Welcome back to our First Week of Term 3 and could I add it is wonderful to return to the school after my sabbatical and personal leave last term. While away I had the opportunity to participate in a five week Course at All Hallows College in Dublin where the focus was current developments in the Catholic Church and Christian leadership in our world today. Following this Course my wife took the opportunity to join me overseas and we hiked in Spain and Italy. At this stage I’d like to thank Mary Kearney for taking on the role of Acting Principal in my absence and all of the staff for all of their fantastic work last term. I’m looking forward to our school term ahead and to catching up with many of you all over the next few weeks.

Regards

Alan Sweeney

Please note the link in Diary Dates to the Wednesday Assembly timetable and the Class Mass schedule. This link will let you view when your child’s class is performing an assembly item at assembly and when they are attending class mass on a Friday.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
A reminder to the grade 4 parents whose children will be making their first communion this term that there will be a parent information evening next **Monday 23 July at 7:00pm in the large multi purpose room of the school.** This meeting is for parents only.

**Dates for Eucharist:**
- Sunday 29 August at 10:30am – Middle M and Middle H
- Sunday 9 September at 10:30am – Middle S and Middle D

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING & TEACHING

Welcome back to term three!! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday.

This term the throughline for our Inquiry units from Prep to Six is Wellbeing – with a focus on physical and mental health. The Olympics will form a component of each unit, with students in all levels exploring the symbolism and history of the Olympic games. We will also avail ourselves of the many opportunities to communicate with athletes and participate in many of the online learning and teaching activities.

Later in the term we will be having a ‘mini-olympics’ day – details of which will be sent home later in the term.

Term overviews with full curriculum outlines will be coming home soon. Please take the time to read these overviews so that you can support your child, simply by having a discussion about what they are focusing on at school.

Another addition to the newsletter this term is a hyperlink under Class News that links to the current homework sheet. I hope you find this useful….

Mary Kearney
Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We begin this our new topic Sacred Stories, Sacred People by discussing personal and family stories and discussing the idea that we are linked to our past.

WRITING: Writing workshop will focus on planning writing, punctuating around dialogue, and editing for spelling. We will also be focusing on the three stages of editing.

READING: Students will be reading The Ultimate Story from The Age which is a short series written by 5 authors. We will be identifying the techniques used by each author to engage the reader.

MATHS: This week focuses on written division strategies that involve carrying, whole number remainders, fractional remainders and decimal remainders.

INQUIRY: We begin this Term’s Inquiry topic Here’s to Good Health! by assessing the students’ prior knowledge in a concept map.

A few reminders...
- Remember that Thursday is hand in diary day – signed and with reading recorded
- SS Grade 6’s will be attending Dorothy Impey this week (cancelled last week due to rain)

Click here for a copy of this week’s Senior Homework – due next Tuesday 24th July.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will begin our unit ‘Initiation- Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation’ in preparation for the Year Fours making their communion later in the term. We will look at some of the signs and symbols of these sacraments. Just a reminder to the parents of Year Four students making their Communion that the Parent Information night is in the Multi-Purpose Room Monday the 23rd of July at 7pm

WRITING: This week we will look at letter writing. We will look at different types of letters and the features of letters.

READING: We will begin reading our new serial novel ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’. We will make some predictions and begin reading the first few chapters. We will also make a goal for our reading for the rest of the term.

SPELLING: We will look at ‘ed’ at the end of the word, especially when writing past tense. Students will complete several activities related to this.

MATHS: It’s THEME PARK week in the Middles. To finish off our unit on Location students will be getting into small groups to design a Theme Park. They will be using a rubric to help them focus the different areas eg. Bird’s eye view, grids, keys, compass rose.

INQUIRY: We are all ‘Healthy Superstars’ this term in the Middles. The whole unit is about how we change over our lifetime and the different things we have to do to stay healthy. Can all students please bring in a baby photo for our Guess the Baby competition this week.

Click here for a copy of this week’s Middles Homework – due next Tuesday 24th July.
JUNIORS

We hope each family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to an exciting new term!

This week in the Juniors, we are covering the following:

RELIGION - beginning our new unit Experiencing God by exploring some of the different images of God such as God the Father, God the Creator and God the Shepherd

READING - engaging the children in shared reading practices that explore information texts as a link to our main writing focus this term

WRITING - using the Class Seed Box, Story Starter Cards and the Mystery Box to generate ideas for our writing

SPELLING - building word lists with the sound ick (sick, stick) and continuing to revise the Jolly Phonics songs, actions and sounds

MATHS - revising the strategies and concepts involved in subtraction using a combination of number facts, concrete materials, number lines and charts and mental strategies to solve problems

INQUIRY - beginning our new unit Let’s Get Physical by exploring what physical activities we are involved in each day and why is physical activity good for us?

Click here for a copy of this week’s Junior’s Homework – due next Tuesday

PREPS

WRITING: We will continue to focus on the features of a recount and the children will compose their own recounts based on their school holidays.

READING: In Reading we will focus on the use of images and words for the development of meaning in a text.

MATHS: The children will be introduced to informal measurements of time through hands on activities. They will use calculators to complete simple algorithms.

INQUIRY: We will introduce the children to their new Inquiry unit ‘How I’ve Grown’. The children will explore the lifestyles of Olympic Athletes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our new unit is ‘Protected by God’. In this unit we will focus on the scriptures of the Bible and how God protected his people.

REQUEST: Please may we have a baby and current photo of your child to be used as part of our Inquiry unit ‘How I’ve Grown’.
SVILOwers Footy Tipping Leaderboard

Still a very close leaderboard after Round 16...

1. Danielle Lazarro 102 (margin of 498)
2. Pascoes 101 (margin of 517)
3. Maccarone 101 (margin of 536)

And congratulations to tipper “JP” who is on their way to winning the coveted wooden spoon...

EMAILING OF NEWSLETTER
If you wish to receive a copy of the newsletter via email, please email us at the following address:
newsletter@sopascoe vale.catholic.edu.au

Mercy College will proudly present ‘The Wiz’, our musical production for 2012, on the 19th, 20th and 21st July at 7.30pm at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Preston. The Wiz is a funky adaptation of ‘The Wonderful Wizard of Oz’ and has a large cast that creates many opportunities for student involvement and provides a fantastic opportunity to promote Performing Arts at Mercy College.

GENERAL NEWS

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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Application forms are available from the school office for those parents who did not apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in Term 1. To be eligible you must: a) be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, & 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 3 (16th July) 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 Thursday 2nd August. Please note that if you applied for the allowance in first term you do not need to reapply provided your details remain the same.

SUNSMART
All children are encouraged to wear their SCHOOL HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons.
PARENT ASSOCIATION

Cadbury Chocolates  WE STILL HAVE A FEW FAMILIES THAT ARE YET TO RETURN MONEY AND UNSOLD CHOCOLATES. PLEASE SEND IN ASAP

School Banking at St Oliver Plunkett School!

St Oliver’s School Banking days are Tuesdays.

Business Directory  Over the school holidays the business directory sub-committee have been very busy putting together the 1st edition of the St Oliver Plunkett Business Directory. Plans are to have it distributed out to the community late next week. We hope you all find this directory useful and informative. All funds raised from this product are going directly to the school and it is very important to support the community that supports us.

Supa Slice  --- begins Tuesday 17th July. Hopefully the order form is being sent home today

Term 3 plans
Father’s Day Stall—Friday 31st August
Bunnings BBQ- Sat 1st September

Thank you
Parent Association

CANTEEN  Diane Tabone on 0423596221
**Please note new prices**

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OSHC NEWS
Camp Australia has opened a before care program which will run daily from 7:30-8:45am. The program includes breakfast, games, active sports and crafts. Feel free to ask me about it. OSHC has a new Mob. Number. Please call 0452 247 952.

thanks

REMINDERS
How to get started: Before using our programs, register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin: www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered, you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online.

Save on Care: You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more, call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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