From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I advise the community of the passing of Ossie Manetta last Thursday. Ossie was the maintenance man of our parish and school for many years and is held in great affection by all who had the opportunity to know this wonderful gentle man. On behalf of our school community we offer condolences to his wife Yvonne and his extended family. Ossie’s funeral will be held in our church on Wednesday morning commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Staffing News

As many of you are aware Clare Rayner has been on personal leave for several weeks this term. Clare hopes to return next week to complete the year with her class. Clare has also advised me that together with her family she is ‘making a tree change’ to the Gisborne area so she will not be returning to our school next year. Clare has been a conscientious dedicated classroom teacher at our school for 15 years and I wish her every happiness for her future.

In 2016 Barbara Olanda will also be taking a year of leave and in her absence Caryn will be taking on the role of literacy and numeracy support teacher until Barbara returns to our school.

Best Regards,

Alan Sweeney
Principal
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE POOR

Please support this social justice initiative the members of the Student Representative Council have organized.

Tomorrow in the classrooms the children will be putting together their class hampers designed to bring families some extra cheer this Christmas. If you haven’t had a chance to send in one of the items on the list, could you do so by tomorrow. This fundraiser aims at educating the children about following Jesus example of being generous with our time and resources.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

THANK YOU !!!

Thank you to the families who have supported our families in need. You have been amazing!!!
If anyone can continue to make meals for this family they would be extremely grateful. Please leave all meals at the office.
Please email me at lsheedy@soapscoevale.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions.
Your generosity is truly valued.

PARENTING INSIGHTS

This week’s insight looks at ‘Talking to children about sex: when and how?’
As parents many of us can struggle with these conversations. Here are practical tips by age range for when, how and what to say when talking to children about sex.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

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

SENIORS

**RELIGION:** During religion this week we will continue with our ‘Waiting for the Messiah’ unit. We will read a passage from the Book of Isaiah and discuss the key message from the Scripture.

**READING:** During reading this week we will continue reading our serial novel ‘Two Wolves’. We will discuss the main characters journey thus far, reflect on how he has changed as the story has developed and make predictions about his future. The students will continue their personal reading routine.

**WRITING:** This week in writing we will focus on the development of each students ‘Writer’s Gift’. The students will being to plan and compose a letter that will accompany their ‘Writer’s Gift’.

**MATHS:** This week in maths, we will continue with our Measurement unit.

**INQUIRY:** 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 continue to research and record all their findings in their ‘Personal Inquiry Booklet’.

**REMINDERS:**
- Homework Club continues this Tuesday 24th 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 their reading. They are also required to write two OSSLs a week summarising what has been read.
- MILO T20 Blast School Cup competition will be held at Cole Reserve on Friday 27th November.

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 continue working on our biographies on a chosen classmate.

**READING:** We will finish reading our serial novel, Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis. We will look at the ‘Three Levels of Thinking’ that we completed at the beginning of the novel and discuss how our opinions have changed at the end of the novel.

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

**MATHS:** We will begin our unit on time this week. We will explore the features of a clock and look at a range of calendars.

**INQUIRY:** This week we will continue working on our actions for our unit, ‘Life is a Stage’. Students have chosen an area of theatre that they wish to further investigate.
**JUNIORS**

**RELIGION:** This week we will continue the unit ‘Called to Trust’. We will focus on the qualities of Mary and look at various scripture readings that illustrate her life. The students will also participate in a guided meditation on the Annunciation.

**READING:** In our shared reading we will revise the various forms of punctuation used by the authors. We will look at the importance of the punctuation, especially when reading aloud and how each example has a specific purpose within a text.

**WRITING:** This week the students will continue to work on and publish their individual writing pieces. They will also detail their individual achievements and successes by completing their personal self assessments for this semester.

**MATHS:** In Maths, we will continue the topic of ‘Money’. Our focus will be a variety of activities that familiarise the students with the various coins, their values and how to identify something that they could buy with particular coins.

**INQUIRY:** This week the students are continuing to work on their individual animations and practising 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 are continuing work within the unit of ‘God is with us’ and identifying times when we have waited for something such as Christmas, birthdays, Easter and other special family celebrations. We have looked at the story of The Annunciation and made connections with Mary through this Bible story.

**READING:** We are learning to recognise the features of a narrative text. Identifying the beginning, middle and end of a narrative and its characteristics. We are using ‘The Gruffalo’ as our text to exemplify the features of a narrative.

**WRITING:** In writing we are learning to write our own narrative! We are using sentence starters to help us have a clear beginning, middle and end.

**MATHS:** We will be focussing on counting forward and backward from any given number up to 100. We are looking at partitions of five by using different strategies and materials; including beads, counters and dot patterns.

**INQUIRY:** We are continuing 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 - Brodie Maher  JB - Eamon Sheehan and Estelle Tabet  JR - Sienna Rumoro  JL - Alessio Manca and Isabella D’Alberto

STUDENT AWARDS
Evita Ferrante, Giordiano Manca, Tara Coghlan, Grace Daniele, Peter Dimogiannis, Harry Blaney, Lucas Skorsis, Sara Belia, Bobby Tran, Michael Boato, Chiara Colangeli, Olivia Said Chiara Scodella, Elanor Dunstan, Mikaela Marocchini, Anastasia Vlasenko, Eva Brazzani, Christopher Mikhael, Joshua DeMarco, Alana D’Orazio, Jaida Faraci, Dawood Sada, Carla Rizzo, James Astuto, Marc Celea, Alana Capuana, Elley Gravina, Samantha Ayers, Emma Pagotto, Jordyn Polimene, Alannah Citino

LOST PROPERTY
If you have any missing items, please check the lost property cupboard located in the administration area as we will be discarding it all on the last Wednesday afternoon.

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…..TUESDAY
With the end of year approaching fast it must be noted that the last banking day for prizes to be order is next week Tuesday 1st December. The Commonwealth Bank won't take any orders after that date even though there are 2 weeks left to bank. Please get your banking in and order any prizes by this date to avoid disappointment.

SCHOOL BANKING 2015 REWARDS AVAILABLE UNTIL STOCK LAST.
PLEASE NOTE YOUR TOKENS CAN CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

Galaxy Glider        Outer Space Savers     Intergalactic Rocket      ET DVD           Shark Key Ring        Scented Pencils
Money Box

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) have enjoyed the events we coordinated this year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2016.
St Oliver Plunkett

Zilla’s United States trip
This week Zilla came back from her trip to United States. She shared her experiences with us and we learnt a lot about United States. In one of the states in US there was snow and in the same state there was hot weather. She will soon print out some pictures to display at OSHC.

This Week at OSHC
The seniors cooked upside down pineapple cake which turned out really good. We all had a share and got another recipe to add into the recipe book. All the kids enjoyed this week. We all had a big game of cricket. They played against each other and they all had fun. This week, were really hot so we had popcorn while watching a movie that was great fun. Girls at OSHC made a cubby house with tables, pillows, chairs and blankets. They had fun in there. Kids enjoyed One Touch in BSC and also Silent Ball with Steph and Mariam. Last day of the week kids played Dead Fish which created a very quiet environment.

- By the Seniors of OSHC

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

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.

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