Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Fourth Term everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the Spring weather over the two weeks of our school holiday break. I’m sure we have many happy Essendon Supporters in our school community with Jobe Watson winning this year’s Brownlow medal!

As we commence our Fourth term a few reminders as we (hopefully) head into the warmer months of the year. This week our school assembly will commence at 11.30 weather permitting. From next week we will move our Assembly to the 9.00 timeslot. If we have poor or cold weather we will move any Assembly to our after recess time.

With regards to school uniforms no dates are prescribed for the wearing of either summer or winter uniforms, rather the weather conditions prevailing each day can be a guide for parents. Generally speaking summer uniforms should be worn in First and Fourth Terms and winter uniforms in Second and Third Terms. On Physical Education and Sports Days the children wear their sports uniforms to School. We ask for the cooperation of all parents to ensure that the children wear the correct uniforms unless a note is provided to the classroom teacher explaining the reason for the child being unable to do so.

We are starting to plan structures for 2013 so those families who know that their children will not be returning to St. Oliver’s school next year (apart from the current Yr. 6) are asked to notify the school office as soon as possible.

Could I remind all families that as a part of the School Sun Smart Policy all children are required to wear their SCHOOL HAT at recess and lunch times during physical education/sport lessons in both 1st and 4th terms. As always there will be a short period of grace for our children with respect to this expectation. Your cooperation in ensuring your child wears a school hat to school protects them from the potential dangers of skin damage.

Regards,

Alan Sweeney
Principal
DATES for TERM 4
Graduation Mass 7:00pm Monday 10 December
End of Year Mass 11:45am Friday 14 December

Trish Segrave  Religious Education Coordinator

WELCOME BACK TO TERM FOUR......

I hope that everyone has had a relaxing two week break and are ready for another busy term at St Olivers.

Our focus in our Inquiry learning this term is Change Over Time. All the children from grades prep to six will be participating in learning experiences that focus on the Domain of Humanities – Local and Australian History.

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.

Towards the end of the term we will move to focus on Christmas and Advent. This is always a busy and fun-filled time for the children.

Next Wednesday, October 17 we will be holding a school closure day. The staff will be working on the new Australian Curriculum called AusVELS. We will be unpacking the domains of The Humanities (Geography, Economics and History) and Science. The work we complete next Wednesday will establish our next two year cycle of inquiry units.

Mary Kearney  Learning and Teaching Coordinator
SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our first unit this term is Teach Us To Pray. This week we will be responding to questions about prayer, including what they know, and sharing their own experiences.

WRITING: We will be beginning debating. This week focuses on the purpose and structure of debates. This week's Writing workshops are Using commas appropriately, Planting a seed, and Deleting unnecessary information.

READING: We begin our new serial novel for Term 4, Black Snake. We will be discussing students’ prior knowledge about Ned Kelly. We will also be summarising an informative text and using a For & Against graphic organiser for this week’s BTN video.

MATHS: We start our unit on Capacity by estimating and measuring a variety of containers, and converting capacity measurements.

INQUIRY: Our new Inquiry topic focuses on Australian history, so we will be discussing students’ prior understandings about the topic and completing a timeline, to be built upon throughout the term.

A few reminders for parents and students...

- Remember that Thursday is hand in diary day – signed and with reading recorded. A reminder that those students who fail to hand in their diary, record their reading, or get their diary signed, may miss out on Friday afternoon’s Interschool Sports practice or game.
- Keep checking your class’ blog for updates! http://www.kidblog.org/your class’ blog name.
- SS will be visiting Dorothy Impey this Thursday.
- Please ensure that correct uniform is worn to school each day – including school shoes, not black runners or Vans. If for any reason your child needs to be out of uniform (e.g. lost shoes), please provide a note. If your child is out of school uniform without reason, they may miss out on Friday afternoon’s Interschool Sports practice or game.
- Please refer to the school website for the St Olivers Uniform policy if you have any queries, or contact your classroom teacher.

Click here to see the Seniors Homework. It is due back on Thursday October 18.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will begin looking at the unit ‘Mary Faithful Disciple’. We will be exploring and discussing images of Mary.

WRITING: We will be looking at ‘Writing to Describe’ again this term, however this time more focused on describing events rather than objects. We will begin looking at features of newspaper articles and have a go at writing our own about a person, place or event.

READING: We are going to look at a lot of visual text this term that relates to our Inquiry Unit. We will begin looking at the ABC series My Place and read about what it was like to live in Australia as an Aboriginal child before European settlement.

SPELLING: This week we are looking at homophones. Sore and saw, which and witch, their, there and they’re.

MATHS: We begin subtraction this week. The children will work through various subtraction activities solving word problems and algorithms.

INQUIRY: We will begin our new unit, We Come From a Land Down Under. The focus of this unit is Australian History. The children will be learning about Aboriginal life before European settlement and the first Europeans to visit Australia.

Click here to see the Middles Homework. It is due back on Monday October 15.
What’s happening around the levels...

JUNIORS

Welcome back to Term 4 which already looks like a very busy one!!

RELIGION: We are continuing our unit Signs of God’s Love by acting out and retelling the story of Exodus and discussing how it represents another example of God’s Love. We will also brainstorm the events that happen in the church and the various people who belong to the church.

READING: We are engaging the children in a variety of shared reading practices and looking at examples of big books that focus on fairytales and other narratives.

WRITING: We are revising the structure of recounts including the use of time connectives as we record all the exciting and memorable events we experienced during the holidays.

SPELLING: We are building a word list with the sound ain (train, pain) and using various spelling activities to reinforce the correct spelling of these words.

MATHS: We are continuing to explore the concept of multiplication through the use of concrete materials, drawings and IWB activities. We will be focussing on multiplication word problems and recording a number story to match a specific multiplication number sentence.

INQUIRY: This week we begin our introduction to our new unit The Good Old Days where the children will record what life was like in the past under headings such as transport, jobs and chores, toys and games, school life and clothing.

Special Reminder: Please remember to organise the children’s olden days clothing for next Thursday’s excursion.

Click here for a copy of this term’s Junior Homework.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our new topic is ‘God’s Great Family’. We will make links between the children’s family and God’s family.

WRITING: This week the children will be writing about their school holiday experiences. We will revise the writing strategies used by the children.

READING: We will be reading for comprehension. We will model examples of strategies used when understanding a text.

MATHS: In Maths we are revising addition: bundles to 10, number stories and counting on.

INQUIRY: This week the children will be introduced to our new topic ‘My Family Story’.
Walk to School encourages school children to walk to and from school every
day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children's health and
wellbeing. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents, and
older children on their own (when their parents decide it's safe).

As in previous years, prizes to the school who reports the highest participation
level in each region. This year, the prize will be a visit from a mobile Play for Life
play pod in Term 1, 2013. The pod is a mobile unit full of high quality 'loose
parts' play materials that stimulate open-ended, creative play. The materials
include clean, manufacturing offcuts, otherwise destined for landfill - anything
from old car tyres, to cardboard tubing, milk crates, steering wheels, used
keyboards and telephones, to fabric and dress-ups.

Starting this week we will record our results on a chart that will be displayed in
the classrooms. Enjoy the sunshine.

Libby Sheedy  Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Penola Catholic College is having an Open
Afternoon at their Glenroy Campus (Years 7
& 8) on Thursday, October 11, 4-7pm.
For enquiries, call 9301 2777

Fiona Brugaletta
School Community Coordinator
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Next Wednesday, October 17 St Olivers will be holding a school closure day. The staff will be working on the Australian Curriculum – AusVELS.

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.

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!

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER
School fees were sent out over the holidays and are due Friday 19th October. If you did not receive your account, please contact Catherine in the office. If you are paying online please ensure that you use your surname or account number as a reference. If you pay online and do not receive a receipt within two days, please contact the office.

JUNIOR WRITERS OF THE WEEK
No writers first week back.

CANTEEN  Diane Tabone on 0423596221

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

SCHOOL BANKING HAS ARRIVED AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT SCHOOL!

St Oliver’s School Banking days are Tuesdays. We currently have 104 bankers--- well done students

WORKING BEE
Calling all parents. This weekend Saturday 13th October a working bee has been planned at St Oliver’s. Please see attached flyer for more information or call Michael Said on 0418 994 711

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
The businesses on the website this week are Bella Amore, C & A Printers, C.M.S Meats, Coburg Tyre Service and Coburgs Best Hand Car Wash. For information on these businesses please check out the school website or refer to the St Oliver’s Business Directory

PRELOVED UNIFORM PROGRAM
This term we will be introducing the Preloved Uniform Program. For more information please see the attached flyer.

TERM 4 PLANS
Working Bee 13th - October
Lap-a-thon in association with the SRC – Thurs 18th October
Mattel Toy Sale- 28th Nov
Subway - TBC
Calendars- November 2012

MEETING
Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct 10th at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. Thank you
Parent Association
Calling on parents, helpers, green fingers, handymen and Jack of all trades...

Where: St Oliver’s School
When: Saturday 13th October
Time: 8am onwards
Followed by a BBQ and drinks (all supplied)

Come along and lend a hand to make our school shine.
Jobs we hope to complete

- weeding and pruning in various areas
- painting
- rubbish removal
- general cleaning and maintenance

We hope you can join us for some fun and work.
RSVP - 10th October
Michael Said - 0418994711 email mjsaid@optusnet.com.au
Mark Cometti - 0418402317 email markc@donnan.com.au
The Parent Association is announcing the commencement to our “Pre-loved Uniform Program”. We are asking parents to donate any pieces of uniform that they don’t need. There will be a drop off box located in the school office.

This program is designed to make use of good uniforms without the expensive price tag.

Uniforms being donated need to be of good quality...no rips, tears or stains...

only donate that which you would be happy to put your own child in.

More details regarding operation days and times will follow in the term 4.

Thank you for your support

St Oliver’s Parent Association
OSHC NEWS
Camp Australia has opened a before care program which will run daily from 7:00-8:45am. 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

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK
Before School Care will start at 7am not 7.30am. Thanks Joel

“After school care is cool” Claudia Pironi

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.