LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

DIARY DATES

DIARY DATES CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE WEB-PAGE IN ‘EVENTS’ AND ON THE PHONE APP IN THE ‘CALENDAR’ SECTION.

DECEMBER
7 Grade 6 Graduation Mass – 7.00pm followed by supper in the hall
9 Christmas Concert – Children to arrive 6.30pm. Concert commence at 7pm sharp
11 End of Year Mass – 11.45am
11 Reports sent home
15 Senior’s Big Day Out
15 Last Day for Students – 3.15pm finish
16 Last Day for Students
15 Grade 6 Don Bosco 5.30 pm
Wednesday assembly
Click HERE to view the roster for term 4.
Click HERE to view the Class Mass roster for term 4.
Masses are on THURSDAY at 10.00am.

Please note changes to the Class Mass Roster. Middle K will attend Mass on Dec 3 with Middle J, and Friday Dec 11 is the End of Year Mass.

From the Principal...

Advent is the season of new beginnings. Week by week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath as the time of Jesus’ birth draws near. The Advent season is one of great celebration and anticipation. Advent is a time of waiting and time of hoping. The circle of green leaves reminds us of the promise of new life which Jesus brought – a life that would never end.

Dear Parents,

Last week we held the Annual School Board Meeting. The aims of the School Board 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.

On behalf of the community I thank Adriana for her leadership and the ‘behind the scenes’ work that goes into organising and chairing our School Board. I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parent representatives on our Board, Monica Byrne, Brendan Blaney, David Caroselli, Marita Pascoe, Georgie McElligott as Parent Association Representative, Mary Kearney as staff representative and Father Paul for their commitment and the wonderful contributions that each and every member has made.

It was also announced at last week’s meeting that Adriana Cartwright re nominated for the vacant Board position and due to a withdrawal of a second nomination an election was not required. I’m pleased to announce that Adriana will continue to be a member of our School Board in 2016.

STAFFING NEWS

I’m pleased to announce that Doris Di Lisio will be joining our staff in 2016. Doris is currently working at St Luke’s in Lalor and next year she will be teaching in our middle level.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to one of our past students Isabella Gabrielle who has been appointed to the position of 2016 College Captain at Ave College. This is wonderful recognition for a fine young student.

Kind Regards,

Alan Sweeney
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE POOR
Thank you to all the families who generously donated to our school fundraiser. The children made 36 Christmas hampers that will be distributed by the members of St Vincent de Paul Society, to bring some extra cheer this Christmas to those in need.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS
The end of year school Mass is on Friday 11 December at 11:45. The Prep children will be singing the Communion reflection song. All parents are welcome to join the children in prayer and song.

ST OLIVER’S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The School Christmas concert is on Wednesday 9 December in the north yard of the school. The children are required to be at school by 6:30 to sit with their class. The concert will commence at 7:00. The children have been busy rehearsing their item and are very excited about the event. Seating will be provided for the families and we encourage families to join in singing any songs they know.

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 Your generosity is truly valued.

PARENTING INSIGHT
This week Michael’s insight is titled ‘It's a wrap’. He looks at how best to close up the year and set the scene to make next year your child’s best year ever.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
SENIORS

RELIGION: During religion this week we will be practising our Christmas concert routine.

READING: This week during reading we will continue reading our serial novel ‘Two Wolves’. As we read the final few chapters we will reflect on the novel thus far and make our final predictions of the stories ending. The students will continue their personal reading routine.

WRITING: During writing this week the students will continue to work on different writing pieces to be included in their ‘Writer’s Gift’.

MATHS: During maths this week we will continue with our Measurement unit, focusing on mass, capacity and volume related problems.

INQUIRY: This week in 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 be finalising their presentation before presenting it to the class.

REMINDERS:
- Last Homework Club this Tuesday 2nd December 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.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be continuing with our unit ‘Advent People - Waiting for the Prince of Peace’ and we will discuss what traditions are and look at the various Christmas traditions the students have.

WRITING: We will continue working on our biographies on a chosen classmate. Students will begin to plan, draft and publish their dedication letter for their writer’s gift.

READING: We will complete a google form review on our class serial novel ‘Prince Caspian’.

SPELLING: Our spelling topic will be focused around Christmas words. Students will be exploring meaning, sound and visual strategies related to their Christmas spelling words.

MATHS: We will finish our unit on time this week. We will explore 24hr time, time elapse and calendars.

INQUIRY: This week we will continue working on our actions for our unit, ‘Life is a Stage’. Students will present their inquiry action on Friday.
What's happening around the levels...

JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will continue the unit 'Called to Trust'. We will share our own experiences of preparing for and welcoming a new baby into a family. We will then read and reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus.

READING: Through our shared reading, we will be revising the structure and features of a variety of text types that have been covered throughout the year.

WRITING: This week we will complete our personal self assessments for this semester, ready to go into our Profile Books. We will also look at the format and features of letter writing. Each student will have the opportunity to write a letter to Santa, with a focus on thinking of gifts and hopes for others as well as themselves.

MATHS: In Maths, we will complete the topic of money. Our next unit will be area. We will discuss and list some of the vocabulary associated with this unit and begin to measure the area of classroom items using informal measuring tools.

INQUIRY: This week we will be sharing our individual animations and continuing to practise the actions and words for our St Oliver’s Christmas Concert items.

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 pay particular attention to the Advent wreath and its meaning. The children will look at the importance of waiting for special events and what it is that we are waiting for during the time of Advent. Each class will make its own Advent wreath and set it up with 4 candles that symbolise different qualities.

READING: We are continuing to recognise the features of a narrative text. Identifying the beginning, middle and end of a narrative and its characteristics. We are using ‘Snow White’ as our text to exemplify the features of a narrative. The students will also be involved in the retelling of ‘Snow White’ and sequencing the events in the correct order. We are using all of this learning as a tool to be utilised in future writing.

WRITING: In writing we are learning to make a character profile based on a character from ‘Snow White’ and we will also reinforce our letter-writing skills this week by writing to our favourite character from the same text.

MATHS: We will be focussing on counting forward and backward from any given number up to 100. We will also focus on reading and writing two digit numbers up to 20 and beyond. We are continuing to look at partitions of five by using different strategies and materials; including beads, counters, dot patterns and our hands.

INQUIRY: We are continuing to practise our performance for the end of year concert and Prep assembly. Learning the words and actions to our Christmas songs.
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 have acknowledging some children who have followed the writing process to develop a piece of work. Congratulations to all of these children. This work has been displayed outside each of the Junior Grades.

STUDENT AWARDS
Steven King, Molly-Francis Jones, Roman Marocchini, Alicia Colella, Luca Buttigieg, Joshua Raffaele, Clara Faraci, Aydan Atie, Jayda Dramis, Zac Cutajar, Matthew Trimboli, Dante Licciardi, Tara Bell, Johan Boobal, Ryder Driscoll, Noah Rammuno, Andre Tona, Giulia Giacchi, Oscar Hubbard, Lara Cutajar, Lara Unger Jesse Cappello, Mia Chiera, Calista Trimboli, Oliver Perini, Eloise Merlo, Damian Maccarone, Danielle Ferraiolo, Alessia Scalogna, Samuel Russo

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
We hope everyone has enjoyed banking in 2015. We would like to thank everyone for participating in this program….the school bankers, banking coordinators and the parent volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a banker please keep a look out for the information packs sent home in the New Year. If you are able to volunteer your Tuesday mornings (2 hours) to help process these transactions please contact Diana Capuana on 0419 331 966.

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.
GRADE SIX STUDENT
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SUPPER FOLLOWING THE ST OLIVER PLUNKETT
GRADUATION MASS

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER
AT 7PM - ST OLIVER’S CHURCH FOLLOWED BY SUPPER GATHERING AT THE SCHOOL HALL.

Supper-Tea/Coffee and Beverages will be provided.

We would like to ask families to please bring a plate to share—savoury or sweet. These can be dropped off at the school hall at school pick up (3.15pm onwards) or before/after the Mass. Many thanks.

Please note that this function has been organized by the Grade Six Graduation Committee. Grade Six Teachers will be invited as guests only.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ANNITTA SILIATO - 0409 220 920
Welcome to our Restaurant-
On Monday one of our staff members started a restaurant game with kids. Estelle was the owner, Ivy was the security guard, Zara was a waitress, and other kids were customers and entertainers. They made a menu where they added almost everything. They were serving multicultural food. The Kids enjoyed it a lot and they continued this game next day too.

Trying to protect the ants-
We made an ant house with Lego. Then we went all around getting ants into the house. We are protecting ants from the evil birds because birds eat them. Later on next day we realized that ants cannot live in Lego house, we should plan something else. (Edward, Thomas, Joshua, Nicholas, Kane & Alex)