Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations to all of our staff and students who had a fabulous time on camp last week. The weather was kind to us and the commitment of our staff and the students made for a memorable experience.

Following tomorrow mornings assembly parents are invited to the staffroom to share a 'hot cross bun' morning tea that is being organised by the Parent Association. Our Easter raffle will be drawn at this assembly.

On Friday morning at 9am the juniors will be re-enacting the Stations of the Cross. Families are welcome to join us in the North yard.

As we end our first term I’d like to thank all of the staff for their continued professionalism and their hard work.

Congratulations to Miss Giulia Ferella one of our prep teachers, who became Mrs Mazzarella on the weekend. We wish her and Frank much happiness as they begin their new life together.

To every child and member of staff I hope you have a well deserved rest and I hope all parents have the opportunity to spend some extra time with your families over the Easter break.

A reminder that on Friday the children will be dismissed at 1.00 and second term commences on Tuesday 22nd April.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter holiday break.

Regards,

Libby Sheedy
PROJECT COMPASSION
Could any outstanding Project Compassion Boxes please be returned as soon as possible. Anyone requiring a receipt please fill out the slip at the top of the box so it can be posted to you. Thank you to all the children who “Walked the Talk” and walked laps to emphasize the hardships some children experience, walking many kilometers to school every day. The school has already raised enough money to buy two water pumps for the people in the Philippines. Fantastic effort everyone!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The junior children will be leading a prayerful re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross this Friday 4 April at 9:00 in the north yard. All families are welcome to join us at this prayerful event leading into Easter.

TRISH SEGRAVE
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

SPELLING!!!
Are you wondering how you can help your child with spelling? Many parents would like to help their children learn how to spell well, but are unsure how it is taught and what they can do at home to support their child.
Over the past couple of years we have trialled spelling workshops in which both a parent and child attend together. Parents have gained an insight into the development of understanding letter/sound relationships, and have participated in activities that they can do with their child to help them at home.
In Term Two we are offering Parent/Child Spelling Workshops which will be conducted in school time. They will consist of three sessions: the first for parents (one hour), the second and third sessions (forty minutes each) for the parents to work with their child. There will be four to six parent/child pairs in each group.
Numbers will be limited, but we will do our best! If you are interested in being a part of a group, please email me bolanda@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au or print and send back the form below.

Barbara Olanda (Literacy)

My child and I would like to participate in the Parent/Child Spelling Workshops in Term Two.
Name __________________ Child’s name ______________ Grade _____
Contact number __________________
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

Click HERE to access the current Senior’s homework.

WRITING: After completing a class PMI about camp, the students will complete a seed based on the wonderful time they had at Arrabri Lodge. The students will continue planning, drafting, editing and publishing their writing during independent writing time. Students will be encouraged to publish one piece of writing before the end of term.

READING: We are continuing to read our serial novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J Palacio, focussing on the relationships between characters. The students will continue reading their own novels and will respond to the novel and share their thinking in their Reading Journals. We will also be reading non-fiction NAPLAN example texts as preparation for upcoming tests.

SPELLING: This week’s focus is double letters and patterns we can recognise in double letter words.

MATHS: This week the students will be working on multiplication strategies and revising concepts they have learnt so far. We will be administering the Number & Algebra post-test to determine student's new understandings of multiplication.

INQUIRY: The students have all chosen an area of interest related to our Inquiry unit where they will conduct a personal inquiry. This week they will complete their chosen presentation and will share their findings with the class through oral presentations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We continue to discuss the Easter story this week by identifying how the resurrection bought hope to those who believed in Christ. We will share students ideas about life after death and will work in teams to explain each Station of the Cross.

Just a reminder...

- Today we had our whole school “Walk the Talk” Fundraiser where students walked laps of the oval with their school bags to understand what it is like for students in developing countries. Please return your Project Compassion boxes tomorrow.
- Easter Raffle tickets were due today. The Raffle will be drawn at assembly tomorrow, Wednesday.
- Please encourage your child to be on the lookout for seeds for writing and to bring them into class.
- Interschool Sport is away this week at St Fidelis. A reminder that school finishes at 1:00pm Friday.
- HOMEWORK IS DUE THIS WEDNESDAY.

MIDDLES

Click HERE to access the current Middle’s homework.

WRITING: This week we will use our persuasive plans to write a persuasive piece. We will use the ideas in our plans to write each paragraph. We will include evidence to support our opinions.

READING: We will finish reading ‘The BFG’. We will also revise the activities we have learned this term including the Illustrator and Quotables activities. These activities help the students develop a deeper understanding of the texts they are reading.

SPELLING: We will discuss skills involved in editing, spelling and grammar in our writing and complete some questions using each skill. We will look at recognising and fixing spelling mistakes in words, editing for tense, editing in missing words and editing in punctuation.

MATHS: We will be looking at what we know about Time. We will also examine the type of questions the children may have to solve during Naplan in the areas of Place Value, Graphing and Shape.

INQUIRY: Students will complete their individual investigations about rules and laws as we complete our Aussie Rules unit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will continue our unit, ‘Alleluia, He is risen’. We will also continue our preparation for Easter.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will complete our unit ‘Lent and Holy Week.’ We will also be practising for our special Easter Assembly which will be held on Friday morning at 9am in the North Yard. Please remember to send your child to school already dressed in their black clothing.

Thank you!

READING: During reading sessions, we will be sharing some Easter stories and also some e-books on the interactive whiteboard. In reading groups, the children will be involved in variety of activities focussing on words and stories associated with Easter.

WRITING: In Writing, we will focus on the structure and language features of cards. The children will then create their own Easter card for someone special. They will also choose to write a poem, story map, narrative or re-tell with a focus on some aspect of Easter in their individual writing.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ‘ip’ (hip / ship) and involving the children in a variety of activities to help reinforce the spelling and meaning of the words generated by the class.

MATHS: In Maths, we will be revising and consolidating the different strategies we have covered to help solve addition problems.

INQUIRY: We will continue to work in pairs or small groups to produce a poster, role play or video as part of the action phase of our unit ‘Working and Playing Together’. When completed, these will be shared with other students in our level.

Congratulations to all of the Juniors for their wonderful work and behaviour in Term 1 – what a great start it has been to the school year!

We hope all families have a fantastic holiday and joyful Easter.

PREPS

READING: The children will be continuing the Jolly Phonics program learning new songs, actions and sounds/letters. This week we will be learning the letter blends: th, ch, sh and er.

WRITING: The children will continue to show their thinking through drawing and will be encouraged to record the sounds they hear in words. We will link their writing to literature we are reading and to their personal experiences.

MATHS: We will be continuing subitising with the children this week. We will be teaching this using dice, dominoes and playing games matching pictures to the number symbols.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be talking to the children about Good Friday and what it means. We will also be practising for our assembly item which will be held on the first Wednesday back at school in term 2.

INQUIRY: We will be finishing our Inquiry unit, ‘Our Classroom of Friends’ by having the Teddy Bears Picnic over at the park.

REMINDER... Friday is the last day of term 1 and the children will be dismissed at 1pm. Please make sure that you revise the Jolly Phonics over the holidays and continue reading with your child each night.
Autism awareness
This week is the beginning of Autism Awareness month and tomorrow April 2nd is National Autism Awareness Day. I have turned the wellbeing part of this newsletter blue in support and recognition of this event. Many people in our lives live with autism in some way, shape or form. It is not widely spoken about but many of us are on the spectrum, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Tolerance and understanding are the two words that spring to mind when I think about Autism. We are all unique and are wired especially to be the individuals that we are. Buildings and monuments around the world are turning blue to show their support. For more information about this go to www.autismawareness.com.au.

School holiday Program  Phonological awareness and early language development. Speech Booster, Speech pathology for kids. Call Jacinta Dixon 0418 312 479 (See flyers on notice board)

Premiers Active April
The premier of Victoria and the Minister for Sport and Recreation are encouraging all of us to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Families can register at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au. You can register as part of our school or just as a family. What a fabulous thing to do especially as the school holidays are approaching. There are giveaways and major prizes to be won. This is fun and it’s free. Go on and get active this April.

Can I also take the time to wish each and every family a very restful holiday break and a happy and holy Easter season.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Over the last few weeks a few of our senior children have represented our school in trials for a variety of sports in the SSV Coburg District. These boys did a fantastic job. Well done to Anthony Polidori, Jordan Riggio, Christian Cologna, Daniel Barker and Adam Raffaele.

Three of these boys were chosen in the basketball trials to go onto the next stage and try out for the SSV State Team. We wish Christian Cologna, Daniel Barker and Adam Raffaele the best of luck in the upcoming trials.

Also well done to James Incani who participated in the SSV Coburg District swimming trials.

Giulia Ferella

SPEED STACKS

Over the last three weeks in sport, the children have been participating in Speed Stacking to help improve their brain power and hand eye co-ordination. You may remember Speed Stacking from the school fete last year.

Many children have asked if it’s still possible to purchase a set of speed cups and timers. If you are at all interested in purchasing a set for your child please fill out the order form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office by Tuesday 29th April. Order forms will also be available at the school office. Cash is preferable but if paying by cheque could you please make the cheque out to Speed Stacks Australia.

Jaki O’Halloran
From the 26th to the 28th of March, the Senior students went to Arrabri Lodge in Warburton East for camp. The bus ride was long and tedious but this made us all the more excited when we arrived at our destination. It was such a contrast to Melbourne because of the fresh, clean air and the million mosquitoes. We participated in a range of different activities including archery, flying fox, mini golf and the ropes course just to name a few. We all tried our hand at cooking damper. IT WAS DELICIOUS. The giant swing however was by far the best activity on camp – The 16metre drop was exhilarating, with many of us overcoming our fear of heights. There were many loud and piercing screams. Gold panning in the Yarra was also a highlight – with some students finding a small fortune. Night time bought with it a concert, trivia, bush dancing, a night walk and also some roasting of marshmallows. You would think that we would be exhausted and ready for a good night sleep but NO…! Overall it was a great experience especially being able to spend time away from school with our friends.

By Senior G

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GENERAL NEWS

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 brimmed HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons, during terms one and four. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

PARADE COLLEGE
If you missed the opportunity to attend our open day or would like to have another look at our College in operation, we have small group tours available at both Campuses on the dates below in first semester starting at 9.15am. Please click on the following link to our website http://www.parade.vic.edu.au/Tours_And_Open_Days.aspx and select an appropriate date that suits and simply book online. Available dates for Parade College Tours:Bundoora: Wed 19/3, Tues 1/4, Mon 5/5, Wed 28/5, Thur 19/6 & Preston: Tues 18/3, Wed 2/4, Tues 6/5, Fri 30/5, Wed 18/5

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property is located in the cupboard outside the Sick Bay. All lost property will be disposed of on Friday 4 April.

CANTEEN
Di Tabone 0423 596 221
Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu

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We still require helpers for the canteen from term 2 onwards if you are available to help out either Monday, Thursday or Friday, please email your name, availability, phone number and child’s name & class to Dianne @ dtabone@ozemail.com.au.....Thankyou

Please note: The Canteen will re-open for Term 2 on Monday 28th April
CLICK HERE FOR THE CURRENT PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL BANKING AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT SCHOOL. St Oliver’s School Banking days are Tuesdays. We are currently seeking volunteers to help run this program. It is a roster system and works out to be a couple of times a term. If you can help out on Tuesdays from 9am till 10.30 am please contact Georgie 0405 435 770

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 this Wednesday 2nd April after assembly. If you require this service beforehand please contact Georgie 0405 435 770 to arrange an appointment.

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
Our featured businesses this week are Princess Boutique, Rainbow bubbles & RAV Auction Group. These adverts can be viewed on the school website or in the Business Directory. The applications for placing an advert in the 3rd edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory were sent home last week. For more information please email bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

ST OLIVER FAMILY FAVOURITE COOKBOOK
We still have a few copies of the cookbook. If you would like to order or need further information please contact: Franca James 0413 909 964

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER….. DUE BACK NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Each child received a box of Cadbury chocolates to sell as our major fundraiser for term 1. Each chocolate is $1 with the box total being $50. For more information or contact Franca James 0413 909 964

EASTER RAFFLE & MORNING TEA
Easter raffle tickets and a request for Easter egg donations went home a few weeks ago. Tickets and eggs were required back at school today April 1st. The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly for term 1 on Wednesday 2nd April. We will also be having a hot cross morning tea for parents to enjoy after assembly. Please see the attached flier for more information.

TERM 1 EVENTS
Choc drive commenced week 24th Feb
Dad’s & Friends Feb 28th
Applications for the 3rd Edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory current
Subway lunches March 12th
Easter Raffle & Hot Cross Morning Tea April 2nd

TERM 2 EVENTS
Mother’s Day Stall Friday 9th May
Trivia Night Saturday 17th May
Subway Lunch…date to be confirmed
Disco… Date to be confirmed
OPEN DAY
Wednesday 30 April 2014
9.00am to 12.00pm

PREP ENROLMENTS
Will be opened from Tuesday April 22

Enrolment application forms may be collected from the school office between 9.00am and 3.00pm

Completed forms need to be returned to the school by Friday May 16 with a non refundable enrolment fee of $20.00

Interviews for prospective families will commence on the Monday May 19.

When enrolling your child please provide both original and photocopies of your child’s birth, baptism and immunization certificate along with an original copy of your rates notice and a utility bill.

ALL INQUIRIES PHONE: 9354 5411
## Student Order Form

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Student Name ___________________ Grade ________

School Name ___________________

Classroom Teacher: ___________________

Home Phone: ___________________
PRODUCT RANGE

Minis $9.95 (Set of 12 in small carry bag)
(Mini Glow, Red, Blue, Green, Purple, Pink, Solars)

Standard Cups $16.95
(Set of 12 in carry bag)

Pro Series Cups $19.95
(Set of 12 on carry stick)

Stack IT Competitor $39.95
(Comes with 12 cups, Gen 3 Stack It mat, Stack It timer, Gear bag & DVD)

Solar Stack Pack $34.95
(Comes with 12 limited edition solar cups, mat, Stack It timer & DVD)

Gen 3 Competitor Set $59.95 (Red, Gecko, Tie Dye, Graffiti)
(Comes with 12 cups, Gen 3 mat, Gen 3 Pro-timer, Gear bag & DVD)

ACCESSORIES

Cup Keeper $1.95

Stack It Timer $4.95
EASTER, EASTER, EASTER!

Thankyou for all donations received for the Easter Raffle! Your generous support has been overwhelming!!

Please send all Easter eggs to the classroom baskets by Tuesday 1st April
Mums will be organising them into prizes. If anyone has baskets as well that can be donated for us to make up the egg hampers that would be greatly appreciated. You can leave these at the school office for us to collect

All raffle books need to be back by Tuesday as well. The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

One book per child to give each child the opportunity to win a class prize!
All children also go into a draw for a basket donated from Cadbury Chocolates

REMEMBER:
Thanks to O’Heas Bakery a hot cross bun morning tea will be served in the staffroom after assembly on Wednesday. All are welcome

Thank you and Happy Easter to all
St Oliver’s Parent Association
OSHC NEWS
School finishes at 1pm on Friday, last day of the term I. Camp Australia will run the program from 1pm to 6pm.

Parents need to update their children’s enrolment details online. Especially doctor’s phone number, medicare number and ambulance number.

Thank you.
Gowri.

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.

www.campaustralia.com.au