Dear Parents,

We have received a letter from the Hon. Louise Asher, State Minister for Innovations, Services and Small Business, congratulating our School Parent Association for their production of our school’s Business and Information Directory. This is a wonderful acknowledgement for the amazing work that went into the production of this community resource.

Please continue to support all of the local companies who advertised in our directory and thank them for their generous sponsorship.

Good luck to Georgia Dupuy, one of our Senior children, who heads to Sydney on Thursday to compete in the National Cheerleading Competitions. Georgia is currently State Champion and Pom Captain with her team the Cheerfactor Allstars. We wish Georgia every success over the weekend. Her efforts are a wonderful achievement!

Traffic Safety

A reminder that the morning and afternoon ‘drop off zone’ at the front of the school is not a parking area. This area is zoned two minute parking.

YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS AREA WILL ENSURE THAT THE DROP OFF AND COLLECTION OF ALL OF THE CHILDREN OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY OCCURS IN A SAFE MANNER

If you are free this Friday evening October 26, St Fidelis is holding a night market 5.00pm until 9.pm. I’m sure the evening will be fun for all of the family! Further details are displayed on the flyer on our school notice board.

Congratulations to Julie-Ann Dimasi

I would like to congratulate Julie-Ann and Paul on the recent birth of their daughter, Savannah Isla. Savannah was born on October 19.
Both mum and baby are doing very well.

Regards,

Alan Sweeney
Principal
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Senior J will be attending the Friday class Mass at 10:00 this week. All parents are welcome to attend this Mass and sit with their child.

Thursday 1 November is All Saints Day. Mass will be held in the parish at 10:00am.

Friday 2 November is All Souls day. Mass will be held in the parish at 10:00am.

The family Mass for the children in the middle classes is on Sunday 18 November. On that day the children will lead the celebration by reading the prayers, taking up the offertory and leading the singing.

Trish Segrave  Religious Education Coordinator

EDUCATION IN FAITH

AusVELS  (Australian Curriculum)

Last Wednesday the staff worked through the process of unpacking AusVELS – History and Science. In doing this we began to work on our new scope and sequence for our inquiry units and our major concepts.

Next year will see the implementation of Stage 1 of the AusVELS curriculum. This consists of the learning domains of English, Mathematics, History and Science. All other areas of the curriculum (Civics and Citizenship, Health and Physical Education, Geography, Economics, Personal Learning, Information and Communication Technologies and The Arts) will still be guided by the current VELS curriculum.

The full AusVELS curriculum will be implemented over the next three years. At this stage the reports format will remain the same – but, as they say “watch this space”…

Mary Kearney  Learning and Teaching Coordinator
SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students are experiencing and reflecting on different types of prayer – vocal prayer, song, Christian meditation and guided meditation.

WRITING: We continue preparing for our debates. Students are finalising their speeches to ensure that they have evidence to support their arguments, and emotive language. They will be practicing before presenting later in the week, or next week.

READING: Our focus for our serial text, Black Snake, is facts and opinions about Ned Kelly’s experiences after his first jail sentence. We will also be summarising an informative text and using Fact & Opinion graphic organiser for this week’s BTN video about freedom of speech.

MATHS: We begin our unit on Chance with activities that focus on the language of chance, and link these to fractions, decimals and percentages.

INQUIRY: Our Australia’s Story day on Thursday will involve the students in a variety of activities related to Australian history and our national identity. The students will be creating and discussing art, dancing, singing, playing traditional games and hearing poetry. We look forward to seeing the children in their dress up clothes!

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.
- No Dorothy Impey visit this week due to our Australia’s Story day.

Students are aware of the expectations set for each task with regards to effort and presentation. If work is not completed to the best of each students’ ability, the task may be sent home to be completed / redone as homework, and be brought back to school the following day.

Click here to see the Senior’s Homework. Homework is due on Monday the 29th of October.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will begin looking at the unit ‘Mary Faithful Disciple’. We will examine the story of the Visitation and the Wedding Feast of Cana in more detail.

WRITING: We will continue to draft, edit and publish their Newspaper Reports from last week. Students will also be working on some new seeds.

READING: We are continuing to look at the My Place series. Students will perform their Reader’s Theatre plays. They will also complete an SQ3R activity which teaches them to write out factual information in their own words.

SPELLING: This week we are looking at oo words. We will make a class chart and then students will work on some associated activities.

MATHS: We will finish off subtraction this week. The children will continue to time themselves to improve their automatic recall of subtraction facts. We will also be looking at money and how subtraction is related to working out change. Students will complete an assessment at the end of the week.

WE NEED!!!!!!! Empty, clean containers for our new Maths unit about volume and capacity next week!

INQUIRY: We will continue our unit, We Come From a Land Down Under. This week we will focus on the Aboriginal Australia carousel. This will focus on Aboriginal history, art and dreamtime stories.

Click here to see the Middle’s Homework. Homework is due on Monday the 29th of October.
What’s happening around the levels...

**JUNIORS**

A big ‘thank you’ to all the families in the Junior Grades for the wonderful effort that went into dressing up for our excursion to Yarrabee last week. It really helped us to fully enter into the spirit of the day.

**Congratulations** to the children for their outstanding participation and behaviour on the day too!

**RELIGION:** This week we are beginning our new unit ‘Created for Life.’ We will be identifying ourselves as a gift of creation by naming what we believe is good in ourselves. We will also be reflecting on the many facets of creation and identifying some of our favourite parts of creation.

**READING:** During shared reading sessions, we will be continuing to highlight the structure and different features of narratives such as setting, characters, plot, complication and resolution.

**WRITING:** The children will be continuing with their personal responses to our excursion to Yarrabee last week. We will also begin linking our budding knowledge of narratives to our writing, by retelling known fairytales.

**SPELLING:** We are building a word list with the sound *eat* (*meat, heat*) and using various spelling activities to reinforce the correct spelling of these words.

**MATHS:** This week we will be beginning to investigate fractions. We will begin by exploring \( \frac{1}{2} \) of a variety of shapes and also \( \frac{1}{2} \) of a collection of objects.

**INQUIRY:** During this week, we will be reflecting on our experiences and the many things we learnt from our excursion to Yarrabee. We will be making connections and comparisons between life in the olden days and life as we know it today.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** We will also be having our Italian Lunch on Monday and taking part in some Italian activities on Wednesday including an incursion in the form of a performance.

Click [here](#) for a copy of this term’s Junior Homework.

**PREPS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Through song and Bible stories we will continue to learn about Jesus and how he grew up in Nazareth.

**WRITING:** This week the children will begin writing a whole class letter, remembering to include all the features needed.

**READING:** We will focus on character understanding and the emotions of different characters.

**MATHS:** In Maths we will continue with subtraction through the use of stories and number strips.

**INQUIRY:** The children will begin their personal timeline, recording important events that have occurred in their lives.
Cybersafety for seniors  Brett Lee

Next Tuesday Brett Lee a cybersafety specialist will address our senior children to discuss current safe internet use. Brett has addressed our parent group two years ago and was very in touch with current day issues. His program is unique and his message is powerful, he simplifies what’s needed for kids to protect themselves online as it surrounds the very complex issues of Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying. He targets awareness, empowerment and self esteem imparting basic messages of safety and responsibilities. We look forward to his presentation.

Parents are welcome to attend this presentation.

When: Tuesday 30th October
Time: 11.30 am
Place: Large Multi-purpose room

We have been rehearsing for the song that stops a nation

The countdown has started and students from prep to year two and our music club children are joining school children across Australia warming up their vocal chords to take part in Music: Count Us In. Since 2007, over 2.5 million kids have participated in this world-beating program¹ that celebrates the value of school music education.

Last year over 1900 schools joined the biggest school initiative in Australia, performing the same song at the same time on the same day.

Performance day is Thursday November 1st at 12.30pm AEDT.

Libby Sheedy  Student Wellbeing Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!

On behalf of our school community we would like to congratulate Alessi Gangi, Maggie Styles, Rebecca Arena and Thomas Cartwright who represented our school at the Regional Athletics Competition last week.

We wish Thomas all the luck in the world when he goes on next week to the State Finals representing our school in the High Jump event.

HOOPTIME

Also can we keep in mind our Hooptime team, The Pirates, who will be Competing in the State Finals Nov 30
Moreland City Council Youth Services in partnership with the YMCA Skate Services is pleased to present Heat 6 of the North Western League Skate and BMX Series at CB Smith Skate Park, Fawkner. The series is an opportunity for skateboarders and BMX riders of all ages to showcase their skills, be physically active and win some great prizes. It is a great day out for the family and young people alike.

**Details are:**
Date: Saturday 3 November 2012  
Location: Fawkner Skate Park, CB Smith Reserve  
Address: 77 Jukes Road Fawkner  
(Melways Ref: 17 J1)  
Registrations from 11am

For more information about the North Western League Skate and BMX Series please contact Simon Vella at Moreland Youth Services on 9389 8645 or via email at svella@moreland.vic.gov.au.

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Don’t forget to check out this week’s “Businesses of the Week” in the News & Events section of the Newsletter!

**Fiona Brugaletta**
School Community Coordinator

**OUR RECENT WORKING BEE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!!!!**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO LENT A HAND!!**
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!

JUNIOR WRITERS OF THE WEEK
Over the year we have seen very creative and talented writers emerge in the Junior grades. Each week we will be acknowledging some children who have followed the writing process to develop a piece of work. Congratulations to these children. This work will be displayed outside each of the Junior Grades.

Congratulations to the following children
JC – Aaron Frattasio    JD – Ava Keane    JL – Jordyn Polimeni
JR – Angelina Mantarakis

STUDENT AWARDS
Dean Ciccarone, Lara Unger, Jack Capuana, Mia Renzella, Olivia Fragapane, Eva Brazzani, Ruby Prattico, Jacqueline Skouris, Adam Raffaele, Matthew Miano, Karina Walsh, Cameron Bell, Erika Wagner, Lukas Apostos, Olivia Aquino, Daniel Vasilev, Isabella James, Miller Perini, Tahlia Lombardi, Domenica Piperno, Olivia Piv, Joanna Fogale, Rebecca Arena, Luke Dobson

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
A special thank you to all the parents who attended the Lap-a-thon last week. It was a great success and the children ran many laps to support the ‘Loretto Vietnam Project’. If the money for the Lap-a-thon has not been returned could you please do so by Friday 26 October.

Trish Segrave
Student Leadership Coordinator

TELEVISION SETS
The school has two large screen analogue television set which are no longer in use. If there is anyone who would like them please contact the school office. 9354 5411

CAKEEEN  Diane Tabone on 0423596221

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Canteen is Closed Mon 5th Nov, Monday 10th December
Thursday,13th December is Preps & Juniors special lunch day & Friday 14th December is Middles & Seniors special lunch day
Last Day for canteen 2012 is Friday 14th December
SCHOOL BANKING AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT SCHOOL

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

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
The businesses on the website this week are Derby’s Rooster, Donnan, Etna Massage, Stna Yoga and Designer Eyes. 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

Mattel Toy Sale- 28th Nov

Subway – 14th November

Sportsmans Night – November 16th. Please see attached flyer for more information

Calendars- Many parents have been asking if it is too late to order their children’s 2013 calendars. I have extended the due date to this Friday 26th October. Extra order forms available for the office.

FETE NEWS- Date for 2013 fete has been selected. Sunday October 27th 2013

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
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
ST OLIVER'S
SPORTSMANS NIGHT
FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 7:00PM
21 Raeburn Street, Pascoe Vale (Girl Guides Hall)

FEATURING

Nathan Thompson
He is currently a part of the panel on the Sunday Footy Show, Channel 9.

Mark Allen
Former Australian professional golfer (15 years). Turned pro in 1990 and played tournaments all around the world with great success in the US, Europe and Asia.
Now a regular on SEN 1116 radio.

and comedic entertainers

The Nelson Twins
As seen on Australia's Got Talent.
Taking the world by storm and labelled the funniest identical twins on earth.

$30 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  Sebastian Giacchi - 0409 887 787

Please detach and return to the School office by Wednesday 14 November 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.*
ST OLIVER PLUNKETT  
OSHC phone: 0431 722 459  
Coordinator: Joel Trofimovs

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
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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.

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