Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of Father Paul and Trish Segrave I would like to remind all of our senior students and their families of the special Mass to be held this Sunday:

We would like to see as many families there as possible as the children will lead the Liturgy and join the choir in the singing.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Friday March 7 will be student free day- as has been diarised in our ‘diary dates’ on all previous newsletters this year. The Professional Learning focus for the day is First Aid – and all staff will receive level 2 first aid certificate. This will be a huge asset to the school community in ensuring that we are all qualified to administer medical attention to students when necessary.

Regards,
Alan S
Principal
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 to be returned to school 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH
The children in grades three to six will be attending Mass at 11:45am during which the ashes will be distributed. The children in the junior grades will be attending a paraliturgy after lunch at 2:15pm in the church. The prep students will receive the ashes at a paraliturgy on Thursday 6 March. This will be held in the multi-purpose room at the school at 11:45am. Parents are most welcome to join prayer at these celebrations.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

WRITING GRADES 3 -6
This week our middle and senior classes begin their writing workshops. Writing at St Olivers has been a continued focus for our professional learning and we have implemented structures that best enable us to personalise our practices and provide a student centered approach to this dimension of learning. The writing block is underpinned by student individual goal setting. In consultation with their classroom teacher students set their own writing goals and are required to bring samples of work to evidence their progress in achieving this goal.

Our writing block consists of three components:

WHOLE CLASS INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY (20min) – This is an opportunity for teacher modelling of the various elements of writing. During this time the teachers may model to the students how to use a seed to develop their writing ideas (a seed may anything that the student brings in to school as a writing prompt, e.g. a photograph, a concert ticket, a leaf, an article or picture from the newspaper etc). Teachers may also model the various genres such as the types of writing we use to entertain (e.g. narratives, poetry, plays), or writing to explain (reports...) or to persuade (debate, advertisements...).

WORKSHOPS / GOAL MEETINGS (teacher conference) / INDEPENDENT WRITING TIME (IWT): Workshops - A workshop is a 30 min planned session that incorporates explicit, focused teaching that is centred around the students goals or needs as defined by their classroom teacher. Students from across the level attend a workshop and there are usually no more than 12 students in attendance. There are two workshops that run concurrently, whilst the other students are either independently writing or are having a goal setting meeting with their classroom teacher.

Goal Meetings (teacher conference) - are one-to-one teacher/student time. All students will attend a Goal Meeting session on a regular basis. At these meeting students bring samples of their writing that address their particular goal/s and discuss with their teacher their progress towards achieving their goal/s. If, in consultation, the teacher agrees that the goals have been achieved, new goals are set, using the AusVELS learning sequence as a guide.

Independent Writing Time – students work independently on personal writing tasks focussing on their current writing goal/s and producing evidence to show they have achieved their goal. During Independent Writing Time two teacher rove among the students, ensuring they are on task and working effectively.

SHARE TIME - At the end of each session students are given time to reflect and share what they achieved in the session and how effectively they used their time. Middle students use the ‘think/pair/share’ model, whereby they discuss the session with a peer, and the senior students complete a self-reflection tracking tool to ensure that they are moving through the writing process within a reasonable time-frame.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

**What’s happening around the levels...**

**SENIORS**

**WRITING:** This week we will begin writing workshops and goal meetings. The students will continue planning, drafting, editing and publishing their writing during independent writing time. We will also begin looking at the structure of persuasive texts 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. The students will continue reading their own novels and will respond to the novel and share their thinking in their Reading Journals. We will read about how laws are made and use a flow chart to explain the process.

**SPELLING:** We will investigate words containing double letters and make generalisations about these words.

**MATHS:** This week we will be expanding numbers in a variety of ways. We will be rounding numbers to the nearest 10c, 50c, $1.00 and $10. The students will also explore prime, composite, square and triangular numbers.

**INQUIRY:** Our Inquiry Unit is “Law & Order – S.O.P”. This week the students will learn about the three levels of Government in Australia and the responsibilities of each level. They will investigate our current political leaders and present their findings to the class.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our unit is called ‘My Mission in the Faith Community’. The students will discuss the significance of the Fruits of the Spirit. We will investigate the Rite of Confirmation and talk through each element, discussing the significance of the Laying on of Hands and Anointing.

**Just a reminder...**
- Camp permission forms are now overdue. Please ensure they are returned promptly to your child’s class teacher.
- Homework is due this Thursday 28th February.
- Confirmation banners and cards are due this Thursday 28th February.
- Senior’s Family Mass/ Gr 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass this Sunday 2nd March at 10.30am.

Click **HERE** to access the current Senior's homework.

**MIDDLES**

**WRITING:** We will focus on writing interesting recounts that include lots of adjectives. Writing Workshops will begin this week. The students will practise the routine of writing in Middles and begin working towards achieving their writing goals.

**READING:** We will continue reading and responding to ‘The BFG’. We will model how to write and create an ‘Open Minded Portrait’. The students will be required to put themselves into the shoes of a character and reflect on their thoughts and feelings.

**SPELLING:** We will be learning about words ending in ‘ed’. The students will list past tense verbs with the suffix ‘ed’, put them into groups and record rules that apply to each of these groups.

**MATHS:** We will complete a pre-test on our next maths unit, ‘Statistics and Probability and continue learning about the Place Value of numbers.

**INQUIRY:** Our Inquiry Unit is ‘Aussie Rules’. This week we will use various role play scenarios to further explore the concept of fairness.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our unit is called ‘Meeting God through Prayer’. This week we will continue putting together our class prayer book, based on our understanding of the different types of prayer.

**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.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: As part of our unit ‘Alive In The Spirit – Spirited People’ we will complete our study of St Oliver. We will also use Godly Play figures to tell the Bible story of ‘Love Your Enemies’ and use 3D materials to illustrate the various ways we can love others.

READING: During reading sessions, we are continuing the routine of the ‘shared big book’ and guided reading groups. The students are participating in a variety of learning centre activities and focusing on working cooperatively together.

WRITING: In writing, we are continuing to investigate the structure and features of recounts and exploring the ways to record our experiences. After recording their ideas, the students are revisiting the ways to edit and refine their work.

MATHS: This week we are revising and concluding our place value unit. Over the last few weeks the students have worked individually and in groups to recognise, read, write and order a variety of numbers.

INQUIRY: In our unit ‘Working and Playing Together’, we will brainstorm what the students know about groups and how to work successfully in a group. This discussion will lead to the establishment of a discoveries and wonderings board on which will be recorded questions that the students have about the various groups they belong to.

Special Event – Junior Paraliturgy to celebrate Ash Wednesday in the church next Wednesday 5th March at 2.15pm. All welcome.

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: m, and d. We will be revising these letters and segmenting 2 and 3 letters 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 link our writing to our experiences at school and at home.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths will be sequencing the days of the week. We will be using songs, the Very Hungry Caterpillar to assist with this. We will also create a class diary of what happens on each day of the week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be discussing who God is in our lives through stories and their own experiences. We will also be reading the story “Elmer” and emphasizing that everyone is different but God loves us all.

INQUIRY: We will be discussing the different groups we are all part of, in particular the classroom. We will list what is means to be a part of our class and the qualities each member needs to have.

*A reminder that Library day is Thursday so please return your books so that your child can borrow some new ones!*

What’s happening around the levels..
March 21st National Day of Action Against Bullying

St Olivers has a no tolerance policy to bullying. Our policy states “At St Oliver’s School every child has a right to feel safe. Any child who bullies another is denying that right. The school will not tolerate any action that undermines a person’s right to feel safe, and it will take appropriate steps to stop such behaviour.” Bullying is defined as the deliberate and inappropriate use of power by an individual, or group of people, towards another person. The victim is subjected to behaviour that they find hurtful, threatening or frightening and this behaviour might be repeated over time.

Days such as the National Day of Action Against Bullying highlights the need to encourage our children to take a stand and speak out when they are feeling threatened or unsafe. Our children are taught to tell someone and keep telling someone until they are heard.

NUTRITION

This week one of our St Olivers mums has written an article for us on ‘Food for the Growing Brain’. It is so important for us as parents to know that what we are giving our children in their lunchbox is enough fuel and the right fuel for their brain to function at its optimum level whilst at school.

Please click HERE to access this article.
Thank you to Josie Centi for taking the time to write this article for us this week.

CLUBS

Lunchtime clubs start this week. Please see the timetables around the school for times, days and places.
All welcome

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Dear Parents,

It has been a crazy start to the year! The seniors participated in Interschool Sports last week and played really well. All the children showed good sportsmanship and teamwork. On Friday the 7th of March there is a school closure. There will be NO Interschool sports on this day and it will not be rescheduled as the seniors have a jam packed term. The next game will be on Friday 28th February at school.

Also this year the School Sports day will be held in term 4. Keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

Many Thanks

Giulia Ferella
Sports Coordinator.
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!

DUE TOMORROW
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
Harry Blaney, Paige Baltas, Billy Contessa, Zac Izzard, Johan Boobal, Maeve Keogh, Matthew Ferraina, Taliya Hoblos, Dean Ciccarone, Cameron Pascoe, Anthony Guarino, Jesse Dupuy, Oliver Forbes, Lauren Boato, Rhys Gravina, Livia Lingenti, Elise Cerra, Molly McGregor, Zach Lapozzolo, Eoin Dunstan, Lara Cutajar, Aidan McElligott, Hannah Cartwright, Jake Pitruzzello, Emma Ferraro, Madeleine Checketts, William Bell, Britney Cham, Zander Cappello

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 7 April – Thursday 17 April 2014. There are 4 venues 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at sd_schoolholidayprogram@moreland.vic.gov.au Enrolments are now open. Applications are available at the school office and must be in at the council no later than 5pm on Friday 7 March 2014.

MORELAND VOLUNTEER TRAINING : email: info@moreland.vic.gov.au or visit www.moreland.vic.gov.au
This initiative of Moreland City Council & Moreland Neighbourhood Houses, is a series of quality workshops and courses designed for staff, volunteers and committee members of Moreland clubs, community groups and non profit organizations to provide access to skill development opportunities at a subsidised cost.

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

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DID YOU MISS PARADE’S OPEN DAY?
Thank you to the record number of families who helped make our recent Open Day such a success. We hope you found it enjoyable and informative. If you missed the opportunity to attend 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
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 Nelson Alexander and Natalie's Specialty Cakes. 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. RSVP’s are due this week for catering purposes. Please see attached flier for more information or contact Michael Said on 0418 994 711

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER
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 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’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
ST OLIVER PLUNKETT
OSHC phone: 0431 722 459 Coordinator: Gowri Kanagaratnam

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.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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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