Dear Parents and Children,

Congratulations to the children from MS and MJ who celebrated the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation last night. The children were beautifully prepared by their teachers Susan Mitchell and Veronica Jack and by our Religious Education Coordinator Trish Segrave. Many thanks to Father Paul and Father Gerry from St Mary’s Thornbury and I’d also like to acknowledge all of the families who attended and contributed to the last night’s reverent atmosphere. Please keep the children from Middle G and Middle M in your prayers as they prepare for their sacrament next week.

Prep Enrolments

Our first round offers of positions for next year’s prep classes will be posted this Friday.

Reminder

The school yard is supervised from 8:40am in the morning and after school until 3.45 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and until 3.30 on Wednesday afternoons. Outside these times parents have the children on the property at their own risk. A reminder that our out of hours school program operates both before and after school. Details of the program offered by our provider Camp Australia can be obtained by visiting their website “www.campaustralia.com.au”

Many thanks to Joel who has been the main supervisor of our Out of Hours Program for the last year. Joel has resigned from Camp Australia and his temporary replacement Melissa Scarmozzino will be with us until a permanent replacement is appointed.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal
Congratulations to the students in Middle S and Middle J who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday evening. It was a very special occasion for them and they are to be congratulated on their reverence during the ceremony.

This Sunday 2 June at 10:30 is the Family Mass for the junior students. The children will be reading, participating in the offertory and entrance procession, and using instruments to accompany the singing. We hope to see as many children as possible. This week Senior S is attending the Friday class Mass at 10:00. Any parents who are attending, please feel free to sit with your child. There will be a whole school Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 7 June at 11:45.

**PARENT SUPPORT AT ST OLIVERS**

At St Olivers we have a number of parents who have committed to the parent helper program and are assisting in the classrooms. The parent helper program is a valued and integral part of the Literacy program at St. Oliver's. It provides great support for classroom teachers and for students, and allows parents the opportunity to see first-hand the daily routines of their child’s classroom. Parent participation in the classroom provides an additional adult role model for the children and is another adult for the children to approach if they require support or clarification of a task.

The majority of parent support is received in our prep and junior classes, and once again we are extending that invitation to middle and senior parents. Our Literacy Leaders, Susan Mitchell and Barbara Olanda will be conducting an information session for parents who are interested in assisting in the middle and senior grades next week on Wednesday, June 5. Details of this session are in the General News section of this newsletter.

We understand that as children progress through school the ‘fun’ element of having their parent in the classroom diminishes somewhat... but it really would be a very welcome component of classroom practice on the teachers’ behalf!! We also understand that many parents’ work commitments increase as their child progresses through school, however, your availability to assist in the classroom can be as regular as your time commitments permit.

On behalf of Susan and Barbara we hope to see as many parents as possible in attendance.

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

**SENIORS**

**RELIGION:** This week in our Religion unit, New Beginnings, we will complete an assessment piece on the understandings focussed on throughout the unit.

**WRITING:** The students will deconstruct an information report this week and begin planning their own report on a chosen topic. 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 model a response based on the text. The students will independently use the SQ3R comprehension strategy to retrieve information from a non-fiction text related to the Solar System.

**MATHS:** Our Space unit in maths this week will focus on perspective and lines of symmetry in 2D & 3D shape. The students will complete the post-test on Friday.

**INQUIRY:** The students will continue working on their 3D models of the solar system. They will make changes as required and note modifications in their design briefs.

**Just a reminder...**
- Winter Interschool sports this Friday is at 1pm away against St Fidelis.
- Students may need to bring some materials from home for their Inquiry model.
- Please continue to 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 continue with our unit, ‘Prayer – Building a Friendship With God’, and continue our preparation for Year 3’s Reconciliation.

**WRITING:** We will continue looking at writing Narratives this week. We will brainstorm possible characters, settings, complications and resolutions and begin modelling a narrative.

**READING:** We will continue our new serial novel The Magician’s Elephant by Kate DiCamillo. We will introduce a new reading activity this week, a SWOT which looks at characters strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

**SPELLING:** The students will be using the sound strategy to examine long vowel sounds and how we can use them.

**MATHS:** This week we will continue with multiplication. Students will continue to learn 2’s, 4’s, 5’s and 10 times tables. We will continue to work on strategies including looking at arrays and the algorithm.

**INQUIRY:** Our Inquiry Unit is ‘To the Moon and Back’. This week we will finish looking at shadows and how lights moves in straight lines.

**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
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will be continuing with our unit ‘Love One Another’ by discussing how we can be good friends and ways friends would not behave. The children will respond to this discussion through illustrating or writing their thoughts and ideas about friendship. We will also look at things we are ‘thankful’ for.

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 glossary and index pages and technical words and their meanings.

WRITING: During Writing, we will be looking at ideas to put on the children’s individual first semester self-assessment. The children will draft ideas to write about the areas of improvement, discoveries and achievements they have made in different parts of the curriculum and school life. They will then publish a final copy. Children will continue with personal writing and complete information reports if necessary.

MATHS: During Maths this week, we will begin our unit on ‘multiplication’. We will make a multiplication poster with concepts such as groups of, times-tables and the symbol related to multiplication. The children will use concrete materials to model teacher-directed oral multiplication stories and begin recording them in their books.

INQUIRY: This week we continue our Inquiry unit ‘Earth and Sky’. We will discuss the different seasons Summer, Winter, Autumn and Spring and specifically what the weather is like during these seasons. The classes will also look at the drawings and photos the students have brought in and focus on what the sky and landscape is like. In groups, the children will create season posters using words and pictures to describe their particular season.

Reminder: The Junior Mass is on this Sunday, 2nd of June at 10:30 a.m. We would love to see as many families there as possible.

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: We will be talking to the children about the organisation St. Vincent’s and what they do to help the community. We will also be continuing to do Christian Mediation in our R.E. lessons and first thing on Thursday mornings.

WRITING: This week we will be encouraging the children to write two sentences in our writing block and continuing to encourage them to sounds out unknown words when writing.

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. We are continuing to read information texts and recalling facts.

MATHS: In Maths we will be sequencing numbers from 1 to 10 and completing various small group activities and games to enhance this skill.

INQUIRY: We will be completing a whole class data about how the weather effects: me, our pets and other animals.
The Power of One

Next Thursday June 6th ‘The Power of One’ anti bullying production is coming to St Olivers.

The definition “Bullying is when someone purposely and repeatedly hurts, humiliates or isolates someone else”

The performance addresses
1. The roles in bullying-The Bully, The Target and The Bystander
2. Types of bullying-Physical, Exclusion and Cyber
3. Types of bystanders-Cheering, Watching and Ignoring

The messages we want our children to hear are
- Report bullying when you see it
- Don’t be a bystander
- Bystanders are as guilty as bullies
- You can make a difference

The Bounce Back unit we are investigating currently is Anti Bullying. This is a great time to talk to your children about what they are learning and hearing about in these sessions.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
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 – Bruno Arena      JD – Ella Steinicke      JL – Jesse Dupuy      JR – Josh De Marco

STUDENT AWARDS

PARENT HELPERS IN MIDDLE AND SENIOR LITERACY SESSIONS
The Middles and Seniors have had a very busy beginning First Term and would love to welcome parent helpers back into the Middle and Senior grades. Barbara Olanda and myself will be presenting a Parent Helpers session for Middle and Senior parents on WENESDAY THE 5TH OF JUNE. This will be held in the staffroom beginning at 9am. This session is for parent helpers who helped last year and for any newcomers. We will then get a timetable ready to start as soon as possible. Hope to see you all there.

Susan Mitchell       English Coordinator

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 1 July – Friday 12 July 2013. There are 4 venues 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at schoolholidayprogram@moreland.vic.gov.au
Enrolments are now open. Applications are available at the school office and must be in at the council no later than 5pm on Wednesday 12 June 2013.

CANTEEN       Diane Tabone  0423 596 221

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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 you 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 Tony’s Concreting, How Noodle’s, The Lotus Healing Centre, The Circus Spot and The Mills Café. 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

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.

Cookbook
A flyer has been sent home. We are asking families to tell us their favourite family recipes so we can collate them into a lovely cookbook. The application form is available via this link.

Click HERE for a copy of the application form in PDF format or if you require a word document for emailing purposes please click on the following link www.sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au that will take you to the school website, then navigate to the Parent Association News section in News and Events.

Click HERE for a copy of the Cookbook information flyer
Movie Night
A ladies movie night has been organised for Thursday 6th June. 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.

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
ONLY 1 WEEK TILL OUR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

We have some fantastic prizes on offer at the Trivia Night including:

~ Sports Memorabilia ~ Jobe Watson signed jumper
~ Hawthorn signed football ~ Kettle BBQ.
~ Food Hampers ~ Beauty Hampers
~ Over 40 prizes in the raffle ~ Over 180 prizes in the lucky dip
~ Puffing Billy family pass ~ Vouchers Galore

So come along and have a great night as well as supporting our school. You can organise a table or just jump on an existing table ....the more the merrier....all the details are below.

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
Ladies.....Movie Night is Back!

Grab your girlfriends to watch this new classic movie and support the school with a night out at the movies.

When: Thursday June 6
Where: Airport West Cinema
Time: TBC around 9pm
Cost: $15.00

Please return form and payment to school by Monday 3 June

Name:
Contact Number:
Tickets required: @ $15 ea Total:

Please ensure correct money is enclosed