Dear Parents and Students,

MOTHERS’ DAY CELEBRATIONS
We hope all of the mums who were able to attend enjoyed their special pancake and croissant breakfast last Friday. Many thanks to all of our staff who assisted on the morning. Our breakfast was followed by the Mothers’ Day stall that was organised by Lina Pitruzello and a wonderful band of parent helpers.

2015 PREP INTERVIEWS
The prep interviews for 2015 will commence next week. If you are aware of any families who have not returned their enrolment forms please remind them that they need to be returned as soon as possible.

NAPLAN
Good luck to our year 3 and year 5 students who are beginning their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing. Today the children will complete the Language Conventions and Writing tests. Tomorrow they will complete Reading and on Thursday Mathematics. If your child is absent on any of these days and you would like them to complete a ‘catch up’ test they will be administered on either Thursday afternoon or Friday – please contact your child’s classroom teacher if this applies.

A reminder that the parking area out the front of the school in Landells Road is a drop off area only.

Regards

Alan S.
THURSDAY CLASS MASS

This Thursday 15th of May Prep H will be attending the 10:00am Mass. Any parents who would like to attend are welcome to sit with their child and join in the prayers.

FOOTBALL BOOTS WANTED FOR THE CHILDREN OF TIMOR LESTE

Australian Catholic University (ACU) is running a three week, after-school football program for children and youth in the community of Timor Leste. The program aims to promote health, wellbeing and life skills. Boots are needed for children ranging in age from seven to fifteen years. They are hoping to collect 800 pairs. We already have a few but it would be great if more were donated as at the moment some of the children are playing in bare feet.

Could these please be placed in the box at the front office by Friday 23 May.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

NAPLAN
Good luck to all of our year 3 and year 5 students who are completing the NAPLAN testing this week. It is important to remember that these tests are only a snapshot of student learning and one small aspect of the assessment and reporting procedures in place at St Olivers.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator

ICT NEWS

Channel SO Design Competition 2014 – SO Fantastic! SO get designing! The competition is open to all students Prep to Year 6. Collect an entry form from your teacher and design the 2014 school screen saver. You can design with pencil, textas, paint or computer. You can also write a song for Channel SO to be recorded and played across the school. The competition ends Friday May 23rd.

Good luck to all designers

Mrs. Leighton
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we will be discussing The Beatitudes and how students can relate to these in their personal lives. Through the use of different activities we will record the difference between a career and a vocation.

WRITING: This Tuesday Year 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN Writing test while the Year 6’s participate in a timed writing piece. Later in the week students will have the opportunity to continue with independent writing, focussing on completing their goal and publishing work.

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. On Wednesday the Year 5’s will be sitting their NAPLAN Reading test while the Year 6’s will continue with their Reading Routine. We will also be reading non-fiction texts and focussing on extracting specific textual information.

SPELLING: This week’s focus is the NAPLAN Language Conventions test. We will also be revising the meaning strategy and investigating suffixes.

MATHS: On Thursday students will be sitting their NAPLAN Numeracy test. We will also be continuing with our Measurement unit this week through the use of hands on materials.

INQUIRY: This week we begin experimenting with Physical and Chemical Sciences. Students will be learning about both through a range of different activities and will continue to do so over the coming weeks.

Just a reminder...

- The Year 6 Don Bosco evening is at the end of the school year. Anyone available to act as a contact person please contact Sue Carey ASAP.
- Winter Inter School Sports Programme letters need to be returned.
- 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.
- Year 6 Dorothy Impey permission notes need to be returned ASAP.
- Homework is due Thursday 23rd of May. Please continue to support your child with their home organisation.

Please click HERE for a copy of the current senior’s homework.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will watch a clip from Shrek and read some stories that highlight friendship and discuss the characteristics of begin a good friend.

WRITING: After a big NAPLAN week students will write a class picture book for their buddy grade to enjoy.

READING: We will continue reading our serial novel, Finders Keepers and look at some descriptive picture books we can read to our buddies.

MATHS: The students will continue learning about various strategies for adding and subtracting numbers. We will have a range of activities and games that students will rotate through the week to practice their mental strategies.

INQUIRY: The students will be introduced to our Inquiry unit, ‘We are Scientists’. They will rotate around each middles teacher to participate in different scientific experiments. Each teacher will focus on as aspect of either Physical or Chemical Science.

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

Please click HERE for a copy of the current middle’s homework.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: As we continue our unit *Alleluia is Our Song*, we will focus on the message from the bible that Jesus is the Light of the World. We will identify and list images, actions and symbols of light and dark in our world, e.g. rising sun, candle, light bulb, torch, sky at night. The students will then identify times in their lives when they have experienced both darkness and light (e.g. Darkness – loneliness or sadness. Light – love, friendship, peace).

READING: During reading sessions, we will continue to focus on the features of procedural texts. We will particularly concentrate on the use of verbs in our shared books and we will continue to add new words to the class list of verbs as we find them.

WRITING: In Writing, we will revise the structure and language features of procedural texts. Teachers will model how to use this knowledge to construct a procedure and the children will then begin to write their own procedure using the many examples that have been studied as a guide.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound 'ug' (rug / Grug) 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 are beginning our unit of work on subtraction. We will be investigating the different ways in which subtraction problems are expressed e.g. minus, difference, take away. We will create oral number problems and use concrete materials and drawings to solve them, e.g. there were 10 birds in the tree, 3 flew away, how many birds are left?

INQUIRY: In our unit *Sensational Science* this week, each grade will explore one aspect of physical or chemical science. Students will be involved in investigating concepts relating to light, sound, push and pull and changes in household substances. Each week over the next four weeks the focus for each grade will change until all four areas have been covered.

PREPS

READING: We are revising the letters ‘b’ and ‘d’ and differentiating between the two. When sharing a text with the class we will be highlighting these letters in the text, looking at the way they are formed and the sounds they make.

WRITING: We will linking our writing with our big book reading this week and looking at describing words.

MATHS: This week we are continuing with length. The children will be making caterpillars using stockings and comparing the lengths of their caterpillar with the rest of the class.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be introducing the children to Pentecost by retelling the story and teaching them about the Holy Spirit.

INQUIRY: We are beginning our unit, ‘Movers and Shakers’ by playing a game of musical statues to help children become aware of movement.

REMINDERS. . . . Parent helpers will start next week in both classes (week 5).
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014
Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.
Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.
Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!
For more information, visit www.walk.com.

MICHAEL GROSE - PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.
This week’s insight looks at helping your child get ready for the Naplan Test.

Libby Sheedy
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

On the 7th May 28 students participated in Cross Country. They were all great representatives of St Olivers and we are so proud of everyone for their great efforts, especially in the mud! Congratulations to Aiden Dramis, Jessica O’Sullivan, Jessica Russo, Lily Pelosi, Talia Pitruzzello and Lucas Russo who will be progressing to the next level, we wish you the best of luck! Thankyou to all parents who came to support our team and a big thank you to Linda Bascetta who helped with marshalling on the course on the day.
Congratulations to Jorge Sepulveda Alessi for competing in the district football trials last week, what a great achievement to get so far!
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 now.

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.

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.

Congratulations to the following children

STUDENT AWARDS Term 2 Week 3
Emma Lazzaro, Massimo Privitelli, Isabella D’Alberto, Jesse Cappello, Sienna Leonardi, Julia Bongiovanni, Stephanie Skouris, Luca Vecchiarelli, Jayda Dramis, Harry James, Ethan Doherty, Abby Curran, Lucas Russo, Zara Howell, Sarah Lazzaro, Dawood Sada, Zavier Veneziano, Jacob Coviello, Lily Pelosi, Jake Bascetta, Olivia Messina, Anthony Fazzari, Olivia Vecchiarelli, Christian Dupre, Liam Tierney, Alex Di Blasi, Emma Pagotto, Cooper Siliato

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

CANTEEN

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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.

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 Sussex Neighbourhood House, Sussex Seafood & The Beat Boutique. These adverts can be viewed on the school website or in the Business Directory. 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Each child received a box of Cadbury chocolates to sell as our major fundraiser for term 1. Each chocolate is $1 with the box totally $50. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information or contact Franca James 0413 909 964

TRIVIA NIGHT….MAY 17TH
The trivia night invitations have been sent home. Hopefully you have saved the date on your calendar and have organised your table. It’s not too late. 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
Thank you to all that helped out with the stall and we hope that all the mum’s enjoyed their special day and their special gifts.

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

MEETING
We have a scheduled Parent Association meeting this Wed 14th May 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome
THREE DAY BOOK SALE

Dates and Times:

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Monday 19th of May 2014.
Hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Children will have the opportunity to view the books and complete a ‘WISH LIST’ on Wednesday 14th of May.

• A fantastic range of novels, picture and chapter books
• A range of fun stationery from $1.00
• Variety tray from $1.00
• Posters
• Wacky pack box

Any many, many more bargains.

Please come along and support the school, and remember all purchases will benefit St Oliver’s.
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
Our Trivia Night is this Saturday and there are wonderful prizes on offer through our silent auction, raffle and lucky dips on offer such as:

- 4 Burner BBQ
- Small outdoor setting
- Team signed Melbourne Victory Ball
- Golf for 4 package deal at Southern Golf Course
- Wine - Sports memorabilia - Perfume
- Beautician vouchers - Restaurant vouchers - Wine glasses
- Gourmet food hampers and more!

Please gather your friends/family, come along and help make it a great night. All monies raised support the school.

For table bookings or more information please call Marita on 0409 902 404.

Date: 17th May 2014

Time: Doors open 6pm; the fun begins at 7pm

Where: Hadfield Community Hall
88 Middle St, Hadfield
Enter via Middle Street and car park is at the rear of the
OSHC NEWS
We would like to get parents input in to OSHC program to continuously improve this service. Parents need to give copy of the immunisation certificate.

Thank you.
Gowri.

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.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA - CUPPA FOR CANCER
If you would like to donate but can’t get to me, please call me on 93541752 so I can arrange something with you.

Hello Friends

Let’s get together once again to catch up with family and friends and help raise some more money and get behind cancer research and help to make a difference.

This year we celebrate our 13th year. So far in total we have raised over $32,000.00 for this great cause.

Looking forward to seeing you again.

Lesley

Date: Friday 23 May 2014

Time: 9am - 12.30 pm. Morning tea ONLY.

Cost: $15.00 per head.


This year we will again be holding a raffle in conjunction with the morning tea.

Already the donations have started rolling in & it is hoped that more people will be generous again this year to enable us to repeat the success of our previous raffles.

Donations can be left with me at 20 Kinross St. Pascoe Vale at anytime up until a week before the event.