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**SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

A reminder that this Wednesday we are holding our School Open morning from 9.10-12.00 where we invite current parents and the prospective families of the 2015 prep families to come along to St Oliver’s and spend some time with the children as they go about their normal day to day work. Parents will be led on tours of the school by our some of our senior students and a number of staff will be available to provide information and answer queries from parents.

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

A reminder to read the street signs when parking around our school. We have been notified by parents that the Moreland Council has changed some of the parking signs governing the parking conditions on the East side of Landells Road.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal
RECONCILIATION
Thank you to the parents who attended the Reconciliation information evening last Monday. If there are any parents who were unable to attend and did not receive the pack that was given out on the evening, could you please let myself or the classroom teacher know.

THURSDAY CLASS MASS
This Thursday 1st of May Middle G will be attending the 10:00 Mass. Any parents who would like to attend are welcome to sit with their child and join in the prayers.

ANZAC DAY
On the 27th of April my sister and I represented St.Oliver's at the ANZAC wreath laying ceremony. It was a very special moment for my family because my grandfather fought in World War 2. This is a way of remembering the soldiers who fought and died for us.

By Sean Ryan

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

SPELLING!!!
There are a few places left for parents and children in the Senior grades who wish to attend the Parent/Child Spelling Workshops which will be conducted in school time in Term Two. The workshops will consist of three sessions: the first for parents (one hour), the second and third sessions for the parents to work with their child (thirty to forty minutes each). There will be four to six parent/child pairs in each group. Numbers will be limited, but we will do our best! If you are interested in being a part of a group please email me bolanda@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au or print and send back the form below.

Barbara Olanda (Literacy)

My child and I would like to participate in the Parent/Child Spelling Workshops in Term Two.

Name ___________________ Child’s name________________ Grade ____

Contact number ________________

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open, and will remain so until late Term 3. For students from Prep to Year 2 the challenge is to read, or read with their parents/family, 30 books. For students in Year 3 to Year 10 the challenge is to read 15 books.

Information about how to participate in this programme can be found on the official website at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc Here you will find comprehensive information about key dates, frequently asked questions and guidelines as to how to participate. We are not registering as a school, so you will need to go the ‘parents’ link and navigate to ‘getting your child registered’ and then to ‘home-based reader registration’. The site is very user friendly and there are thousands of books to choose from, some much-loved favourites as well as new releases.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching
SENIORS

WRITING: This week in Writing we will be continuing our preparation for the upcoming NAPLAN testing by revising both persuasive and narrative text types. Students will have the opportunity to complete any unfinished seeds and workshops will continue throughout the week.

READING: We are continuing to read our serial novel ‘Wonder’ by R.J Palacio, focussing on the relationships between characters. The students will continue reading their own novels and will respond to the novel and share their thinking in their Reading Journals. We will also be reading non-fiction texts and focussing on extracting specific textual information.

SPELLING: This week’s focus is revising the Visual, Meaning and Sound strategies.

MATHS: We will be starting our Measurement unit with the focus being different units of measurement and how we use these in everyday life.

INQUIRY: Our focus for this week is Anzac Day. With the recent celebration of the day, we will be focusing on the significance of April 25th and what it means to us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be discussing Vocation and what it means as part of Christianity. Students will have the opportunity to brainstorm Christian role models and link them to role models in the wider community.

Just a reminder...

- Winter Inter School Sports Programme letters have been sent home. Please remember to fill out both the office and teacher copy.
- Year 6 High School transition forms are due by the end of this week, Please return regardless of what school your child is attending next year.
- Cross country notes are due Wednesday 30th of April.
- Homework will go out this week and is due Thursday 23rd of May. Please continue to support your child with their home organisation.

MIDDLES

WRITING: This term we have begun looking at Narrative writing. We are focusing on the correct structure of Narratives and how to plan an interesting Narrative in 5 minutes in preparation for NAPLAN.

READING: As well as completing some timed NAPLAN practice questions we will complete a Visual Literacy task, ‘Talk to the Photo’ about ANZAC day.

SPELLING: This week we will focus on strategies to identify and correct errors in writing.

MATHS: We will begin our unit on addition by discussing mental strategies and completing activities related to addition. Students will also complete a timed NAPLAN maths practice and discuss answers and strategies together.

INQUIRY: We will be discussing ANZAC day and why it is an important day for Australians.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This term our Unit is called, ‘Living the Law of Love’. Students will begin the unit by participating in some guided meditation about the gospels.

Just a reminder... Some specialist classes have changed so ALL specialists are now on a Monday, not Tuesday.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will beginning our new unit ‘Alleluia is Our Song’. The children will locate pictures of women in magazines and newspapers and list words to describe these women. Using a photo or drawing of an important woman in their lives, the children will also compose statements as to why this woman is important and special to them.

READING: During reading sessions, we will be looking at big books containing procedural texts and discussing the structure and language features of each. We will also take note of how the authors have used diagrams or pictures to assist with the meaning of these texts.

WRITING: In Writing, we will begin focussing on the structure of procedures. The children will look at a variety of procedures and discuss when we use different procedures in our everyday life. We will also highlight the structure of procedures and note the headings used e.g. what you need, ingredients etc.

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

MATHS: In Maths, we will be measuring, comparing and ordering the lengths of objects using uniform informal units. The children will focus on the concept that in order to compare the lengths of objects, the unit of measurement must be of a consistent size.

INQUIRY: This week, the Juniors will begin tuning into our new science-based Inquiry unit ‘Sensational Science’. We will list science words and discuss simple experiments the children may already know and how to be safe when using science equipment.

PREPS

READING: In reading we will be revising the Jolly Phonics songs and actions and using this knowledge to help the children in blending sounds. We will be introducing the children to the organisation of the reading routine and getting them ready for participating in reading groups.

WRITING: We will be sharing our experiences over the school holidays and learning about writing recounts.

MATHS: We are looking at 2D shapes, in particular squares, circles, triangle and rectangles. The children will be identifying and learning the properties of each of these shapes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our new unit for this term is ‘Jesus is Alive Alleluia’. We will be talking in depth about the death of Jesus and his resurrection.

INQUIRY: We will be talking about ANZAC day and what it means through stories and discussion time.
SPORTS NEWS

A reminder that all cross country notes need to be returned by this Wednesday 30th of April. We will also have training on Wednesday and Thursday and ask all participants to bring their runners to school on these days. Cross Country will be held at Jackson Reserve, Coburg on Wednesday the 7th of May. Further details about event times will be sent home this week.

We would like to wish Daniel Barker, Christian Cologna, Adam Raffaele and Jorge Sepulveda Alessi the best of luck for their division trials in Basketball and Football this week and next. The boys have done an excellent job representing St Oliver’s and should be proud of making it to this level.

GENERAL NEWS

SCHOOL FEES
Accounts for Term 2 were posted out to each family in the first week of the school holidays. Payment of school fees is due by the 2nd May.

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

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: Mon 5/5, Wed 28/5, Thur 19/6 & Preston: Tues 6/5, Fri 30/5, Wed 18/5

CANTEEN
The Canteen will be closed this Thursday, and open as of Monday next week.

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Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu

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 at dtabone@ozemail.com.au.....Thankyou

Di Tabone 0423 596 221
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

Please note: The School Banking Area Manager from the Commonwealth Bank (Olympia) will be attending our assembly next week Wed 30th April to announce the new competition for term 2 and she will also be available on Thursday 1st May for any enquiries and new account set ups.

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 at the end of 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 Sebastians Interiors and Subway. 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 term. 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

TRIVIA NIGHT….MAY 17TH
The trivia night invitations were sent home last. Pencil the date in on your calendar and start organizing your table. We had over 150 people attend last year, with over 40 prizes in our raffle, sports memorabilia auctions and over 160 lucky dip prizes….we hope to make this years even bigger & better!!!!!!!!!! Please see attached flyer for more information

MOTHER’S DAY STALL…MAY 9TH
Our annual Mother’s Day stall is coming up. Please see attached flyer for more information

TERM 2 EVENTS
Mother’s Day Stall Friday 9th May
Trivia Night Saturday 17th May
Subway Lunch…date to be confirmed
Disco… Date to be confirmed
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
ST OLIVER’S
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The Parents Association will be holding the Mother’s Day stall on Friday 9th May.

Gifts available are varied and priced between $1 and $10

Please make sure your child’s money is secured in a purse or wallet and we are requesting that the children bring a plastic carry bag.

A raffle will also be held on the day and the students will be able to buy tickets in the morning. If you have any donations you would like to make to this raffle please leave at the school office

Thank you
Dear St Oliver’s families

You are invited to come along to

St Oliver’s Trivia Night Fundraiser

Hosted by Sebastian Dworkin from ‘Trivia Buffs’

WHEN: 17th May 2014
WHERE: Hadfield Community Hall
        88 Middle St
        Hadfield 3046
TIME: Doors Open 6pm
       Fun Starts 7pm
PRICE: $15 per person
CATEGORIES: General, Movies, Songs/Dance, Faces and Sport
FORMAT: BYO Drinks & Supper
        Silent Auctions
        Great Prizes & Giveaways
        A night of fun & laughter

It’s a great night out and a great way to support your school. Organize a group of 8 to 10 friends/family and contact us to reserve your table.

For further information & bookings contact

Georgie McElligott 0405 435 770
Marita Pascoe 0409 902 404
**OSHC NEWS**

School finishes at 1pm on Friday, last day of the term I. Camp Australia will run the program from 1pm to 6pm.

Parents need to update their children’s enrolment details online. Especially doctor’s phone number, medicare number and ambulance number.

Thank you.
Gowri.

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**REMINDERS**

- **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.