Dear Parents,

Please keep the Year 3 children from Middle G and Middle J in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for their first celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday evening.

The Year 3’s from Middle M and Middle S celebrate the sacrament on Wednesday the 11th June.

On behalf of the staff I hope you all enjoy the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

Regards

Alan S.
THURSDAY CLASS MASS
This Thursday 5 June, Senior M 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.

Thank you to all the junior children and their families who attended the Junior Family Mass. It was great to see so many children there, leading the singing and the readings.

FOOD AND BLANKET DRIVE FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
Many people have already donated blankets and food. Middle G have already asked for another basket as they have filled theirs already. Keep up the wonderful generosity.

RECONCILIATION
The children in Middle J and Middle G will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Wednesday. It is a special time for the children as they take another step on their journey of faith. A reminder that the children are to wear their stoles and be seated by 6:50pm.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

At St. Oliver’s we support an ongoing approach to Assessment and Reporting, in which we link curriculum documents, classroom practice and assessment. We assess student knowledge at the beginning of a unit of work to ascertain a ‘starting point’ for each individual student, and again at the end of a unit to assess the individual child’s growth. We view assessment as an integral and ongoing aspect of the teaching and learning process. Every classroom activity can be regarded as an opportunity to make observations and evaluations of student learning.

Teachers collect assessment information from a range of learning contexts using a variety of methods, some are anecdotal and some more formal. Our formal testing regime is as follows:

- At the beginning of the year
  - English pre-testing for students in grades prep to two
  - Mathematics pre-testing for the prep students
- Term Two
  - NAPLAN tests for students in grades three and five
  - On Demand testing in English and Mathematics for students in grades two to six
    - We use our December testing results to drive learning and teaching in term one for the students in grades three to six.
- Term Four
  - On Demand testing in English and Mathematics (early in the term) for students in grades two to six
  - PATR (reading) and PATM (mathematics) in term four (later in the term) for students in grades two to six
  - I Can Do Maths for students in grades prep to six
  - English post-testing for students in grades prep to six

Last week the students in grades two to six completed their ‘On Demand’ reading test and this week they will be completing the ‘On Demand’ mathematics tests.

The ‘On Demand’ tests have been constructed by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) and are designed to link to the outcomes of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS). Once completed, tests are computer marked and reports are available for teachers to immediately view and analyse the results. Teachers use the results of these tests to identify individual student’s strengths and weaknesses and to assist with forward planning of both class and individualised teaching programs. Teachers can also use this information to corroborate the valued judgements made on student’s individual reports.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

WRITING: This week we will continue our investigation into writing to explain. Writing Workshops will be running and students will have the opportunity to continue any unfinished seeds. During independent writing, students will continue working toward their goal through independent writing pieces.

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.

SPELLING: This week’s focus is on the visual strategy. We will be looking at different prefixes and what words they are found in.

MATHS: We will be finishing our Measurement unit this week. Students will be sitting a post assessment on the unit this Tuesday.

INQUIRY: This week we will be continuing our Physical and Chemical Sciences topic. We will continue our learning carousel where students will be learning in more detail about Physical and Chemical Science by moving to different classrooms in the Senior year levels.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we will continue our unit, ‘Be Compassionate, Choose Justice!’ We will be focusing on racism, compassion and justice and asking the students to voice their opinion on each.

Just a reminder...

- Homework went home last week, please continue to assist your child managing their tasks.
- Subway notes are due back Thursday.
- Grade 5 Boys Parade College letters to be returned ASAP.
- Grade 5 Girls Mercy College Visit Day notes are to be returned ASAP.
- Senior G will be visiting Dorothy Impey Nursing Home this coming Thursday - weather permitting. Please confirm with your child whether you are able to assist with their class.
- Senior M will be having their class Mass at 10:00am Thursday morning. Parents are welcome to attend.
- With Winter fast approaching, if you could please send your child in with a box of tissues that would be greatly appreciated.

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

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Middle M and Middle S year 3 children will begin their practices for their First Reconciliation. We will continue our unit, “God’s Holy Spirit in Action”. This week’s focus will be on preparation for Reconciliation.

WRITING: We will learn how to write an explanation of a science experiment. We will do two experiments together. After the first, we will write an explanation together. As we conduct the second experiment the children will record their observations and make predictions.

READING: We will continue reading our serial novel, Finders Keepers. The children will be learning to do a Sketch to Stretch activity and will complete one on a picture story book.

MATHS: This week we are continuing Subtraction. We will work through various activities to help the children develop their understanding of subtraction.

INQUIRY: We will continue doing experiments as part of our unit, ‘We are Scientists’. The children will continue to rotate around each middles teacher to participate in different scientific experiments. Each teacher will focus on as aspect of either Physical or Chemical Science.

REMINDER: On Wednesday evening at 7.00pm the Year 3 children from Middle G and Middle J will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We would like to have the children wearing their stoles and seated in the church with their families at 6.50pm

Please click HERE for a copy of the current middle’s homework.
What's happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: As part of our topic ‘God Loves Us No Matter What’, we will focus on the importance of ‘welcoming home’ a family member who may have been away for a long time. The children will then listen to and reflect on the message of the story ‘The Prodigal Son’. After reading the story, the children will create their own character puppets and re-enact the story in groups.

READING: Narrative texts will continue to be our focus during shared reading this week. We will revise the purpose of punctuation examples as a support to the meaning of the text. We will also look at how expression and intonation can further enhance our understanding of the story as it is being read.

WRITING: This week the children will be continuing to edit and publish their individual procedural texts. This process will happen in the classroom as well as during the children’s Information Technology sessions with Mrs. Leighton. The students will use Microsoft Word to assist with the final presentation of their work. We will also be continuing to record our predictions and observations from the Inquiry science experiments during writing sessions.

MATHS: This week in Maths we will continue with our unit on subtraction. We will concentrate on using number lines and M.A.B.’s to solve subtraction equations.

INQUIRY: Each grade will continue the rotation of topics that make up our ‘Sensational Science’ unit. The students will be continue to be involved in investigating physical and chemical science concepts relating to light, sound, push and pull and changes in household substances.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be revising the story of creation and the children will draw and share their favourite day that God created.

READING: We will be revising the letters ‘p’ and ‘d’ and words that begin with these letters. We will be continuing to look at the strategies ‘a good reader’ uses, in particular stretching (sounding out) unknown words.

WRITING: We have introduced the children to the ‘seed box’. The children will be using the ‘seeds’ to stimulate their thinking and give them ideas for writing.

MATHS: In maths this week we will be looking at numbers in terms of their parts. For example 2 and 3 make 5. We will also be revising subitising.

INQUIRY: In Inquiry we will be playing the ‘chance dance’ game and discussing different ways to represent movement.
This week is Stay safe online week and in Bounce Back classes we have been discussing the importance of keeping our personal information safe. Logins and passwords are never to be shared. Stay Smart Online Week, formerly National Cyber Security Awareness Week, aims to help Australians using the internet – whether at home, the workplace or school – understand the simple steps they can take to protect their personal and financial information online. The 2014 Stay Smart Online Week is the seventh consecutive annual event conducted by the Australian Government in partnership with industry, the community sector and all levels of government. This year’s theme - ‘On The Go’ - reflects the importance of staying safe and secure online while using mobile devices when social networking, banking, shopping, and navigating the internet. A range of activities are taking place around Australia, including seminars, industry events and community activities which you can attend or participate online.

Why is staying smart online important?

The internet has increasingly become part of our daily life. It provides a way for us to socialise, shop, transact and do business, which means we are sharing more and more personal and financial information online. In doing so we potentially expose ourselves to a number of online risks which we need to be aware of and properly manage. It is important that we better understand how to stay safe and secure on the internet.

MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

This week’s insight looks at ‘The new rule every parent needs to know’. Catherine Gerhardt gives us strategies to talk to our children about stranger danger. As parents we need to empower our children with self confidence and trust in their own abilities to sense when something is just not right.

Libby Sheedy  Student Wellbeing Coordinator
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

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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 so 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  Di Tabone  0423 596 221
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 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 Voodoo Wii Station, West Street Deli and Westbreen Florist. 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Last term each child received a box of Cadbury chocolates to sell as our major fundraiser. Each chocolate is $1 with the box totally $50. For those that have not paid yet please contact Franca James 0413 909 964

SUBWAY LUNCH DAY JUNE 11TH
Order forms for the subway lunch were sent home last week. Orders and correct money will need to be returned to the school by this coming Thursday 5th June in the morning.

TERM 2 EVENTS
Subway Lunch…. June 11th
Disco……Due to personal issues with the coordinator and the DJ this event has been postponed until term 3. Thank you for your understanding.
OSHC NEWS
We would like to get parents input in to OSHC program to continuously improve this service.
Parents need to provide a copy of their Childs 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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