Dear Parents,

We encourage all parents to download the free ‘St Oliver’s Phone App’ from the App Store. This allows us to provide information to you in a matter of seconds that could take hours to if we needed to call the 251 families in our school community.

Regards,

Alan Sweeney

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**ST OLIVER’S PHONE APP**

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This is a reminder to all families that St Oliver’s has a phone app that you can download from your app store on your iphone, smartphone, ipad... Simply search for St Oliver Plunkett Primary School Pascoe Vale (be sure to include ‘Pascoe Vale’ or you may end up with the Queensland St Olivers!!)

We use this app for uploading the newsletter (and we also email the newsletter and upload it onto the web page) and for general notifications such as when we have to cancel assembly because of the weather, for excursion details, for special events that might be occurring at school and general reminders.

Please download this so you can stay abreast of what’s happening at school and be kept updated on current school events.
EDUCATION IN FAITH

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2016

The members of The Student Representative Council for 2016 will be presented with their badges at assembly on 24 February at 9:00 am. They are an important part of the school leadership group representing their classmates with initiatives to make St. Oliver’s the best possible school it can be. The students play an active role in organising the school fundraisers each term that have a social justice focus. They also read the names and present the awards at Assembly on a Friday. I look forward to working with these children this year.

Congratulations to the following students:

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This week Junior B will be attending the class Mass on Thursday. Parents are welcome to come and sit with their children at the Mass.

Sunday 28 February is the Confirmation Commitment Mass and Senior Family Mass. The children will be leading the Liturgy. We look forward to seeing as many Senior students there as possible. The St. Oliver’s staff for 2016 will also participate in a Commissioning Ceremony and receive a special blessing at the Mass. We look forward to families supporting and praying for the school community on Sunday.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education leader
Here we are in week 5 of the term with another 4 weeks to go. Time is flying and it is has been a very positive start to the school year.

The school closure day was a very productive day. Guest speaker Michele Bailey and Jaki O’Halloran presented a new number framework that will be implemented in Mathematics in the prep and junior grades. It was a wonderful day of professional development and teachers are excited to begin this innovative program.

The middle and senior teachers began the process of auditing our spelling program and investigating other programs. They were able to set directions for the remainder of this year.

Last week you should have received your child’s Term Overview, this includes all the topics and learning that your child will cover each term. The overviews will also be available on the school website so you are able to see what is happening across all levels. These will be updated this week.

You will notice that the “What’s happening around the levels’ section is not in this week’s newsletter. We have decided to trial different ways of informing you of what is happening across the school as well as the information provided in the Term Overviews. These will be updated this week.

**Preps**

**Stop the Traffic!**
As part of the prep Inquiry unit ‘Safety Rules’ the preps will have a special RACV Traffic Safety Educator visit the school on Thursday. The children will participate in a range of activities to support their investigation into rules and safety.

**Middles**

**The Siren has Sounded!**
AFL umpire Brendan Hosking will visit the middles on Wednesday to discuss the importance of Rules in the AFL and in sport. The children will have the opportunity to ask Brendan questions about making rules, breaking rules and enforcing the rules in Football. Brendan Hosking was an umpire in the finals last year and look forward to hearing about his experiences.

**REMINDER**
Middles Camp Information Meeting Tuesday 1st March in Senior L at 3:40

**Seniors**

**REMINDER**
Grade 6 students please remember to return your Confirmation card and banner.

Links to Homework Grids will be uploaded in the newsletter in the coming weeks. Apologies for the delay and any inconvenience.

Liz Finlayson
Learning and Teaching Leader
WELLBEING

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday March 4 all children and encouraged to ride or scooter to school. Please ensure bikes and scooters are safe to ride, **helmets are compulsory**. Upon arrival at school children will be asked to park their bikes in designated areas and are then welcome to have some fruit and a juice before the 8.50 bell goes. Fruit and juice will be available from 8.30am to 8.45am. Throughout the day the students will have the opportunity to ride with their buddies around the south yard. **Remember No helmet No riding!**

We are looking forward to a fun day Let's hope for good weather so a great day can be had by all.

Help Needed Please

We are so lucky to have the amazing community support that we do at St Oliver’s. We currently have a family in need of meals. In the past we have had fantastic families supporting needy families. We currently have a family of six requiring meals. Anything you can cook would be gratefully accepted. Meals can be dropped off at the office anyday in disposable containers and we will ensure the family receives the meal. There are no allergies in this family. We can also freeze meals if need be. Thanks for your amazing support. If you are in a position to help, you can contact me through the office or alternatively you can email me lsheedy@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

Parenting Ideas

Michael Grose offers wonderful advice on many parenting topics. This week Michael looks at ‘Teasing versus bullying’. Well worth a read.

Please click [HERE](#) to access this link

Libby Sheedy

Deputy Principal/Wellbeing Leader
Last Wednesday a number of students represented St Olivers at the District Tennis. Congratulations to Alannah Bell (SD), Lucas Russo (SD), Alannah Gabriele (SG) Xavier Said (SG), Max Carr (SG) and Ethan Hall (SG) on their wonderful achievements. A further congratulations to Alannah Gabriele who made it through to the next round. Below is a recount of the day by some students.

We were very lucky to go to Merlynston Tennis Club to participate in Coburg District tennis. We started off by having a warm up and we got put into groups. We played against everyone in our group. We played fast 4 games. When we play competition on a Saturday it’s normally first to 6 games. Some of the rules were different as well like when it was a tie breaker we had to play first to 5 points and we swapped sides after every 4 points. 

When we were playing it was nerve racking and exciting.

[XAVIER] I played against 2 people in my group. I felt excited and nervous as soon as I stepped on the court. My first match I won 4-0 then I lost my second match 4-0.

[ALANNAH] I played against 2 people and I won both of my games 4-0. Two people got into the semi-finals and another girl from my group and myself got into the semi-finals. I got into the finals but unfortunately I lost but I still made it to the next round which will be held this Friday.

By Xavier Said & Alannah Gabriele

Congratulations to Ruby Prattico (SM), Sinead Sheehan (SM), Lara Cutajar (SM), Lauren Boato (SG) and Cristina Vigiano (SM) who qualified for the next stage of the swimming trials. These five students will be representing our school at the Divisional level Swimming competitions held on March 2nd at Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre. We wish them all the best!! Here is a reflection written by two of the competitors on the day.

On Tuesday the 16th of February some of the St Oliver students went to Coburg Districts Swimming Trials to have fun and try and make it to the next stage – Divisions. It was really nerve-wracking to compete against other schools – there were a large number of strong competitors. “As I was doing my butterfly kicks under the water I was desperate to see how good the other swimmers were.”

We had a fun day and luckily some of the students made it through to Divisions. Everyone worked really hard to make the school proud.

By Lara Cutajar & Sinead Sheehan

The Senior students will be playing an away game this Friday for Interschool Sports at AIA. We look forward to our students continuing their wonderful start to the interschool sport season.
STATE EDUCATION ALLOWANCE
Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursion annual payment (CSEF) of $125.00 are now available from the school office.
To be eligible for this payment, a parent of legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
On the first day of Term one or the first day of Term two:
1. Hold a Centerlink Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Pensioner Concession Card
2. Be a temporary foster parent
Applications are due by the 26th February 2016

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!

SUBWAY Wednesday 9 March
Subway order forms went home today. Please complete the form and return it labelled with your child’s name and class with correct money (six dollars). Order and money are due back NO LATER than Wednesday 2 March. No late orders will be accepted by the school office or Subway.

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
The reward system for 2016 includes
- Flying snake Tail & Wildlife Writer Set (term 1)
- Mud Splat Handball & Outback Pat Bag Tag (term 2)
- Backtrack Eraser Pen & Jump/Skip Rope (term 3)
- Bush Fly Fan & Wriggly Glow Worm (term 4)

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!
This year School Banking is giving students a chance to win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi & Robert Irwin.
Students who make 15 or more deposits by end of Term 3 2016 will automatically enter the draw.
So start banking & good luck!

Helpers needed!!!
We are always looking more parents to help with the school banking program. If you are able to volunteer your Tuesday mornings (2 hours) to help process these transactions, please contact Diana Capuana on 0419 331 966 or Lisa Guarino 0403 300 469.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Boxes of Cadbury’s chocolates were sent home yesterday. Each chocolate is worth $1, with the box totaling $50.
This is our largest fundraiser for term 1 so please help to sell what you can and return the money to the school no later than Wednesday 9 March.
If you have any questions, see attached flyer or contact Franca James 0413 909 964 or Sonia Rossi 0403 427 639

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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 1

TERM 1 EVENTS
- Feb 22nd – Cadbury Chocolate Drive
- March 9th – Subway Lunch Day
- March 24th – Easter Raffle
- March 24th – Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
This year we are selling Cadbury Chocolates again. This is our largest fundraiser for term 1 so please help the school by selling what you can and have your money back in on time.

This box contains a variety of 50 Cadbury Chocolates that are to be sold at $1 each

**Total of box $50**

All Unsold Chocolates and money is to be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 9th March 2016**

For any further queries or if you are able to sell more than 1 box of chocolates please contact Franca James 0413 909 964 or Sonia Rossi 0403 427 639

Thank you from the Parent Association
St Oliver Plunkett

Last week at OSCH

Last week at OSCH we made an effort to provide plenty of group activities to help the new mix of children get to know each other and work together. Outdoor games included “Buzz Off”, “Octopus”, “Memory Line Tiggy”, and “Number Soccer”. The last one was really successful once the children were matched up to play against with someone of a similar skill level. Indoors, some of the children worked on a glittering “Space” display for our wall, creating customised stickers, and making cubby houses from chairs and blankets.

Better Buddies Welcome Program

We are continuing with our Better Buddies Welcome Program for the year. The children and educators worked together to make a special bunting to welcome everyone and make them feel included; it is made of triangular flags with the letters for “WELCOME” on it, and the children have written their names on the flags too. On either side of the bunting are displays featuring words for “welcome”: in lots of different languages, to celebrate our cultural differences.

Talent Show!

A few of the senior children have decided to run a talent show soon at OSHC. If you go to After School Care, think about what you might like to show off – gymnastics, sports skills, singing, dancing, poetry, comedy, puppetry… or your choice!

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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