Dear Parents,

School Board
Last Wednesday we held the Annual School Board Meeting. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge each and every member of the Board including Marco Citino as Chairperson, Adriana Cartwright, Monica Byrne, Lisa Barker and Brendan Blaney as your parent representatives, Georgie McElligott as Parent Association Representative, Mary Kearney as teacher representative and Father Paul for their commitment and the significant contributions that each and every member has made this year.

Both Marco and Lisa are both stepping down from their involvement at Board this year. Lisa has been an active member of our school community for nine years and she has always brought a wonderful parent voice and perspective to our Board discussions. Marco has been a highly efficient Chairperson. I thank Marco for his leadership, his professionalism and his many hours of 'behind the scenes' work as Chairperson.

At the Annual Meeting our new 2015 Board representatives were announced. See Marco's Board information update. Thank you to all of the candidates who nominated for the available positions. We had a high return of parent votes and wonderful support for all nominees.

Staffing News
Marie Maguire, Kathy Zakic, Nadia Glann and Veronica Jack will not be returning to our teaching staff next year. Marie has been on our staff since 2001 and has taught in our middle, senior classes. Marie has also held several other leadership and specialist roles. Kathy was employed as a prep teacher 2003 and in recent years has worked part time in our Junior classes.

On behalf of the entire community I thank Kathy, Marie, Nadia and Veronica for all they have contributed to your children’s education and to our school community. I wish them every success and happiness as they move in their new directions in both their personal and professional lives.

Regrouping
A note went home to all families yesterday advising parents of our regrouping process for our 2015 classes. The letter explained many of the factors that are considered in regrouping 365 children into 15 class groups. The teachers will commence working through the regrouping process in the week commencing Monday December 1st to ensure the classes consist of the best possible balance of children.

Regards

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

SHARING OUR RESOURCES  
PRE–LOVED BOOKS

Don’t forget the last date to send books in for the Library in Papua New Guinea is **Tuesday 2 December**. Junior D is leading the collection having already filled close to two baskets.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Confirmation for 2015 is on Friday 20 March at 7:00pm in St Olivers Church.

Trish Segrave  
Religious Education Coordinator

**Special Advent Children's Liturgy**

You are invited to a special Children's Liturgy for the Four Sundays of Advent - 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December, where the children will be doing a special activity around the Jesse Tree including presenting the symbols in the Offertory. St Oliver's Children's Liturgy is especially for children aged between 5 and 12 years to come along and celebrate their own special Gospel of the Lord. All are welcome to attend. We would love to see lots of children there as we celebrate this very important time in the Church’s calendar.

Aislinn Breen  
Children’s Liturgy Coordinator
Dear parents and members of the St Oliver Plunkett school Community,

Following on from the recent elections for the vacancies on the school board, it is my pleasure to announce that David Caroselli, Brendan Blaney and Marita Pascoe have been successful. Their term on the board will be for three years from 2015 – 2017 and I wish them every success in ensuring the continued prosperity of our school.

It is also the end of the Board involvement for Lisa Barker. Lisa has been a key voice on the board in recent years and together with her tireless work for the Parish has made a major contribution to our community. I would like to thank Lisa for her work over many years and her commitment to our school.

It is also the end of my involvement with the school board. I would like to remind all members of our school community that we are blessed to have the leadership of Alan, Mary and Libby and all staff at our school who work hard for the ongoing and ever changing needs of our children beyond the curriculum.

Regards

Marco Citino
St Oliver Plunkett School board Chairperson.
What’s happening around the levels..

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will investigate the Church calendar in particular focussing on Advent and Christmas. We will explore scripture where God is revealed to us and we will learn the meaning of Messiah.

WRITING: Students have the opportunity to sign up to workshops allowing them to learn about snapshot writing, perspective writing and ideas for creative writing. They will continue conferencing their personal pieces.

READING: This week we will finish our novel Holes. We will learn how the stories of many characters are connected. Students will be working on reading responses and activities for their own novels.

SPELLING: This week we will complete word ladders where one letter is changed at a time to spell a new word with a different meaning.

MATHS: We are revising the features of polygons and polyhedrons in order to classify, describe and group shapes.

INQUIRY: Students will be analysing food nutrition labels to discuss the recommended intake of each ingredient.

Just a reminder...

- The last homework club is 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 S will be visiting Dorothy Impey Nursing Home this Thursday - weather permitting.
- Senior C & M 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 look at the key words, people, stories, signs and symbols relating to Christmas.

WRITING: This week we will begin looking at poetry and students will attend workshops on a particular poetry of their choice.

READING: This week the students will continue presenting their Reader’s Theatre plays. We will also revise the activity SQ3R and examine non-fiction texts about our Inquiry topic.

MATHS: This week the students will continue working in their groups on measurement. We will be focusing on various aspects of measurement.

INQUIRY: This week in our unit, ‘Energise Me’ the students will continue working on 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
What’s happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will continue our new unit, ‘Advent and Christmas’, by listening to songs of Mary and discussing Mary’s qualities which are depicted in these songs. The children will then create their own artistic representations of Mary using various forms of media.

READING: Narrative texts will continue to be our focus during shared reading this week. We will revise the purpose of punctuation examples as a support to the meaning of the text. We will also look at how expression and intonation can further enhance our understanding of the story as it is being read.

WRITING: In Writing, we will continue to look at the features of a narrative. The children will continue to be encouraged to edit and conference their work, publish a chosen narrative and set writing goals. The children will also be reflecting on their achievements and learning over the past semester to complete a self-assessment activity.

MATHS: In Maths, we will be continuing on with the measurement units of capacity and mass. Junior L and Junior R will continue to look at capacity and practise estimating, measuring and comparing the capacity of containers using informal tools e.g. cups and spoons. Junior D and Junior C will continue to focus on mass and practise 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, the children will begin their own ‘Personal Action Chart’ showing activities they do now and how they can improve the amount of activity they do in a week. The children will also be completing their ‘Let’s get Physical’ activities and response chart by participating in a Yoga session on Thursday.

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

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be preparing the children for Advent and making a class wreath.

READING: The students will begin a unit on constructing a letter, so this week we will examine some examples of letter writing and look at the features associated with this genre.

WRITING: We will be writing about the things we need to stay healthy as a baby, toddler and child. We will also write about the things they couldn’t do as a baby and toddler that they can do now.

MATHS: In Maths we are sequencing time and discussing the different things we do in the morning, afternoon and night.

INQUIRY: The children will be learning about the different stages of life. We will be looking at new born babies and toddlers. Prep Mums will bring their children in to talk about what they need to stay healthy and help them grow.

REMINDER: . . .
- There is no more library borrowing. All library books need to be returned to the library.
MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click [HERE](#) to access the parenting sheet.

This week’s insight looks at ‘Helping your child to conquer self-consciousness’. Michael shares some great tips to support our children when they need to be brave.

THANK YOU

Thankyou to our amazing families who have helped other school families with a meal or two when needed. It would be fantastic if we could have a few more meals over the next few weeks as we have families that could really do with our help.

The families you support are extremely appreciative of your time and effort.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Just a reminder about Milo T20 Blast School Cup. All children are to come to school on Friday at normal time. The children will leave from school with their allocated parent/teacher. The boys need to bring a healthy snack, lunch, sunscreen, water bottles and a hat for the day.

Cricket Victoria has a free app that you can download for the day. I encourage you to download the T20 Blast App. It has all the rules and information you need to know. For more information you can also use the following link [http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/get-involved/t20-blast-school-cup](http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/get-involved/t20-blast-school-cup)

We wish all the boys luck for the day. Go St Olivers!!!

Many Thanks

Giulia Mazzarella
Sports 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 – Thomas Whitchurch   JD- Clara Faraci   JL – Michael Boato

STUDENT AWARDS
Joshua Acosta- Fedderson, Benjamin Ye, Charlie Warrick, Ryder Driscoll, Tahlia Munafo, Jordena Harris, Xavier Mandic, Maeve Keogh, Luca Scalogna, Ralph Fakhoury, Clara Faraci, Sienna Rumoro, Patrick Carlton, Bruno Arena, Savio Sada, Jayda Dramis, Ruby Prattico, Issa Mikhael, Amelia Manna, Alannah Bell, Jett Ryder, Aurelia Augello, Alana D’Orazio, Elias Moussa, Alex Loveday, Anthony Oliva, Jamie Camilleri, Vincent Giacchi, Maddison Jokic, James Incani, Dominic Mancino, Anthony Polidori, Anthony Manduca and Eva Ryan

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 website 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 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
CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BANKING
With only 4 weeks of school banking left, it is your last chance to claim this year’s reward prizes. Please be aware that our last day to order for prizes will be on Tuesday 9th December...so be sure to redeem your tokens not to miss out! Please note: the Penguin key ring, Whale pencil case, Handball & Swimming Bag reward items are no longer available.

We need your help!!! If you are interested in volunteering to help next year on Tuesday mornings from 9am-10.30am please contact Diana 0419331966 or fill out attached slip & hand it into the office. We work on a roster system so it only works out to be a couple of times a term.

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 Grace of Cakes and Granda Picture Framing. For more information regarding the St Olivers 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.

XMAS RAFFLE
This year the Parent Association has put together 3 prizes per class for the Xmas Raffle. The raffle will be drawn by Santa at the last assembly for 2014 on Wednesday 17th December. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Each ticket is $1 or $5 for the book.

UP AND COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4
#2015 Calendars….November
#Mattel toy sale… Nov 29th or Dec 2nd available
#Xmas Raffle…Wed 17th December

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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: ____________________________
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 2\(^{nd}\) 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 26\(^{th}\) November

For more information contact
Naomi Banks 0409 930 833

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**Mattel Toy Sale Order Form**

Childs Name __________________ Childs Class________________

Date selected __________________

Contact Phone Number_________________________

Tickets Required______________x$10 Amount Enclosed$____________
Last and this week most of the children made Australian animal masks and friendship bracelets for South African aftercare children. Still some children are doing paper mache globe. Staff encourage and support them to finish. Children learnt care about people in other countries. Last Thursday Children helped to make pizza. As a parent, Sonia (Joshua’s mum) helped OSHC. Thank you, Sonia. Most of the children enjoyed our vegetarian pizza.

Upcoming Activities: Cooking, Science experiment, Gardening and Christmas activities are planned program. Unplanned activities are available to children according to their interest. This week OSHC children minimise white paper usage and look after the environment. OSHC Staff – Gowri.