Dear Parents and Students,

The sacrament of Confirmation celebration last Friday was a great success and the children were a credit to their parents and to their teachers. Thank you to Father Paul, Arch Bishop Denis Hart, Trish Segrave our R.E. Coordinator, and the senior teachers for their behind the scenes work in preparing the children.

A reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday) is school photo day. All children are asked to wear their full school uniform. To ensure consistency in the class photos we ask that all students wear their yellow polo shirts rather than their grey shirts.

Please note that as the class photos are being taken on Wednesday morning we will not be holding our normal Assembly this week.

Regards,

Alan S
Principal
Congratulations to all the grade six students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. The Archbishop was delighted with how well the children were prepared and the reverence they displayed in the church.

On **Wednesday 19 March at 2:15** there will be a whole school paraliturgy led by the grade six students. The children will be presented with their certificates and are asked to bring their stoles to school for the celebration. Parents are most welcome to attend the celebration.

**THANKYOU**

We would also like to thank Antoinette Garito and Nella Incani who worked extremely hard to sew the Confirmation banner. We really appreciate your time & expertise. It looked a fantastic.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Thank you to the parents who have been so generously donating to Project Compassion. The school hopes to raise enough money to provide families with water systems in the Philippines. This would enable them access to constant safe drinking water. Could all Project Compassion boxes be returned to the school by the 1st April. We are also very happy to receive any donations before this date.

**TRISH SEGRAVE**

Religious Education Coordinator

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**READING - GRADES 3-6**

The reading routine for students in grades 3-6 begins with a **whole class introductory activity** that involves the teacher reading a serial novel to the grade. During this time the teacher models how to analyse a text; for example how to look at the text from different perspectives and relating events in the book to world events (making connections from text to themselves). The students then move to **independent reading**, or to completing a reading response to a text that they have read. Whilst this is happening the teacher works with a **guided reading** group or **conference group**. This is small-group reading instruction designed to provide differentiated teaching that supports students in developing reading proficiency, and allows children to be taught in a way that is intended to be more focused on their specific needs, in-turn accelerating their progress.

At the end of each session the teacher facilitates a **share time** to allow the students to share their learning from the session.

Students are given the opportunity to borrow books from our school library – they have scheduled ‘borrowing time’ once a fortnight, and we also strongly encourage students to become members of their local library.

**Mary Kearney**
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching / English Coordinator

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**During independent reading the students follow the following steps:**

1. **Choose a book**
2. **Read a couple of chapters**
3. **Do you like the book?**
   - **Yes**
     - **Record title/author in reading journal**
     - **Read book**
     - **Complete a reading journal entry and/or response**
     - **Attend conference/guided reading**
     - **Complete reading record in journal**
     - **Share with class**
   - **No**
     - **Seek help from the teacher**
     - **Read book**
     - **Record title/author in reading journal**
     - **Complete a reading journal entry and/or response**
     - **Attend conference/guided reading**
     - **Complete reading record in journal**
     - **Share with class**

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SENIORS

WRITING: This week we will continue writing workshops and goal meetings. The students will continue planning, drafting, editing and publishing their writing during independent writing time. We will be modelling how to write a body and conclusion paragraph for a persuasive text during the introductions to our writing sessions.

READING: We are continuing to read and model responses to our serial novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J Palacio, focussing on telling a story from another character’s perspective. The students will continue reading their own novels and will respond to the novel and share their thinking in their Reading Journals.

SPELLING: This week’s focus is on vocabulary related to our Inquiry unit, ‘Law & Order S.O.P.’ We will concentrate on understanding the meaning of each of the words.

MATHS: This week the students will be working on multiplication strategies and concepts based on their needs.

INQUIRY: The students have all chosen an area of interest related to our Inquiry unit, in which to conduct a personal inquiry. This week they will be researching and deciding on their mode of presentation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we celebrate our Gr 6 students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation as a whole school in the Church on Wednesday at 2.15pm. We will also read the resurrection accounts and identify characters, events, symbols and themes they associate with the Easter story.

Click HERE to access the current Senior's homework.

MIDDLES

WRITING: The students will learn about writing interesting recounts. Writing Workshops will continue this week. The students will attend workshops focused on their writing goals.

READING: We will continue reading and responding to ‘The BFG’. The students will learn how to complete the activity titled, ‘Focus on Emotion’, by identifying and recording quotes that express the characters emotions.

SPELLING: The students will look at the homophones of to, too and two and decide when to use which one.

MATHS: We will continue looking at 2D shapes and how we can use them. We will then move on to sorting and classifying 3D shapes.

INQUIRY: We will create and play board games with no rules and instructions to discuss the importance of having fair rules.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our next religion unit is called ‘Alleluia, He is risen’. We will begin learning about Lent and the meaning of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Just a reminder...
We would like the children to bring their books in each Friday so we can check the students homework weekly.

Click HERE to access the current Middle's homework.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will revisit the unit ‘Alive In The Spirit – Spirited People’ by brainstorming with the children the kinds of gifts that are seen in good people and compiling their ideas into a word bank. The children will share a time when they have experienced a particular ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ in their lives.

READING: During reading sessions, we are continuing the routine of the ‘shared big book’ and guided reading sessions. In our shared reading sessions we will be focusing on punctuation and use of words in different fonts to help us use expression and add emphasis when reading aloud.

WRITING: In Writing, the children are continuing to follow the editing process through to having their recounts published on the computer. In modelling sessions, we will look at the structure and language of letters and colour poems and revise editing techniques.

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

MATHS: This week we will continue our unit on ‘Addition’. The children will continue to explore addition by making, recording and illustrating addition stories. We will also focus on learning addition strategies they require in order to add-on accurately, solve missing number addition sentences and regrouping in addition.

INQUIRY: In our unit ‘Working and Playing Together’, we will sort statements containing positive and negative behaviours of being in a group. We will link these positive and negative lists to our own school rules and think about how we can highlight one of these rules to share with other classes.

Reminder: Junior L’s assembly is on Friday, 21st March at 11:30 a.m. due to school photos tomorrow.

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 sounds: j, z, w, y, x. We will be blending the sounds to make and read 2/3 letter words.

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 be creating our own class story about our Hairy Harrys using photos.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths will be the patterns. The children will create patterns using a variety of colours and shapes. They will also learn to continue on patterns that others have made.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be talking about Jesus and his disciples. We will be reading stories about the events leading up to Good Friday.

INQUIRY: Through role paying, we will model the appropriate language and behaviours linked with respecting one another and showing concern for each other.

*Please be sure to send notes back to school as soon as possible and be sure that they are filled in correctly. We also ask that children are outside in the line by 8.50am sharp so that we can begin our day on time*
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

PASCOE VALE GIRLS COLLEGE
Students and their parents are invited to attend an information session at the College. The sessions will occur at 11am on the following days – Tuesday 29th April and Thursday 1st May 2014. An evening session will also be available commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday 30th April 2014. Bookings are essential. Please phone the college on 9306 2544 to reserve a place.

ST ALOYSIUS
Looking for a Secondary College for your Daughter? St Aloysius College invites you to tour our College. You can meet the Principal, speak with staff and students and see all the College has to offer. Thursday March 13th, 9.30am & Thursday March 20th, 5pm – 7pm. We look forward to meeting you. Please register by contacting Jodie McLeod on 9329 0411 or mcleodj@alloysius.vic.edu.au St Aloysius College is located at 31 Curran Street, North Melbourne.

SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Simonds Catholic College is a unique school. Our small size (500 boys in Years 7-12) means that each boy can be individually known, valued and have a sense of belonging. The excellent facilities mean that we are able to offer a broad and exciting curriculum within the setting of a small school. Our close proximity to St Mary’s Church at West Melbourne, and St Brigids Church in Fitzroy North, means that boys are provided with frequent opportunities to reflect, pray and celebrate the Sacraments in an inspiring and historical religious setting. Simonds Catholic College is a member of the Associated Catholic College Interschool Competition. Simonds Catholic College is currently taking enrolments for Year 7, 2015. Applications close on 21 March, 2014. You may contact the College for enrolment information on 93219200.

STUDENT WELLBEING

A reminder that the 21st March is our ‘National day of Action against bullying and violence’. Each class has planned activities to take part in this very important day. Junior L will be on assembly and they will be sharing their ideas on this very important issue. Wristbands will be distributed on this day as a visual reminder to all that Bullying is not tolerated at St Olivers.

BOUNCE BACK AWARD
Last week Elanor Dunstan from Junior L won the ‘Bounce Back’ award for packing up the passive area. Congratulations Elanor, we love your work.

RISE TO SCHOOL DAY
This Thursday 20th March we are holding our Ride to school day breakfast. Families are invited to ride or walk to school a little earlier and meet up with other families and friends and enjoy breakfast together. Please return your acceptance note for catering purposes. Breakfast will start at 8.10am. The weather is looking fabulous so it is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and start your day the healthy way.

Bike Parking on the day
Preps – Bike shelter
Juniors- Front of hall
Middles- South yard
Seniors- Old bike parking area.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
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!

STUDENT AWARDS
Dane Liccardi, Jordyn Genobile, Grace Calcagno, Max Tulloch, Xavier Mandic, Jordena Harris, Ralph Fahkoury, Georgie Denes, Sienna Fragapane, Georgie Denes, Sienna Fragapane, Charlie Tortul, Bruno Arena, Patrick Rithika Subin, Savio Sada, Rosie Zuccarelli, Angelina Mantarakis, Lucas Russo, Oliver Perini, Amelia Manna, Scalogn, Alex Loveday, Billy Kalesoggolou, Laura De Filippis, Vincent Giacchi, Vijay Nuique, Josh Mirenda, Alannah Ramunno, Sean Ryan, Claudia Pironi

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

Meet the Author of 'The People Smuggler' Friday 28 March, 7.30pm
Robin de Crespigny will speak about the story behind her book. How, when and why she came to the project, her writing process, and how she worked with Ali Al Jenabi to tell his epic story of trying to find a safe place in the world.
Cost: Donation
Where: St Oliver's Parish Centre
Contact: Parish Office 9354 3015

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos will be taken this Wednesday, March 19.
Uniform details for the day are as follows:

GIRLS
Navy Windcheater with School Logo
Summer Dress
White Socks
Black Shoes

BOYS
Navy Windcheater with School Logo
Yellow polo shirt
Grey shorts
Grey socks
Black shoes

We ask if girls have long hair that is neatly tied up in a hair tie in the school colours or black.

We ask that the boys wear the yellow polo shirt as opposed to the grey shirt so that we have consistency with their presentation.
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 on the last Wednesday assembly for each term. 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 Pascoe Vale Seafood, Pascoe Vale Sports Club, Pascoe Vale Vet and Room2Design. 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Yesterday each child received a box of Cadbury chocolates to sell as our major fundraiser for term1. Each chocolate is $1 with the box totally $50. Please refer to the attached flier for more information or contact Franca James 0413 909 964

TERM 1 EVENTS
Choc drive commenced week 24th Feb & due now.
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
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
PLEASE RETURN UNSOLD CHOCOLATES & MONEY NOW

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

St Oliver’s 2014 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 12th March 2014.

For any further queries or if you are able to sell more than 1 box of chocolates please contact Diana Capuana 0419 331 966 or Franca James 0413909964

Thank you from the Parent Association
OSHC NEWS

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.campausralia.com.au](http://www.campausralia.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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