Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the children from Middle M and Middle S who celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation last Wednesday evening. Many thanks to the children’s teachers, the entire Middle Team and Trish Segrave for preparing the children for this very special occasion. I’d also like to acknowledge the staff and family members who came along and contributed to the reverent atmosphere of both Penance evenings.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Below and on our website you will find links to our 2013 Annual Report to the Community. We publish our Annual Report as a component of our ongoing communication with you and also as a component of Victorian Registration and Qualifications (VRQA) accountability requirements.

Click HERE to access the 2013 Annual Report to the Community.

Regards
Alan S.

REPORTS

On Friday this week your child’s semester one report, along with their profile book, will be sent home. The profile book is designed to present information about individual student progress by providing authentic evidence of individual students’ learning, development and achievements throughout a semester. Please take the time to allow your child to share their work in the profile book and discuss the report with him/her.

TEACHER, PARENT and STUDENT INTERVIEWS

This semester we are encouraging parents to attend the mid-year interviews with your child. An element of our continued shift towards a more personalised approach to learning and teaching has been to make student progress more transparent for the students. During regular teacher conferences in class, students discuss their growth and the achievement of personal goals and we would like to provide them with the opportunity to do the same at mid-year interviews.

To ensure this ongoing communication please ensure that you attend the mid-year interviews. They will be held on Tuesday June 24 from 1:50pm - 7:30pm. A note will be sent home later in the week detailing arrangements for the day and how to book a time online for your interview. Please let the office know if you did not receive the note or if you do not have access to the internet in order to make a booking. If for some reason you are unable to make an appointment on this day please arrange a suitable time to meet with your child’s teacher.

The interviews are a wonderful opportunity for you to meet with the teachers to discuss your child’s progress this year and to set achievable goals for the coming terms.

Regards
Mary Kearney
THURSDAY CLASS MASS

This Thursday 19 June Senior S 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.

FOOD AND BLANKET DRIVE FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Monday 23 June is the last day for the food and blanket collection. John Cannon from St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at assembly on Wednesday 25 June to thank the school community for their generosity.

LOOM BANDS WANTED!

The school fundraiser is tomorrow Wednesday 18th of June. The senior children will be selling loom bands at recess, lunchtime and after school. The children are asked to bring some gold coins to support this and the money raised will be used to purchase additional blankets and food.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Spelling and Sound Charts

It was wonderful to explore words and how they work with the children and parents who attended the spelling workshops this term. We were all very engaged when using ‘CHIMPing’ as a strategy to learn words i.e. Chunking, Investigating, making a Memory screen and Practising. We also used a Sound Chart to help explain word families and make connections between words with the same letter patterns.

I have ordered some of those Sound Charts, so if you would like to purchase one please send $4.00 in an envelope to me, and I will give one to your child to take home.

Barbara Olanda

SKOOLBO NEWS FOR PARENTS

As you may be aware, last week at St Oliver’s we launched the Skoolbo site and we have had some amazing results already. The children are going crazy for it and learning at the same time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is important to know that you can be emailed your child’s progress by providing an email address. This can be done by going to the playscreen on the skoolbo site (ask your child for directions) and click on the toolbar that says Parents. If you provide your email address you will be notified when your child reaches certain milestones and your child will receive extra ‘bo coins’.

It is important to mention not to let other children or adults play on your child’s account as it will alter their results.

We will be announcing the weekly winner at this week’s assembly.
What’s happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**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.

**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 continuing our division unit this week. Students will be attending focus groups throughout the week.

**INQUIRY:** This week students will begin their personal inquiry for our Physical and Chemical Sciences topic. Students have chosen between chemistry and electricity and have chosen what they are going to investigate.

*Just a reminder…*

- Homework went home last week, please continue to assist your child managing their tasks.
- Senior C 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 S 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:** Students will discuss the gifts of the Holy Spirit and identify how the disciples changed in the story of Pentecost.

**WRITING:** Students will learn to write up a science report, thinking about the aim, method, results and explanation.

**READING:** We will continue reading ‘Finders Keepers’. The students will learn how to complete a ‘SWOT’ activity. They will identify the characters strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities.

**MATHS:** This week the students will continue learning about ‘Time’, in particular elapsed time and reading the time to the minute.

**INQUIRY:** Students will apply their knowledge learnt during the ‘We are Scientists’ unit. They will come up with a question that they would like to plan, research and present as a science report.

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the current middle’s homework.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: In our unit ‘God Loves Us No Matter What’, we will continue to reflect on the story of ‘The Prodigal Son’, focusing on the meaning of some of the key words used. We will also explore what happens when we receive the Sacrament of Penance.

READING: As we continue to read narrative texts in our shared reading time, we will focus on identifying and discussing the use of contractions, rhyming words and words indicating past tense.

WRITING: In Writing this week, we will focus on the various ways we can use the story starter cards and mystery box to inspire our individual writing pieces.

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

MATHS: We will be concluding our unit on subtraction in Maths this week with a focus on making connections between addition and subtraction (commutativity) e.g.10-7=3, 10-3=7, 7+3=10, 3+7=10. We will also be revising our understandings about place value and concluding our investigations into 2D and 3D shapes.

INQUIRY: This week we are working in pairs or small groups on the action phase of our unit ‘Sensational Science’. We will be working towards showing some aspect of our learning through a variety ways including mind maps, experiments, posters, videos or writing procedures.

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We will be discussing the ways in which people care/don’t care for the environment and making a list of these. We will be informing the children that we have a responsibility to look after our environment.

READING: Again we will be looking at information texts about animals. The children will use their prior knowledge of animals to assist them along with the knowledge they gained from our excursion to the Collingwood Children’s Farm. We will introduce them to the features of a contents page and how we use them.

WRITING: In writing we will be introducing the children to the 5 W’s (who, what, when, where and why) and using our excursion as a model. The children will still continue to use the ‘seed box’.

MATHS: We will be continuing to teach the children the strategy of ‘counting on’. The children will use concrete materials to assist them with this strategy.

INQUIRY: We are looking at the way different animals move and talking about how their size and shape affects this.

REMEMBER . . . . Library day is Thursday. Please make sure you bring back all library books.
MICHAEL GROSE- PARENTING INSIGHT

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet. This week’s insight looks at ‘Reading your child’s report’. Reports can be an anxious time for students and their parents. Michael Grose suggests some areas to focus on when working through your child’s report.

**Hands Up for June**

Next Wednesday our active travel monitors will be completing the hands up count for the month of June. We have been extremely lucky with the weather as many children are still walking and riding to school when there is no rain. So next week let’s see if we can improve our data and have a greater number of families walking or riding to school, remember ‘part way is ok’.

Libby Sheedy   Student Wellbeing Coordinator

**SPORT**

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the cross country last week. They all ran well and it was great to see the support of some parents and friends on the day. Go St. Olivers!
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
JC – Cameron Pascoe
JD – Ariann Abdallah
JL – Paris Tortul
JR – Ava De Santanna

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Application forms are available from the school office for those parents who did not apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in Term 1. To be eligible you must: a) be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, & b) be an eligible beneficiary of Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 3 (11 July 2014) for the second instalment. Also part of the eligibility criteria is that applications must be completed and returned to the school office by the due day, which is Wednesday 30 July 2014. Please note that if you applied for the allowance in first term you do not need to reapply provided your details remain the same.

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 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
The third edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory is only days away. Our featured businesses this week are GD Group, Room2Design and Star 21. 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’S 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

PA MEETING
Our scheduled meeting is this Wednesday 18th June 7.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DADS’ COMEDY NIGHT
Our Dads’ comedy night is just around the corner. Michael Said has organised some fantastic comedians and it looks like it’s going to be an absolutely spectacular event. For more information please see the attached flier.
ST OLIVER'S

COMEDY NIGHT

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST
7PM START
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School hall
Landells Road, Pascoe Vale

For all dads, brothers, brother-in-laws, grand dads and mates

FEATURING:

LAWRENCE MOONEY
Lawrence Mooney is a Melbourne based stand up comedian, actor, writer, television and radio personality.

MICK MOLLOY
Comedian, writer, producer and actor who is currently on radio, television and stand up.

GAB ROSSI
Gab is an Italian Australian comedian living in Melbourne, he often includes music in his stand up comedy shows playing acoustic guitar.

MC by local radio personalities FRANK SILIATO & JOE MANGIAFICO.

PRICE: $40 PER PERSON
Includes BBQ dinner and door prize.
Also on the night: Memorabilia auctions and raffle

Get your tickets fast before this event sells out!

RSVP: 30 July 2014. For more information contact: Michael Said - 0418 994 711

Please detach and return to the School office by Wednesday 30 July 2014 along with payment in an envelope labelled "Comedy Night". Cheques to be made payable to "St Olivers Parents Association".

Name: ___________________________ Contact Number: ___________________________
Child's Name: ______________________ Class: ______________________
No. of tickets: ___________ Amount Enclosed: ___________ Cash ❑ Cheque* ❑

* A fee will apply for any dishonoured cheques.
Have you planned your holidays?

Did you know Camp Australia runs Holiday Clubs as well as Before and After School Care? St Oliver Plunkett families may wish to check out the programs at Essendon North, Brunswick North, Mill Park, or LaTrobe University. Most run from 8am to 6pm. You can book your kids in for the whole two weeks, or just one day if they want to go to a particular excursion! All the Holiday Clubs have excursions, incursions, and are jam packed full of fun. They’re bigger than most OSHC programs, meaning more choice of activities and more opportunities to make friends! Check out the Camp Australia website for details of each program.

Since the World Cup is being held in Brazil right now, we’ll be doing a few related activities this week at Before and After School Care. Make **collages of Amazon animals**; create your own beads from modelling clay for **Brazilian-inspired beaded jewellery**; and of course brush up on your **soccer skills**. See you there!

Zilla continues to coordinate After School care, assisted by Kim, and now Hanain joins us in the mornings for Before School Care. Gowri hopes to return to St Oliver’s in Term 3.

Zilla