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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As we move into the colder months of the year all children should be wearing their full winter uniform. Parkers, gloves and beanies can also be worn when the children are playing outside at recess and lunchtimes.

Regards

Alan S.
Transition 2014
Last week all year six families were given their application for enrolment for year 7 2014. It is important that all families return one of these applications to St Olivers so we know where you child will be heading to secondary school (Government or private). Please contact me if you need any support in this. Please return these forms to school as soon as possible. Thankyou.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

RECONCILIATION
Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Faith Evening for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Any parents who were unable to attend could they please see myself or the class teacher for the pack that was distributed at the meeting. This week Junior L is attending the Friday class Mass at 10:00. Any parents who are attending, please feel free to sit with your child.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
The faith education of a child in a Catholic school offers them a variety of experiences in church tradition, community, scripture, worship and prayer. Recently the staff had the opportunity to learn about and experience Christian Meditation so they can incorporate this form of prayer, into the Religious Education Program in the school. Christian Meditation is prayer from the heart where the child in stillness and silence, discovers the love of God for each of them personally. It has been incorporated into the class prayer three times a week. It usually takes place first thing in the morning and the whole school has this focus on a Thursday. As stillness and silence are essential elements of the experience it has been suggested to the children that if they are late for school, that they wait outside the door. Each class has a sign ‘Quiet we are Meditating’ that is placed on the door so that students and parents are aware that it a prayerful time in that class. The response so far has been extremely positive as the children look forward to meditation as they recognize the calming and peaceful feeling they experience. If you would like to know more about Christian Meditation please feel free to contact me or speak to the class teacher.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The students will complete an assessment task on the unit ‘A Time of God’s Generosity.’

WRITING: This week the students will practise writing a persuasive text and evaluate the structure and language features, using a checklist.

READING: The students will discuss the final chapter of ‘The Cay,’ by Theodore Taylor and complete an assessment piece to demonstrate their understanding of the novel. We will read an article about the significance of ANZAC Day. We will discuss and model effective strategies to use when answering questions related to fiction and non-fiction texts.

MATHS: The focus this week is on the jump, split and compensation strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems and algorithms. We will discuss and model effective strategies to solve a variety of written problems.

INQUIRY: The students will illustrate their understanding of the solar system and share their wonderings about Earth’s place in space. We will examine different theories about how the earth, sun and moon work as a system.

Just a reminder...

• A final camp note will come home this week. Please see one of the senior teachers if you have any questions.
• Please return interschool sport permission notes and money A.S.A.P if you haven’t already done so.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the current Seniors Homework

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called ‘Forgiveness and Healing’. Students will look at themselves and think about what makes them a good friend. How have they forgiven someone or have they been forgiven for something they have done? What qualities does a forgiving person have?

WRITING: This week we will start looking at how to plan a great Persuasive Writing piece. Students will practice planning for several topics and discuss persuasive language that can be used.

READING: We will continue our new serial novel The Magician’s Elephant by Kate DiCamillo. We will look at quotables to discuss language and the author’s craft.

SPELLING: This week students will look at contractions and apostrophes and the correct use for them.

MATHS: We will conclude our unit on addition. Students will complete their addition grids. We will continue learning various strategies to solve addition questions and then complete a post assessment.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry Unit is ‘To the Moon and Back’. We will look at visual images of space and Earth’s rotations. We will begin looking at websites like NASA to investigate our wonderings.

Just a reminder... We need two packets of tissues from each child so the students need to bring them in as soon as possible.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the current Middles Homework
RELIGION: This week during Religion, we will continue our unit ‘Easter’. We will learn about the events after Jesus’ resurrection by reading the story of Emmaus. The story tells of how Jesus appeared to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. The children will explore the story through role play and drawing.

READING: During reading sessions this week we will continue to engage the children in shared reading practices with a continued focus on the structures and features of information texts. In particular, we will focus on the use of photos, pictures and diagrams to support the text.

WRITING: In Writing this week, the children will begin to identify the structure and language features of information texts through the use of simple report examples.

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

MATHS: During Maths this week the children will continue to use a variety of concrete materials to make and record addition stories with a particular focus on developing strategies to solve these addition equations. The children will also continue to identify, name and use common terms to describe features of simple 2D shapes and objects. They will draw a picture using a variety of 2D shapes.

INQUIRY: This week is the final week for our Inquiry unit ‘Cultures Galore’. The children will complete their poster of their chosen country and present it to their peers. We will conclude the unit by learning some cultural dances and songs from various countries.

Click here for a copy of the current Junior Homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be introducing the children to Christian Meditation and will be continuing this on a weekly basis in the mornings and during Religious Education lessons.

WRITING: This week we are linking our writing to the Jolly Phonics sounds we are learning in class and texts we are reading.

READING: The children will continue their Jolly Phonics letter sounds. This week’s vowel pairs are: ch, sh, th and qu. They will also continue to revise all the other letters and vowel pairs learnt.

MATHS: In Maths will be exploring and completing activities to do with the numbers 8, 9 and 10.
**GENERAL NEWS**

**FAMILY DETAILS UPDATES**
For the safety of your children, it is important that we have accurate student & family information, particularly home, work and mobile numbers of both parents and emergency contacts. If there are any changes to any of these phone numbers, please let the office staff know as soon as possible or alternatively return the slip that was sent home.

**SUNSMART POLICY**
All children are encouraged to wear their SCHOOL HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons.

**LOST PROPERTY**
The lost property is located in a cupboard outside the Sick Bay. If your child is missing any items of clothing we would encourage you to check this area. To ensure there is not such a collection of lost property in the future, please ensure your child’s clothing is clearly labeled.

**JUNIOR WRITERS OF THE WEEK**
Over the year we have seen very creative and talented writers emerge in the Junior grades. Each week we will be acknowledging some children who have followed the writing process to develop a piece of work. Congratulations to these children. This work will be displayed outside each of the Junior Grades.

JC – Anthony Baltatzis    JD – Alannah Bell    JL – Molly McGregor    JR – Lara Bascetta

**STUDENT AWARDS**
Ralph Fakhoury, Daniel Augello, Jayda Dramis, Bobby Tran, Carla Rizzo, Christian Ferraro, Xavier Calli, Ethan Hall, Ruby Blaney, Max Carr, Mia Renzella, Sophie Skouris, Angelica Polimeni, Jake Bascetta, Lily Pelosi, Alannah Russo, Damon Iapozzuto, Andrew Doherty, Boris Alessi, Jett Ryder, Ruby Roberts, David King, Georgia Tona, Joshua Ciccarone, Jade Burch, Christian Dupre, Joshua Mirenda

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 8.

**CANTEEN**
Diane Tabone  0423 596 221

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**PARISH NEWS**
The St Oliver’s Parish brings the Blessed Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the parishioners’ home for one week, so that families may say the Rosary together. The Rosary is an important prayer that Our Lady herself requested be recited daily. Our Lady said this to the three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. I would like to encourage young families to welcome Our Lady into their homes and into their hearts and to teach their children how important it is to pray the Rosary.
School Banking at St Oliver Plunkett School!
St Oliver’s School Banking days are Tuesdays.

Term 2 Competition ……Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.
The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.
First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!
For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland


Businesses of the week
Businesses on our website this week are Pizza Veloce, Central Plumbing, Presto Finance, Pascoe Vale Vet and Pascoe Vale Health. For information on the businesses please check out the school website or refer to the St Oliver’s Business Directory

Preloved Uniform Program
A donation basket is located in the school office foyer. All donations need to be clean and have no rips/tears. Preloved uniform will be available for purchase on the last Wednesday of term 1 alternatively if you need something earlier please contact Georgie 0405435770

Cadbury Chocolates
All unsold chocolates and money were due back last term. It is very important to finalise this fundraiser. For further queries please contact Diana Capuana on 0419 331 966

St Oliver’s Business Directory
Application forms for our 2nd Edition of the St Oliver’s Buisness Directory 2013/2014. Existing advertisers would have already received their renewal forms. Applications for this edition close on April 30th. For further information please contact bd@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au or click HERE to download a registration form.

Fete News
Date to book on the calendar……Sunday October 27th 2013.
Click HERE to find out how to be a sponsor and advertise at our ‘Funtastic’ school fete.
Why Strathmore Secondary College?
Choosing the right school for your child is important. Strathmore Secondary College has been successfully serving the community since 1957, offering quality education in all areas of the curriculum and consistently achieving excellent results at VCE throughout its long and proud history. “Paledem Alite” our school motto means ‘Cherish Wisdom’ and we are committed to enriching every child by offering quality programs across all curriculum areas as well as opportunities for further enrichment in Music, Performing and Visual Arts and Sport.

The College is committed to ensuring that every child enrolled is extended to reach their full potential.

Strathmore Secondary College Tours
The first round of College Tours commenced in the first term, they allow prospective parents to see the whole school at work with the opportunity to see classes first hand and gain a sense of how our school functions on a daily basis.

The schedule can be viewed at www.strathmore.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment_tours.aspx.

Application for Enrolment at Strathmore Secondary College
The College gives priority to children who reside within our designated area and you are required to provide proof of permanent residence before an application on residency grounds can be considered.

You must live inside the designated area. Any enrolment based on false information will be withdrawn.

You can view the map on our website – www.strathmore.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment_boundary.aspx

Application for Enrolment Curriculum Grounds
We welcome applications from students who live outside our zone based on General Academic, Musical and/or Sporting Excellence. You can lodge an application on Curriculum Grounds and these will be carefully considered.


2014 Music Scholarship
We are justifiably proud of our music program and to encourage excellence in music each year.
We offer a Music Scholarship, advertised in our local papers. Forms are available on the college website.


Contact Details
Please contact Dianne King, Enrolments Officer on 9379 7999 or via email; king.dianne.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

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STRATHMORE SECONDARY COLLEGE
2014 MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Strathmore Secondary College invites interested students in Years 6-11 to apply for a Music Scholarship in 2014.

Our College provides a strong music program that helps students to reach their musical potential through individual and group tuition. Students selected for scholarships will be of a high musical ability with a commitment to the enhancement of their skills in this area.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an audition and interview in term two.

For further details, please contact the College on 9379 7999 or email king.dianne.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications: Friday 3rd May 2013

OSHC NEWS

Camp Australia has opened a before care program which will run daily from 7:00-8:45am. The program includes breakfast, games, active sports and crafts feel free to ask me about it. OSHC has a new Mob Number. Please call 0431 722 459. thanks

REMININDERS

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.

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Monday: Masks  Tuesday: soccer  Wednesday: Games/playground  Thursday: Games/Playground  Friday: Free choice

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