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

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 our last assembly for term 4

ST OLIVER’S BUSINESS DIRECTORY
The new edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory was distributed out at the end of last term. We hope you find this a useful booklet and remember to mention where you saw their advert when utilizing it.

2016 CALENDARS
Our calendar orders are being processed and will be distributed as soon as they arrive later this term. For more information call Lisa Said on 0425 820 325

XMAS HAMPERS
The Parent Association would like to thank are school community in supporting our efforts this past 12 months. In doing so we are putting together Xmas hampers to give away at the last assembly of the year. Each class will have a winner. We hope everyone (parents, friends, teachers and students) has enjoyed the events we coordinated this year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2016.
Global Citizenship

This term OSHC children are involved in the junior Global Citizenship program with Oxfam! Our main goal is to improve the quality of Education, especially in literacy, numeracy, and essential life skills for underprivileged children in Africa. We have encouraged our kids to create alphabet cards to help with the African children's literacy skills. Our kids have also designed creative, fun, jigsaw puzzles to also send to Oxfam! It is really great to see our kids taking an interest in raising awareness of this social injustice and feeling a sense of their own role as a world citizen! Kids also made loom band for African children to give them Christmas gifts.

Fun at OSHC

This week kids had fun at OSHC They made awesome lego art, played cricket, made loom bands, made cubby house, learn some dance steps, and done very good craft ideas.