Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the extended long week end.

Last Friday our entire staff participated in a fully accredited level two first aid course. Our Course also included fully accredited anaphylaxis and asthma training.

It was pleasing to see that so many of our school protocols with regards to student safety were in line with current recommendations.

Please keep the children from Year six in your thoughts and prayers as they commence their final week of preparation for Friday night’s celebration of Confirmation. Friday’s sacrament will be celebrated by Arch Bishop Denis Hart. As a component of the children’s preparation the Arch Bishop visited the children today to assist them in their preparations for this Friday’s mass.

Regards,

Alan S
Principal
CONFORMATION FRIDAY 14 MARCH at 7:00
A reminder that the stoles need to be ready with their new symbol and worn on the night of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
The individual photos are available between 5:30 and 6:25. The group photo for all Confirmation candidates is at 6:30. All the children are to be assembled at the hall by 6:20.
The sponsors have reserved seating in the church that is indicated by the sponsor card on the seat.
I would like to wish all the Confirmation candidates and their families all the best for Friday evening. They have the prayers and support of the whole school community.

PROJECT COMPASSION
This week the children will be bringing home their Project Compassion boxes that are being used for our fundraiser for term 1. The new members of the school Student Representative Council, in conjunction with myself, will assist with their distribution.
They will also be outlining to their class mates the importance of giving generously to this project, to assist those in vital need in developing countries.
The money donated goes to Caritas the official Aid and development agency of the Catholic Church. At St Oliviers, social justice is a key element of the Religious Education Program. We seek to teach the children that all people have a fundamental right to life, shelter, health care and education. We look forward to your on-going support.

TRISH SEGRAVE
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

HOME READING ~
READING TO AND SHARING READING WITH CHILDREN
In the last few newsletters we have looked at our Writing structures from prep to six. Over the next few weeks I would also like share the structures we have in place for Reading, but wish to preface this with the importance of reading at home. It is at home, from a very early age, that our children begin their journey with reading and home reading is an invaluable element of the learning process.

Reading to children models both the ‘how’ and the ‘why’ of reading. It helps children with the acquisition of vocabulary and exposes them to aspects of grammar, punctuation, book language and various concepts of print. It also helps them to see that there is a purpose in reading. We all know that children love to listen to stories. As well as being an enjoyable activity, it provides children with many benefits in the development of language skills. By discussing with your child a book that he/she may be reading provides them with the opportunity to offer their interpretation of the text and foster enthusiasm for reading in general.

Reading experiences with children can take a variety of forms. Parents can read to their child, the child can read their ‘take-home’ book or the child could read a book they have selected form the library or elsewhere. Children in the middle and senior grades are read to on a daily basis at school, and usually read independently at home. Given the opportunity, children in this age bracket still immensely enjoy the experience of listening to a serial reader in class, and should be given the opportunity to share at home what they may be reading independently.

Reading at home is a part of the homework requirements for every grade throughout the school. It is a constant throughout each child’s education at all levels from pre-school to tertiary. Therefore, the simple task of reading books to children at home and at school should not be underestimated. In a world of technology, computers and television, it remains a powerful and important tool in the reading development of our children and should always be encouraged.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching / English Coordinator
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. 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 Rebecca Asta from Middle J won the ‘Bounce Back’ award for being a wonderful helper. Congratulations Rebecca, we love your work. Bounce Back awards are awarded to students who are noticed by teachers on playground duty for doing great things in supporting others in a positive way.

Michael Grose - Parenting Insight
This Friday is national sleep day. Michael Grose talks of the importance of sleep in our growing children. His article this week is ‘Reducing the National Sleep Debt’. Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

Ride to School day
Next 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. A note will come home later this week detailing the event.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

ANAPYLAXIS MANAGEMENT AT ST OLIVER'S

At St Oliver’s we have a considerable number of children who are presenting with anaphylaxis and have strict management plans associated with this condition. The ripple effect of this is that we also ask you to be considerate of these children when preparing lunch and play-lunch items for your child. Parents and care-givers are being requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut butter, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts (e.g. cakes and slices). We also ask that you do not send nuts in a bag as a snack. This is especially important in the Junior grades where young children are less able to manage their allergy.

Also, if your child is celebrating a birthday or special occasion and you wish to provide him/her with a treat to share at school the best options are individually wrapped items or lollie bags – excluding chocolates.

If you have any queries about Anaphylaxis management please contact the school office.
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
There are no student awards this week.

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

TRANSITION NOTIFICATIONS

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
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@aloysius.vic.edu.au
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 Brigid’s 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 the numbers listed below.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

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 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 O’heas Bakery, Pascoe Vale Central News & Lotto & Pascoe Vale RSL. 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 TOMORROW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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

SUBWAY
Booked in for this Wednesday 12th March.

TERM 1 EVENTS
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
ALL MONEY AND/OR UNSOLD CHOCOLATES NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL TOMORROW PLEASE THANKYOU 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.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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