Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our First Week of Term 3. The term ahead is certainly going to be rewarding.

The Reporting Process and the Parent Teacher Interviews are important aspects of the school’s communication with you. Following on from last term’s interviews you should have a better understanding of your child’s progress and also know the areas where you can support your child for the remainder of the school year.

The first two hour block of our day is an extremely valuable learning time and how the day commences often sets the tone for how settled your child’s and his/her class will be for the rest of the school day. As a parent I understand how difficult it can be to ‘motivate’ children in the mornings but I ask all parents to try and make sure that their children are at school on time to commence the morning session before the second bell. This will minimize the number of interruptions that occur during this important learning session.

On the following page I have included a copy of the St Oliver’s School Vision Statement. As a Staff we commence every school year using the School Vision as a focus for future direction of the school and also as the foundation for everything that we do.

Through the five key statements we aim to clearly express our school beliefs, the school ethos and the dimensions of faith, learning and relationships that are represented and that drive our daily practice. Our Vision Statement recognises the need to develop the children spirituality, socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. The reality is that we can only ‘fulfil’ the School Vision for your children in partnership with you and your child. The Education process is a fine balance between the parent, the student and the school and the process works best when we all work together!

Regards,

Alan Sweeney  Principal
We at St Oliver Plunkett Parish Primary School see ourselves as part of a Catholic Faith Community which strives to:

- lead children as they grow in relationship with God by promoting the message of Jesus and the Gospel Values through prayer, scripture and relationships with others

- provide a learning environment where self esteem is nurtured, where differences are respected, and where a sense of welcome pervades the school

- foster positive and supportive relationships between students, parents/guardians, teachers and the wider Parish Community

- ensure that students have a broad and comprehensive education

- which equips them to be life-long, independent and active learners

- cater for the individual needs of all our children through a varied curriculum that recognises learning as a continual and developmental process.
EDUCATION IN FAITH

The class Masses for terms 3 and 4 will now be held on **Thursdays at 10:00am**. This week Senior M will be attending Mass. All parents are welcome to attend and sit with their child.

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**

A reminder to the grade 4 parents whose children will be making their first communion this term that there will be a parent information evening next **Monday 22 July at 7:00pm in the church**. This meeting is for parents and children and a resource pack will be distributed on the night.

**Dates for Eucharist:**
Sunday 25 August at 10:30am – Middle M and Middle J
Sunday 8 September at 10:30am – Middle S and Middle G

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Welcome back to term three!! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday.

This term will be yet another busy one, as we will be preparing for a major production at the end of the term focused on the theme **“Giant Steps to Change the World”**.

This is still very much in it’s infancy and more details will be sent home as the term progresses. Our Inquiry units this term will be linked to the production and the various aspects of the theme that individual classes undertake. Again, more information will be sent home about this when topics have been finalised.

Term overviews with full curriculum outlines will be coming home soon. Please take the time to read these overviews so that you can support your child, simply by having a discussion about what they are focusing on at school.

Another addition to the newsletter this term is a hyperlink under Class News that links to the current homework sheet. I hope you find this useful….

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

Please note that **Wednesday, 31 July will be a student free day** where the staff will continue to work with Marita Richardson from the Catholic Education Office. On this day Marita will assist us in planning the implementation of our school review recommendations – with a particular emphasis on how we can further personalise our Learning and Teaching.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: Our Religion unit for the first part of the term is called “Life is Good”. This week students will be immersed in stories of people in Catholic tradition and the broader community who demonstrate a care and respect for human life. We will discuss the concept of dignity and respecting life.

**WRITING**: This week we will be reviewing the process and expectations of Independent Writing, Writing Goal meetings and Writing Workshops. We will also begin looking at different types of poetry.

**READING**: This week we will continue reading our serial novel, ‘The One and Only Ivan,” by Katherine Applegate. We will discuss descriptive language used and make predictions about what may happen next. We will also continue with our independent reading routine and conferences.

**MATHS**: The focus this week is on multiplication. The students will work on a grid of multiplication activities to practise applying the process multiplication. They will participate in focus groups based on their needs in multiplication. We will also complete a pre-test for our next Maths unit on measurement.

**INQUIRY**: Students will continue working on their independent inquiry on their chosen Natural disaster. They continue researching and will decide how to present their findings.

**Just a reminder...**

- Senior H will be attending Dorothy Impey nursing home on Thursday morning. (Weather permitting)
- **HOMEWORK**: A new grid will be distributed this week. This homework will be due on Thursday 8th August. Please assist your child with managing their homework each week to ensure it is completed on time. The diary is a great tool to help organise and prioritise which tasks to complete first. If your child has any questions please encourage them to approach their teacher before the due date.

**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: Our unit is called ‘The Church Lives the Word of the Lord’. We will begin by looking at the concept of what a ‘story’ is and how these can teach us a lesson.

**WRITING**: This week we will start with a seed from our holidays. We are then moving into Writing to Instruct. Students will be looking at different instructional texts and their features.

**READING**: We will begin by discussing the reading the students have done over the holidays. We will then look at a newspaper article and the features they have. This term we will have more of a focus on non-fiction texts.

**SPELLING**: We will look at initial silent letters including k and g. Students will look at patterns and generalisations.

**MATHS**: Our focus for Maths is location. Students will brainstorm all they know about the language of location and we will start looking at directions and maps of the local area.

**Just a reminder...** Year Four parents of students who are making their Eucharist, just a reminder that the Parent Meeting will be in the Church on Monday the 22nd of July at 7pm.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the Middles current homework tasks.
JUNIORS

Welcome back to all of the children and their families in the Juniors. We hope you have had a wonderful break and have returned refreshed for another busy term!

RELIGION: In Religion, we will begin our new unit ‘Creator God’. We will be exploring the story of creation and thinking about the different aspects of God’s creation. The children will also be sitting quietly in an outside space and responding to what they see, feel and hear on a ‘Y’ chart.

READING: This week during reading sessions we will continue to focus on narratives and highlight the features of this genre through our big book reading sessions. The children will continue with refining different reading skills in guided reading sessions and through a variety of learning centre activities.

WRITING: The focus of this week in Writing is to revise the features of recounts. The children will have time to orally share their holiday experiences, brainstorm related words and then compose a detailed recount of their holidays. We will also be modelling ‘modified cinquain’ poetry in order to explore descriptive writing in another form.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ink (wink, blink) and involving the children in a variety of activities to help reinforce the spelling and meaning of the words generated by the class.

MATHS: This week we will be completing our ‘multiplication’ unit by revising the concepts related to multiplication. These concepts include arrays, counting patterns, repeated addition, writing multiplication word problems and drawing pictures to represent and match multiplication equations.

Click HERE for a copy of the current Junior Homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: the children will begin their new unit “Protected by God.” We will introduce them to stories from the Old Testament and watching The Prince of Egypt.

WRITING: We have been sharing all the wonderful experiences the children have had on their holidays using their ‘holiday bag’ as a prompt.

READING: the children will revise the short vowels through various activities. We will also be looking at the structure and features of a recount.

MATHS: In Maths we are beginning our new unit on addition. We will be focusing on two strategies: counting all and counting on.
MICHAEL GROSE PARENTING INSIGHT
This week’s parenting insight looks at 10 ways to promote good mental health and wellbeing.

Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.

Community Support Program
This term we will continue running our Community Support program. Once again ‘THANKYOU’ to our wonderful families who are already on our list to prepare a meal for a family in our community. Anyone wishing to join the program please contact me as I will be setting up this term’s roster this week. If you are already on our roster and are unable to commit this term please let me know.

**A 6 week parenting program Tuning in to Kids**

Tuning in to Kids will help parents:

- Be more aware and accepting of emotions in themselves and their child
- Develop skills to help their child name emotions
- Have more empathic responses to their child
- Share more of the emotional aspects of life with their child
- Use Emotion Coaching when solving problems
- Know when not to use Emotion Coaching
- Develop their own emotional self-care and anger regulation skills.

**When:** Term 3 - 2013 starts **Tuesday 6th August** for six consecutive weeks through to **Tuesday 10th September**

**Time:** 10am to 12pm

**Where:** Dianella Community Health – 55 Craigieburn Rd, Craigieburn

**Cost:** This program is free. Registration is essential.

**Eligibility:** Residents of Hume and Moreland

**Facilitator:** Patricia Hogan, Psychologist

Domenica Roperto, Social Worker/Counsellor

**Child care:** Unfortunately we are unable to offer child care.

**Contact:** Counselling Intake on 9302 8803

**GATEWAYS**

Anyone interested in programs for gifted and talented children please log on to www.gateways.edu.au.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
SPORTS NEWS

At St Oliver's we seek to commit ourselves to the social justice teachings of the church. In light of this teaching every year the school has many requests for financial assistance from a variety of organisations. The children are also full of enthusiasm to help the variety of charities seeking support.

In term one the children collected money in the Project Compassion boxes that was donated to Caritas Australia. In term two our focus was the St Vincent De Paul Society. Many items of non-perishable food and blankets were collected as well as money donated to purchase additional blankets.

This term our school is participating in the Heart Foundation, Jump Rope for Heart program. Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become active through skipping, learn new skills and raise vital funds for cardiovascular research and community health programs. We are excited about our school helping to save Australian lives by fighting heart disease.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. Ask your child to show you what they have learned and see if you can do it with them too!

The program is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. We ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement in Jump Rope for Heart.

You can help your child participate by:

- Signing your child’s sponsorship form to grant permission for your child’s participation in Jump Rope for Heart.
- Helping them to ask family and friends to make a donation to the Heart Foundation in support of your child’s skipping. (Children are not to go door-to-door or ask strangers for donation).

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Jump Rope for Heart on Friday 16th August (we will provide more details for this day closer to the time). Your child should bring the donations they have collected for the Heart Foundation to school on this day or by Monday 19th at the latest. Please make sure all money is returned on time so that your children will receive their prizes early.

Our school and your child benefit from the money raised through Jump Rope for Heart. Not only do the children get to participate in this great Heart Foundation Program, but they may also be eligible for thank you prizes. In addition to this, our school will be receiving ten percent of the money raised as a thank you from the Heart Foundation.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease.

Jaki O'Halloran            Physical Education Teacher

CREATIVE THINKING

Two students in Creative Thinking are looking to explore and set up a school blog about Creative Thinking. If any parents have the time and knowledge to help these children achieve this goal we would love to hear from you. The children have developed the content but just need a little assistance with the process of designing a blog. Creative Thinking is on a Wednesday and we would be very flexible about the time that would suit you on a Wednesday. This doesn’t need to be an ongoing thing just a chance for the kids to possibly learn from an expert to get them started.

Please contact me at school if you are able to help.

Thankyou

Jaki O'Halloran            Creative Thinking Teacher
School Community Footy Tipping

Over the past two weeks the Bird Family has strengthened their lead with some excellent tipping. Here are the current top 5 after round 16.

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Nadia Glann
School Community Coordinator

GENERAL NEWS

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 (15 July 2013) 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 Friday, 1 August 2013. Please note that if you applied for the allowance in first term you do not need to reapply provided your details remain.

SCHOOL FEES
Just a reminder that Term 2 school fees are due 27 July. Fees may be banked directly into our Bank Account. 063 161 10029972
Please remember to quote your reference number/name when making payment. Your reference number is the number which appears on your account.

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.

CANTEEN Diane Tabone 0423 596 221

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Please click HERE to see the current canteen price list/Menu.

This is also located on the Webpage in ‘Our School’ – ‘Canteen’
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. If you can help out on Tuesdays from 9am till 10.30 am please contact Georgie 0405 435 770

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

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 tomorrow 8.45 am till 9.15am

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

Cookbook
More Recipes Needed!!
Thank you to all those families who have sent through their recipes for the St Oliver’s Family Cookbook but we need more from all our families!!! Feel free to include more than one recipe and please feel free to include photos of not just the dish but also your beautiful family. Please submit your recipes and photos/drawings as soon as possible - deadline has been extended to June 28, 2013. This book will be treasured for many years so don’t miss out! Templates can be downloaded from school website, follow this link http://www.sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au/news-and-events/63/p/parents-association-news/ or contact Franca on 0413909964 Please note: We have had a problem with the email address with the cookbook applications, the correct email is pa@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au.

Up & coming Events
~ St Oliver’s Business Directory The 2nd Edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory is not too far away now. We hope that everyone finds this booklet to be a helpful resource and that we support the businesses that support us.

~ Collecting Jars We still need empty jars to be donated. 500gm pasta/jam jars. We will make good use of these in our up and coming fete. Please put all jars into the donation basket in the foyer of the school office

FETE NEWS
“St Oliver’s Spectacular Fete.” Sunday 27th October. We are currently seeking companies to be sponsors of our fete. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Georgie 0405435770 or email at pa@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

Click HERE to find out how to be a sponsor and advertise at our ‘Spectacular’ school fete.

It is with great pleasure we announce our first 2 major sponsors of our fete.
Kip McGrath Educational Services
and
Centorrino Technologies Your IT Specialists.

If you or anyone you know are interested in coming on board to sponsor our fete please contact Georgie 0405435770 or Michael 0418994711 or email at pa@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au.

Parent Association Meeting. We have a scheduled meeting this Wed night 17th July 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.
OSHC NEWS
Due to breakeages/missing/stolen iPods/iPhones, staff don't allow children to use these items in OSHC. We follow the school rule regarding this matter.
Parents who have spare computers, DVD’s, CD’s, could you please donate to the OSHC.
Thank you.
Gowri

REMININDERS
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.

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