Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent their class as members of the Student Representative Council for 2014.

The Council is one of the opportunities the children have to develop the leadership skills and importantly provides an opportunity for further communication between students and staff. The S.R.C. also ensures that student input is an integral part of the decision-making processes at our school.

The children will be presented with their badges at assembly on Wednesday 19 March.

JAMES HATZIEVANGELO PREP F
MAX TULLOCH PREP H
ANTHONY GUARINO JUNIOR C
MARCUS DEL CAMPO JUNIOR D
ZAC SAID JUNIOR L
LARA UNGER JUNIOR R
ANTONIO SPATARO MIDDLE G
LILY PELOSI MIDDLE J
TACITA SILIATO MIDDLE M
RENEE ROWLAND MIDDLE S
LUKAS APOSTOS SENIOR C
CHRISTIAN DUPRE SENIOR G
ANTHONY POLIDORI SENIOR M
CRISTIANO CICCONE SENIOR S

We wish all of the students the best of luck in carrying out their very important roles at St Oliver’s this year.

Regards

Alan S.
CONFIRMATION
This is a reminder for the parents of the children who are being confirmed this year. The calico for the banner and the Confirmation card information sheet are due on 28 February. Please remember to leave 2cm around the edges for the sewers. If any pieces of calico are finished early could they be sent into the class teacher, so the sewers can make a start on the banner.

Last Tuesday as part of their preparation for Confirmation, the grade six students attended a reflection day at Amberley Retreat Centre in Lower Plenty. This was an opportunity for the children to gain a deeper understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation, through personal reflection, activities that explored spirit filled people, examining the beginning of Christianity in the Pentecost story and prayer. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to write some very thoughtful and moving letters to their son/daughter. It was obvious throughout the day that these letters meant a great deal to the children.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

On the 11th of February all the Yr. 6’s went to Amberley for a retreat. We learnt all about the sacrament of Confirmation. We were each put into a group, rotating through each of the activities. One activity was to read the letters that our parents had secretly written for us, telling us how much we mean to them. Each of us found it touching and some year sixes cried. We were handed a scroll with a year six name on it, and we had to write about how they demonstrate one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in everyday life. Everyone learnt something new about the sacrament of Confirmation. We learnt about the story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit guides us. We talked about spirit filled people and how they showed the Holy Spirit at work in their lives. Thank you to all the teachers especially Mrs Segrave for preparing us for our upcoming confirmation and making this wonderful day happen. Good luck grade sixes

By: Olivia Ramondetta & Julia Gangi
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

WRITING: This week we will revise the structure and expectations for independent writing sessions and writing workshops. The students will continue building up writing seeds and begin planning, drafting and publishing their writing.

READING: We are continuing to read and model responses to our serial novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J Palacio. The students will continue reading their own novels and will respond to the novel and share their thinking in their Reading Journals. We will introduce a new graphic organiser to assist the student’s comprehension of visual literacies.

SPELLING: We will use the 44 Sounds Chart to build lists of words containing similar sound.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is Place Value. This week we are focusing on multiples with the students learning to identify the lowest common multiple in a set of numbers. They will also learn to create factor trees.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry Unit is “Law & Order – S.O.P”. This week the students will discuss what we already know about the First Fleet and the establishment of the colonies and settlements in Australia. We will look at the six colonies of Australia and discuss reasons for and against Federation. The students will explore what is means to live in a democratic society.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called ‘My Mission in the Faith Community’. The students will revisit their Baptismal Promises and discuss the significance of the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit.

Just a reminder...
- If you haven’t sent along a box of tissues please remember to do so in the coming week.
- Camp permission forms are due back this week. Please ensure they are returned promptly to your child’s class teacher.
- Interschool Sport starts this week – please ensure permission forms are back by Wednesday and payment made at your earliest convenience.
- Homework has been sent home please your child to establish effective home routines.

Click HERE to access the current Senior’s homework.

MIDDLES

WRITING: We will focus on editing and goal setting. We will discuss goal setting for this year and the children will chose their first goal for their writing. We will outline the expectations for our writing sessions this year.

READING: We will continue reading and responding to ‘The BFG’. Students will continue on with their own books focusing on using their thinkmarks to record interesting quotes or words. We will model a response making connections to themselves, another book or character or something in the world around them.

SPELLING: We will be looking at the visual, sound and meaning strategies we use to help us with our spelling.

MATHS: We will continue working with the place value of numbers. We are expanding numbers in a variety of ways and engaging in activities to consolidate our understanding of the value of numbers.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry Unit is “Aussie Rules”. This week we will discuss the difference between rules and laws. We will look at the rules that apply to different situations in our lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called ‘Meeting God through Prayer’. This week we will use the Bibles to look at where and when Jesus prayed. We will look at the different types of prayers we pray, petition, thanks, praise and sorrow.

Just a reminder...
Even though our homework continues for three weeks, we would like the children to bring their books in each Friday so we can check their progress. We need two packets of tissues from each child so the students need to bring them in as soon as possible. Thank you to the families who have already sent some tissues in.

Click HERE to access the current Middle’s homework.
What’s happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we are continuing with our unit ‘Alive In The Spirit – Spirited People’ by having the children reflect on the different qualities of saints. We will read about St Patrick and record facts about his life. We will also explore the story of St Oliver and have the children work in pairs to create a concept map, book or story map depicting St Oliver’s life.

READING: During reading sessions, we will continue to introduce shared reading practices using Big Books, reinforce learning centre expectations and introduce a variety of activities to be included in our reading rotations.

WRITING: We are revising the structures and features of a recount – orientation: who, what, when, where; using time connectives and editing strategies e.g. authorial – missing words and secretarial – punctuation and spelling.

MATHS: We are continuing to revise the different aspects of place value by using MAB and bundle pictures and their own drawings to make given numbers and ordering numbers from lowest to highest value. We will also revisit the ordering of the days of the week and months of the year.

INQUIRY: We will be continuing with our topic of ‘Working and Playing Together’ by identifying what being in a group looks like, feels like and sounds like. We would like the students to bring in photos or other signs of belonging to a group e.g. awards, jumpers, scarves, trophies etc… examples of groups could be:
- family groups
- friendship groups
- sporting teams or activity groups/clubs
- class group
- hobby groups.

SPECIAL REMINDER: Our Background Interviews will be held this week on Tuesday 1:30-4:30pm and Thursday 3:40-6:30pm

PREPS

READING: The children have been learning the sounds/letters through the Jolly Phonics program using actions, songs and identifying words with these sounds. This week we will be learning the letter sounds: c/k, e, h, and r.

WRITING: The children have been introduced to the concept of writing through thinking. We will be continuing to show our thinking through writing and drawing.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths will be Data. We will be creating pictographs of our favourite, foods, colours and footy teams.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will listen to the story of the ‘Lost sheep’ and also introduce the children to the class prayer table. We will discuss the importance of prayer.

INQUIRY: Our unit this term is called ‘Our classroom of friends.’ We will be comparing the rules from home, school and when we play.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN AN EMPTY JAR TO SCHOOL BY THIS THURSDAY!!!!
TRANSITION 2015

A reminder that the closing date for enrolments into Catholic Secondary Schools for 2015 is Feb 28th 2014.

MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

This week’s insight looks at ‘True GRIT helps kids succeed’. Developing character strengths is just as important to your child’s future success as building academic skills.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAINS 2014

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS OUR SPORTS CAPTAINS FOR 2014...

BLUE HOUSE   Lianna Del Campo & James Incani

GREEN HOUSE   Ruby Roberts & Alex Di Blasi

GOLD HOUSE    Breanna Farley & Domenic Mancino

RED HOUSE     Joshua Mirenda & Laura De Filippis
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!

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
EMA application forms need to be completed each year. They do not automatically carry forward from previous year. A fresh application has to be made. We encourage all card holders to apply for this benefit.

Application forms are available from the school office. The allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must: a) be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and 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 1 (28 January 2014) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (14 July 2014) 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 26th February 2014 for Term 1 being First instalment. Term 3 closing/return date is 30 July 2014 for Second instalment or for those who have not applied in 1st Term. You will be notified of the total payment per primary school child per year in due course. First instalment is 70% and will be paid in March and second instalment is 30% and will be paid in August. Please be advised that the application must be made in person at the school office and the Centrelink card must be shown at this time. On application you will be provided with any further details. We would encourage all families with a health care card to apply for this benefit as soon as possible.

STUDENT AWARDS

CANTEEN

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**Please Note: If there are any parent/s that are able to help on Thurs 20th & Thurs 27th March could you please let me know Thanks Di 0423 596 221**

Please click **HERE** for a copy of the Canteen Menu
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 Melbourne Plaster Linings, Milestone Building Group and Murrone Brothers Plant Hire. 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 will be available shortly.

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

DADS & FRIENDS MEET & GREET
A flier was sent home last week regarding a get together for the dads. Please see attached flier for more information.

AGM
Last week we held our AGM. The positions on the parent association have been fulfilled by the following people:
Secretary: Vinnie Citino
Treasurer: Diana Capuana
Vice President: Franca James
President: Georgie McElligott

Committee Members: Naomi Banks, Carol Edwards, Lauren Farley, Carmela Ramondetta, Lina Pitruzello, Sonia Guzzardi, Laurie Cheeketts, Lisa Guarino, Lisa Hall, Lisa Said, Vicki Loveday, Michelle Pagotto, Teresa Scatalogna, Sebastian Giacchi, Michael Said, Christine Marchionni, Angelina Kalessoglou, Peter Ryan, Sonia Rossi & Marita Pascoe

Welcome back to the returning members and a huge welcome to the new members. We are always looking for more people to join as many hands make light work and we can all support each other in organizing various fundraisers. Our next meeting is Wednesday 12th March and we hope to see a few more faces.

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

When:       Friday 28th February
Time:       7pm onwards
Where:      St Oliver’s Primary School
            Landells road, Pascoe Vale
Cost:       $15 per person (includes BBQ dinner and door prizes)
            Drinks sold separately

Come along for a chance to meet new dads and friends and network amongst fellow parents.

UP AND COMING EVENTS
Sportsman/comedy night will be held in June/July
Enquiries
Michael Said  0418994711

RSVP by Wednesday 25th February

Please detach and return to the School office by Wednesday 25th February 2014 along with payment in an envelope labelled “MEET AND GREET”. Cheques to be made payable to “St Oliver’s Parents Association”.

Name: __________________________________ Contact Number: ______________
Child’s Name: __________________________________ Class: __________________
No. of tickets: ___________ Amount Enclosed: ______________________
Cash □    Cheque* □
ST OLIVER PLUNKETT
OSHC phone: 0431 722 459  Coordinator: Gowri Kanagaratnam

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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](http://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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