Dear Parents,

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Please keep the year three children in Middle J and Middle S in your thoughts and prayers as they enter their final preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation that the children will receive on Monday May 27 at 7pm.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECKS**

I would like to remind parents of the requirements regarding Working With Children Checks (WWC) at St Olivers. As you would be aware all Victorian schools and child care centers require that people who work or volunteer in their organisation apply for, and pass, a WWC Check. This means that in Catholic Schools ALL volunteers who work in the school are required to have a WWC card. This includes:

- Parents / helpers who volunteer to work in the classroom
- Parents / helpers who volunteer for excursions
- Parents / helpers who volunteer to work in the canteen

Application forms to obtain a WWC can be obtained from a post office. When completing an application it is important that you mark that you are applying as a volunteer – volunteers do not have to pay for a WWC so it is important that this section of the form is filled in correctly.

If you are a registered teacher you do not need to apply for a WWC check, however, we do require that you supply the school with a photocopy of your current Victorian Institute of Teaching registration card.

We maintain a list of all parents who currently hold a WWC card and classroom teachers access this list in order to organise parents to assist on excursions and incursions. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding this process.

Kind Regards

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal
This week Prep F is attending the Friday class Mass at 10:00. Any parents who are attending, please feel free to sit with your child. The Junior Sunday level Mass is on 3 June at 10:30am. Please make a note of this date as the Junior students will be very involved in leading the Liturgy on this day. There will be a whole school Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 7 June at 11:45am.

The senior students have had the opportunity to create a series of invitations to be distributed for our Friday class Masses. Each week a different invitation will be used by the class attending Mass. They are to be congratulated on the wonderful work they have produced.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2013
Reminder........This Friday we are taking part in Walk Safely to school day.

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. 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 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.

Stay Smart Online encourages all Australians to remember these ten simple tips to improve their online security:

1. Install and update your security software and set it to scan regularly
2. Turn on automatic updates on all your software, particularly your operating system and applications
3. Use strong passwords and different passwords for different uses
4. Stop and think before you click on links and attachments
5. Take care when buying online - research the supplier and use a safe payment method
6. Only download "apps" from reputable publishers and read all permission requests
7. Regularly check your privacy settings on social networking sites
8. Stop and think before you post any photos or financial information online
9. Talk with your child about staying safe online, including on their smart phone or mobile device
10. Report or talk to someone if you feel uncomfortable or threatened online - download the Government's Cybersafety Help Button.
What’s happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**RELIGION:** This week in our Religion unit, New Beginnings, our focus will be to read and discuss new beginnings in the Resurrection Stories and identify symbols of transformation and new beginnings in the Easter Vigil.

**WRITING:** We will be introducing information reports, discussing the purpose for writing an information report, the language features and the structure of a report.

All students will continue to focus on their personal writing goals, attend workshops relevant to their goal and continue with their personal writing.

**READING:** This week we will continue reading our new serial novel, “The one and only Ivan,” by Katherine Applegate. We will focus on character development and the emotion displayed by each of the characters. We will use non-fiction texts on the Solar System to work on comprehension strategies.

**INQUIRY:** In their chosen groups, the students will begin working on their 3D models of the solar system.

**MATHS:** Our Space unit in maths will introduce the students to attributes of shape, cross-sections and perspective this week.

**Just a reminder…**
- *Winter Interschool sports* this Friday is at 1pm at Pascoe Vale Nth Primary School.
- Students may need to bring some materials from home for their Inquiry model.
- *Homework:* A new grid was distributed last week and is due Thurs. 6th June. Please assist your child with managing his/her homework each week to ensure it is completed on time.

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

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**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We will begin our new unit ‘Prayer – Building a Friendship With God’, and begin our preparation for Year 3’s Reconciliation.

**WRITING:** We will begin looking at writing Narratives this week. We will start by looking at how to make an exciting plan for a narrative including possible characters, settings, complications and resolutions.

**READING:** We will continue our new serial novel *The Magician’s Elephant* by Kate Di Camillo, looking at important quotes from the text and how to use them in responses. We will be modelling how to write different responses for different text types including non fiction texts.

**SPELLING:** The students will be using the visual strategy to examine ‘th’ and ‘ph’ words and using spelling websites for practice on spelling blends.

**MATHS:** This week we will begin multiplication with a pre test on what students know. Then work on strategies including looking at arrays and the algorithm.

**INQUIRY:** Our Inquiry Unit is ‘To the Moon and Back’. This week we will discuss time zones around the world.

**Just a reminder…** The year 3’s will be bringing home a copy of the Act of Contrition (the Prayer of Sorrow). They need to be practicing this daily in preparation for their Reconciliation Sacrament.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the current Middles Homework
What's happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will be continuing with our unit ‘Love One Another’. We will read a scripture passage from the Bible where Jesus teaches about forgiveness. Through role play, the children will reflect on their own experiences of forgiveness in their friendships and relationships with others. The children will also compose a prayer of forgiveness.

READING: This week during reading sessions, we will continue to engage the children in shared reading practices and further revise the structures and features of non-fiction texts with a focus on the way descriptive words and phrases are used to describe the different features of animals and objects in information text examples.

WRITING: During writing, we will be continuing to edit and publish our information reports.

MATHS: During Maths this week, we will revise the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be exploring the nets of some 3D shapes such as cubes and cylinders and the symmetry of 2D shapes.

INQUIRY: This week we continue our new Inquiry unit ‘Earth and Sky’. We will revise our lesson where we identified and took photos of landscape features and objects in the schoolyard in the game ‘I Spy’. We will revisit these photos and investigate any changes that have occurred over the last few weeks. Specifically we will identify if the landscape features moved, disappeared or changed and record this on a data chart.

Click here for a copy of the current Junior Homework

Click here for a copy of the Junior’s Earth and Sky Observation task

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children will bring in their objects from nature and share in a circle with the rest of the class. Then they will be drawing theirs and other people’s object under the title “God’s wonderful creation”.

WRITING: This week we will writing facts linked to our books in reading and relating them to their prior knowledge.

READING: The children will be continuing to work in small groups completing various reading activities. The teacher will have a focus group during this session. They will also be reading information texts and recalling facts.

MATHS: In Maths we will be introducing the children to the skill of counting collections. Telling them that we can see how many there are in a collection just by looking.

INQUIRY: We will be looking at the different types of symbols used for weather and creating our own weather symbols for our weather wall.
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 – Isabella Longano  JD – Ethan Hall  JL – Connor Cometti  JR – Marcus Del Campo

STUDENT AWARDS
Alessio Manca, Elanor Dunstan, Patrick Carlton, Sienna Leonardi, Sarah Lazzaro, Stefan Hatzievangelou, Josh De Marco, Zach Iapozzuto, Rueben Schiavello, Maximus Ong, Emma Pagotto, Charlotte James, Alannah Frattasio, Carla Martins, Emily Asta, Joshua Abdullah, Sarah Barravecchio, Olivia Fragapane, Cristina Vigiano, Anthony Guarino, Andre Atallah, Claudio Balzarini, Pia Taylor, Jayna Parekh

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BOOK FAIR REPORT

We would like to thank you all for supporting our book fair which, once again, was very successful. Our fabulous record breaking total of $6,756.74 was greatly appreciated. The library has received a commission which has enabled us to purchase some wonderful resources for our library which your children will enjoy.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

Happy reading
Kerrie and Sylvia
School Banking at St Oliver Plunkett School!
St Oliver's School Banking days are Tuesdays.
St Oliver's current has 88 bankers into this draw....to enter you only need 3 deposits to be made this term & with only 5 weeks left in banking now is the time get them in!!!!

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 Sussex Seafood, Sussex Street Garage, The Beat Boutique, The Carlton Wine Room and The Glow Worm. 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 0405 435 770

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

Trivia Night
The invitation was sent home last week. Book in the 1st June and gather some friends/family for a great fundraising night for our school. Please see attached flyer for more information.

FETE NEWS- Last week our first fete newsletter was sent home. The rides have been booked and the wheels are in motion to create an absolutely fantastic school fete. We are currently seeking major sponsors for our fete and will update you shortly on the companies that have come onboard. 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.

TERM 2 EVENTS
~ St Oliver’s Cookbook- an information flyer will be sent home shortly. This term we are asking families to tell us their favourite family’s recipes so we can collate them into a lovely cookbook.
~ Subway lunch – Term2 subway lunch date is Wednesday June 12th
~ School Disco – St Oliver’s school disco will be on Thursday June 27th. An information flyer will be sent home closer to the date.
### 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.

OSHIC has a new Mob. Number. Please call 0431 722 459. thanks

### 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.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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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: 1st June 2013
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 or
Diana Capuana 0419 331 966