Dear Parents,

ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT at St Olivers is of very high priority. We have had parents asking about celebrating their child’s birthday at school and we do not discourage this, but ask that you be aware of the growing number of children we have in the school who have allergies to particular food types.

If your child is celebrating a birthday or special occasion and you wish to provide him/her with a treat to share at school the best options are individually wrapped items, icy-poles or lolly bags – excluding chocolates. We also ask that you be mindful of providing lollypops as these can be a real danger when children have them in their mouth and are running in the yard.

At St Olivers we have a considerable number of children who are presenting with anaphylaxis and have strict management plans associated with this condition. The ripple effect of this is that we also ask you to be considerate of these children when preparing lunch and playlunch items for your child. Parents and care-givers are being requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut butter, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts (e.g. cakes and slices). This is especially important in the Junior grades where young children are less able to manage their allergy.

I would also like to remind parents that the adventure playground equipment is ‘out of bounds’ before and after school. The adventure playground is used as a thoroughfare during this time but the children are not allowed to use the equipment as there is not a yard duty teacher specifically allocated to this area. We ask that you assist us by keeping toddlers off the equipment also – especially when not supervised by a parent.

Thank you to all of the families who have nominated a time to meet with their child’s classroom teacher for background interviews. These interviews are invaluable in setting goals for your children and providing your child’s teacher with any relevant information to ensure a smooth transition into 2013 classrooms. If you have not booked an interview please do so or contact your child’s teacher to make alternate arrangements.

Mary Kearney.

Deputy Principal
PROJECT COMPASSION
This week the children will be bringing home their Project Compassion boxes that are being used for our fundraiser for term 1. The new members of the school Student Representative Council, in conjunction with myself, will assist with their distribution. They will also be outlining to their classmates the importance of giving generously to this project, to assist those in vital need in third world countries. The money donated goes to Caritas the official Aid and development agency of the Catholic church. At St Olivers, social justice is a key element of the Religious Education Program. We seek to teach the children that all people have a fundamental right to life, shelter, health care and education. We look forward to your ongoing support.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
The Children’s Liturgy Team from St Olivers Parish have set the following dates for term. All families are welcome to bring their children so that they can join in the Liturgy and respond to the readings.

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Trish Segrave       Religious Education Coordinator

ITALIAN NEWS
With the summer days so hot and the tomatoes red and juicy, the ‘Sauce Making Season’ is upon us.

We are planning to have our own tomato sauce making day as part of our Italian lessons on Monday March 18.

If you are able to help by providing any of the equipment needed for the day it would be greatly appreciated.

We will need:
- A mouli / potato ricer
- Extra large pots
- Bottles
- Bottle cap press
- A contact for a tomato supplier

Liz Finlayson
Italian Immersion Teacher
What's happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We are looking at symbols that represent the Holy Spirit. Students will use scripture references to identify Confirmation symbols.

**WRITING:** This we are revising how to plan different text type to encourage students to correctly plan before they begin their writing drafts. We will cover narrative, persuasive, information report and review writing.

**READING:** We continue our serial reader, 'The Cay'. Students will be exposed to identifying the character traits and emotional reactions of the main characters to the events within the story this week.

**MATHS:** Students will be introduced to our Place Value grid. The students will work independently on this grid as teachers focus on the needs of small groups within the class. The activities focus on reading, writing, expanding, rounding and ordering whole numbers, negative numbers and decimals.

**INQUIRY:** Students will be shown an example of a family tree and then given the template to create their own family tree and track their family's migration and reason for migration, if possible.

**Just a reminder...**
- Grade 6 students: please return your Confirmation cards & calico ASAP
- Subway forms need to be returned by this Thursday
- Interschool sports begin this Friday. We are playing away at Pascoe Vale South. Students need to bring their drink bottles and their school hats. They must be wearing full uniform throughout the week to participate.
- Homework was sent home with all students on Monday.
- We are looking for a parent or grandparent to come in and share their migration story with us. If you are able to do this, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our unit is called ‘The Holy Spirit in our lives’. We will be studying Mary as an example of a spirit-filled person.

**WRITING:** We will continue to focus on setting up our Writer’s Notebook structures this week. Monday is our new SEED DAY! Students will be forming questions they will ask students from St. Anthony’s on Friday. We will discuss open and closed questions.

**READING:** We will continue reading and responding to our new serial novel ‘Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing’ by Judy Blume. Students will be introduced to an Illustrator Role as a way of responding to their book.

**SPELLING:** We will be looking at the three different spelling strategies we use- visual, sound and meaning.

**MATHS:** Our focus for Maths will be NUMBER. We will be looking at expanded notation in more focus and how we plot numbers on number lines.

**INQUIRY:** Our Inquiry Unit is ‘The Culture Club’. We will be preparing for our excursion by creating a class definition of the word ‘culture’.

**Just a reminder...** We need two packets of tissues from each child so the students need to bring them in as soon as possible. On Friday students need to remember to wear their sports uniform, bring hats, playlunch and water bottle in a labelled plastic bag. Students will be provided with money on the day, please do not give your children any extra money.
Welcome to another busy week!

**RELIGION:** This week we are focusing on the unit ‘Baptism - Welcome To God’s Family.’ The children will be using Godly Play dolls to tell the story of Jesus and the Children (Mk 10: 13 – 16) and identifying their own experiences of welcoming or being welcomed, e.g. visiting someone’s house, joining a sporting group or starting school.

**READING:** During reading sessions we are developing the routine of the ‘shared big book’ and guided reading sessions. The children are participating in learning centre activities and continuing to be introduced to a variety of tasks to be included in future reading rotations.

**WRITING:** We are investigating and revising the structure of different genres, beginning with letter writing and the concept of ‘writing to socialise’.

**SPELLING:** We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns and build a class word list with the sound *at* (pat, flat).

**MATHS:** We will continue to revise different aspects of place value by making, reading, writing, ordering and recognising numbers. Junior C and D will also begin exploring the concept of length by creating a class poster which includes relevant language and symbols and looking for items in the classroom that can be used as tools for measuring length. Junior L and R will be looking at the concept of capacity by creating a class poster for this topic that includes relevant language and symbols and finding items in the classroom that hold different capacities.

**INQUIRY:** The Juniors are beginning their new unit called ‘Cultures Galore’. Using a map of Australia, students will identify the cultural groups they know within Australia. They will then brainstorm and record their prior knowledge about these cultures, e.g. food, celebrations, religion, dress, national colour, flag, music and language.

**Special note:** The Junior teachers are looking forward to meeting all of the families in the Background Interviews this Tuesday (1:30 – 4:30pm) and Thursday (3:40 – 6:30pm).

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**PREPS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** This week we will be talking about God. We will share with the children that God is someone who created the Earth, God loves us and we celebrate him at Mass.

**WRITING:** The children will be writing sentences using the letters they have learnt in Jolly Phonics.

**READING:** The children will continue their Jolly Phonics letter sounds. This week the letters are: c, k, e, h and r. We will be revising all the letters we have learnt so far.

**MATHS:** Our focus for Maths will be DATA. We will be creating picture graphs with the children.

**INQUIRY:** The children will be discussing and sharing safe and unsafe situations they come across at school and at home.
**Michael Grose Insights**

Helping kids manage their BIG emotions. Michael talks about how our own emotions have a huge impact on the way our children see things. If we want our kids to calm down then we need to model this first.

**Parent Seminar Series**

The Catholic Education Office provides parent seminars in our local area. These seminars are not expensive to attend and can often support us in our challenging role as parents. 

**Challenge your family and friends to get active in 2013!**

The 2013 Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorian families to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

So grab your family and friends and register today to do 30 minutes of physical activity per day for 30 days between 4 March and 14 April 2013.

It’s fun and it’s free to participate, and just by registering you’ll receive:

- 20 free YMCA passes per family or team
- 15% discount at Rebel Sport
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free child entry to the Melbourne Aquarium
- one free child entry to the National Sports Museum and MCG Tours.

You’ll also:

- have a chance to win great prizes, including iPads and Rebel Sport vouchers
- get regular tips and ideas on ways to keep your family active throughout the Challenge
- be able to nominate your school for the chance to win between $350 and $1000 in Rebel Sport vouchers as well as a coaching clinic with high-profile athletes.


**BOUNCE BACK**

What Is It?

BOUNCE BACK is the social emotional program that is implemented at St Olivers from Prep to Year six. This term I am taking the classes from prep to year two and supporting the teachers from years three to six in the planning and sometimes implementation of these sessions.

We aim to provide a sequential whole school program to support our children in the development of their social and emotional skills and pro-social behavior. We aim to gain a higher level of student connectedness to school thus improving students academic learning outcomes. The acronym we use can be used by families at home. The same language we use at school can help certain situations around the home.

This week your child will bring home a copy of the acronym to display in a prominent area of your home. With all of us using the language of BOUNCE BACK we can better equip our children to cope with many aspects of everyday living.

Libby Sheedy     Wellbeing Coordinator
Transition News

St Aloysius College North Melbourne
Application for Year 7 2014 must be received by March 1st 2013
Talk and Tour of the college 22nd February at 9.30 am
Information evening and twilight tour on 25th February at 7pm
Any further information please contact Jodie McLeod on 9329 0411

Nadia Glann
School Community Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

ST OLIVER’S SPORTS DAY 2013

This year our school sports will be held on Friday the 22nd March (week 8).
All children belong to a sports team & house colour - these are the Gold, Red, Blue and Green team. If your child does not know their team colour please speak with their classroom teacher. On the day children will compete in a variety of sprints and tabloid events, so it is sure to be exciting. Sports day is always a fun day so please come along and join in.

Parent Helpers
We need LOTS of helpers for Sports Day. We rely on your support to help make our events successful. You do not need to stay all day, if you can spend just a few hours it all helps. If you are able to be a parent helper please fill in and return the parent helper note to school as soon as possible so that we can organise the roster. We will have a short meeting to outline the jobs for the day on the morning of the school sports at approximately 8.35 am at the oval.
I stress again that Sports day is a fun day, where children are encouraged for their efforts and score points for their teams in many events.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Regards,

Marita Mannix   Sport Coordinator
FAMILY DETAILS UPDATES
For the safety of your children, it is important that we have accurate student & family information, particularly home, work and mobile numbers of both parents and emergency contacts. If there are any changes to any of these phone numbers, please let the office staff know as soon as possible or alternatively return the slip that was sent home.

SUNSMART POLICY
A reminder that all children as part of the school summer uniform children are required to wear their SCHOOL broad brimmed HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons, during terms one and four. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property is located in a cupboard outside the Sick Bay. If your child is missing any items of clothing we would encourage you to check this area. To ensure there is not such a collection of lost property in the future, please ensure your child’s clothing is clearly labeled.

STUDENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
EMA application forms need to be completed each year. They do not automatically carry forward from previous year. A fresh application has to be made. We encourage all card holders to apply for this benefit.
Application forms are available from the school office. The allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must: a) be a parent or guardian of a primary of secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and b) be an eligible beneficiary of Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 1 (29th January 2013) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (15th July 2013) for the second instalment. Also part of the eligibility criteria is that applications must be completed and returned to the school office by the due day, which is 26th February 2013 for First installment & 31st July 2013 for Term 3 second instalment for those who have not applied in 1st Term. You will be notified of the total payment per primary school child per year in due course. First installment is 70% and will be paid in March and second installment is 30% and will be paid in August. Please be advised that the application must be made in person at the school office and the Centrelink card must be shown at this time. On application you will be provided with any further details. We would encourage all families with a health care card to apply for this benefit as soon as possible. Late applications cannot be processed.

CANTEEN  Diane Tabone  0423 596 221

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES
Italian Language Classes are available & commence on Saturday 23rd February at Coburg Primary School, 987 Bell Street, Coburg. The duration is 2.5 hours, from 9am to 11.30am & 1.30- 4pm. Monday class will also commence on the 18th February & will be from 4 – 6.30pm. Students from Prep to Year 12 are welcome and the tuition fee for the year is $150.00 per student. For further enquiries please phone 98984707 or visit the website www.lauroraschool.com.au or alternatively you can collect an application form from the school office.

PASCOE VALE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB is looking for you!
We have great local facilities that provides for : Auskick, Under 10’s thru to U16’s & Youth Girls.
Check out our website at: pascoevalesc.org.au and come to our Registration Day this Sunday 10th February 2013 from 10am-2pm.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

School Banking has arrived at St Oliver Plunkett School!

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here!
St Oliver’s School Banking days are Tuesdays. We currently have 135 bankers--- well done students

PARENT ASSOCIATION 2013

Businesses of the week
Businesses on our website this week are Kelly Irish Dancing, Kent Rd Automotive Service, Kumon, L’Amour Events Boutique and Mario & Josie’s Quality Meats. For information on the businesses please check out the school website or refer to the St Oliver’s Business Directory

Preloved Uniform Program
A donation basket is located in the school office foyer. All donations need to be clean and have no rips/tears. Preloved uniform will be available for purchase on the last Wednesday of term 1 alternatively if you need something earlier please contact Georgie 0405435770

Subway Lunches
We have planned a subway lunch day for the children…Wednesday 27th Feb…. order forms were sent home last week and they need to be back at the school office along with the correct money by this Thurs 21st Feb

Sportsman Night
Due to popular demand we have organized another Sportsman Night….Friday 1st March…. The last one was a great success and everyone who attended had a fantastic night. Please see attached flyer for more information

Cadbury Chocolates
Every family received a fundraising box of Cadbury Chocolates yesterday. Each box contains 50 chocolates to be sold at $1 each. All unsold chocolates and money are due back to the school office by Wednesday 6th March. If anyone can help by selling more than 1 box please contact Diana Capuana on 0419 331 966

FETE NEWS
Date to book on the calendar……Sunday October 27th 2013.

Thank you
Parent Association
Helping kids manage their BIG emotions

If we want our children to handle BIG emotions we need to rein in our emotions too. We want our children to mimic our response when they experience problems or difficulties at school.

There are lots of things that happen that can upset our children. Losing a race, experiencing some rejection or not having their best friend in their class at school can be upsetting, but not catastrophic. Kids can sometimes make these issues seem bigger than they are and their emotional response doesn’t match the situation.

They also know the buttons to press with parents, and we can easily escalate our response to match our child’s. Suddenly, “this is the worst thing ever” that a child talks about can seem like “the worst thing ever” in our eyes too. Our behaviour starts to mimic our child’s behaviour.

If we want our children to handle BIG emotions we need to rein in our emotions too. We want our children to mimic our response when they experience problems or difficulties at school.

Start by changing your own thinking. Rather than thinking “here we go again. My child won’t be able to cope” replace these thoughts with “I’d better stay calm. My child needs me to model calm.” This will help you rein in your own emotional response.

Then go through these steps:

Process: Ask your child good questions to get the full story. Use your senses and your intuition to check out what’s happening. Think about what may have happened to lead to the situation. Kids are faulty observers and often present one side of a situation. Think about the full story yourself.

Reflect: It’s really important to give yourself time to think when children and young people talk about their problems. Is this so bad? Will things be better tomorrow? Has this happened in the past? Has your child been able to handle such challenges before? Is this an issue that I need to resolve? Try to see the bigger picture.

Respond: Children’s concerns need to be taken seriously, but sometimes some TLC (Tender Loving Care in the form of a big hug) is sufficient and very reassuring. At other times, some ideas about coping or handling the situation may be useful, but this can occur over time. Avoid feeling that you have to ‘fix’ the problem for your child. And don’t panic if you don’t know what to do. Sometimes things work themselves out, or a solution will appear over time.

Kids of all ages have a tendency to catastrophise when life throws them curve balls. Nothing wrong with that, to a point. But it really helps if the significant adults in their lives (that is, parents) can model calm, reflective behaviour when kids come to them with their emotions out of control.

It’s not easy staying calm when kids’ emotions run high, but if you want your kids to calm down and think, then you need to go first.
St Oliver’s 2013 Chocolate Drive

This year we are selling Cadbury Chocolates again. This is our largest fundraiser for the year 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 6th March 2013.**

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ST OLIVER'S
SPORTSMANS NIGHT
FRIDAY 1 MARCH 7.00PM
21 Raeburn Street, Pascoe Vale (Girl Guides Hall)

FEATURING

Peter Daicos [the Macedonian marvel]
- Played 250 games for Collingwood (1979-1993)
- Kicked 549 goals
- Premiership player 1990
- Club best and fairest 1982 and 1988
- Collingwood's Team of the Century

Terry Daniher
- Played 294 games for Essendon (1978-1992)
- Kicked 447 goals
- Premiership captain 1984/85
- Essendon's Team of the Century
- AFL Hall of Fame inductee 1998

and comedy entertainer

Lehmo
One of Australia's most experienced and well travelled comedians. Currently a host on Gold FM breakfast show and a panellist on Ten's Before the Game. Also a regular The Project.

$35 PER PERSON
INCLUDES
- BBQ Dinner
- Door Prizes

Also on the night
- Memorabilia Auctions
- Raffles
Drink card can be purchased at the door

SPECIAL GUEST MC

Steve Milne
SEN 1116 radio personality (GBU Crew).

For all dads, brothers, brother-in-laws, friends...

For more information contact: Michael Said - 0418 994 711

Please detach and return to the School office by Wednesday 27 February 2013 along with payment in an envelope labelled "Sportsmans Night". Cheques to be made payable to "St Olivers Parents Association".

Name:__________________________ Contact Number:__________________________
Child’s Name:__________________________ Class:__________________________
No. of tickets:__________ Amount Enclosed:__________________________ Cash [ ] Cheque* [ ]

* A fee will apply for any dishonoured cheques.
Cooking

Please come and join us in the after care room from 3:30pm. We will be playing games, doing art and craft, cooking and playing sports.

Construction

Come see what our service is about. Staff on hand to answer any questions, while the kids get a taste of what Camp Australia does.
You are invited to take part in

A Mini Moreland

an event that will help shape the future of the City

On Wednesday evening, February 20 from 6:00 and 8:30 pm
a representative sample of 150 citizens of Moreland will gather to take part in a unique community engagement event called A Mini Moreland.

We would like you to be one of the 150 people.

A Mini Moreland is a gathering of 150 people representing 0.1% of the population of our city. People will take part in simple activities organised to show what is important to Moreland’s people. The activities are easy to understand and respectful of all participants. It will be an entertaining and thought provoking experience in the company of other Moreland citizens.

Food and drink will be provided as well as door prizes. You are welcome to recommend others to join you as a participant. You do not need to be a ratepayer or voter to participate.

Having people from all ages and a wide range of backgrounds will make the evening truly a Mini Moreland.

Please confirm your participation by ringing Paula Jorgensen on 9240 1250 or by emailing communityplan@moreland.vic.gov.au by Monday February 18. When you RSVP, you will be given the location.

We hope you will say yes.
It’s your city, it’s your plan; it’s your opportunity to be involved.