Dear Parents,

St Oliver’s Business and Information Directory

Last week all families were sent a copy of the St Oliver’s Business and Information Directory. This directory is the second edition prepared by our Parent Association to promote the many local and family based businesses in our local community. Please take the time to look through this magnificent publication. On behalf of the school I encourage you to use the services of the many wonderful local businesses listed and let the business owners know that you found their ads in our directory.

Many thanks to our Parent Association sub-committee, Diana Capuana, Sebastian Giacchi, Georgie McElligott, Mark Pagotto, Michael Said and Teresa Scalogna, who have been so generous with their skills in organising this great resource for our school community.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Tomorrow, July 31, we will be holding a school closure day to enable the teachers to participate in a professional learning day. These days are an important aspect of school life as they allow teachers to keep abreast of current educational practices and issues.

Our focus on Monday will be to consolidate our understandings on how we can further personalise the curriculum. We will audit our current practices with regards to workshops, conferencing, student goal setting, and the tracking of student data – and how we use this data to drive learning and teaching.

We will also be looking at ‘google docs’ and ‘online blogs’ and how we can effectively use these tools to support student learning and teacher practise.

Regards,

Alan Sweeney
Principal

Click HERE for the 2012 Annual Report to the Community
EDUCATION IN FAITH

Thank you to the parents and children who attended the Prep Family Mass last Sunday. The children were wonderful at saying some of the prayers and leading the Liturgy in the final song. They were given prayer cards at the end of the Mass with some simple Mass responses. Any parents who were unable to attend but would like to become a part of the Children’s Liturgy Team, please let me know.

FIRST COMMUNION LUNCHEON
The First Communion Luncheon is on Monday 16 September after the school Mass. Any parents who can donate plastic spoons, paper plates, plastic cups or serviettes, please let me know.

Junior D will be attending the class Mass this Thursday. Parents are welcome to attend and sit with their child.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

GRADE SIX GRADUATION

On Thursday August 13 there will be a meeting in Senior S classroom at 3:40pm to discuss the grade six Graduation Book. The Graduation Book has always been a terrific success in past years and is a fabulous keepsake for our graduating grade six students. However… it doesn’t ‘just happen’ and we are asking for parents to volunteer to coordinate and assist with this project. Please come along to the meeting as many hands will make light work!! If you are interested in helping and unable to attend the meeting please contact your child’s classroom teacher and she will point you in the right direction.

Thankyou

The Senior Teachers

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Hi Parents as you know we are having our Jump off Day on Friday 16th August. All donations for this day need to be counted and sent off to the Heart Foundation.
I am looking for any parent volunteers that could help me count all this money at 2pm on Friday 16th August, in the staff room.
I can make beautiful cups of tea and we can have a chat whilst we count up the money. If you could spare some time could you please email me at johalloran@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

Thankyou

Jaki O’Halloran
SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will explore the meaning of the 5th commandment "Thou shall not kill" in relation to respecting God's creation of life. We will be discussing social justice issues both in our personal, local or global communities.

WRITING: In Writing, we will be discussing the structure of the following types of poetry - Ballad, Couplets and Triplets. Students will work independently towards their writing goals and may attend a workshop related to their goal.

READING: In Reading, we will continue our serial novel, "The One and Only Ivan". We will also be reading about influential people from the past in preparation for our school Production. Our independent reading routine and teacher focus groups continue this week.

MATHS: The focus this week is division. We will be discussing how to represent remainders as fractions and decimals. Students will share and write examples of appropriate and realistic worded problems. They will continue working on a grid of division activities to practise applying the processes they have learnt. Students will participate in focus groups based on their needs.

INQUIRY: Students will complete oral presentations of their Natural Disaster inquiry and will be assessed on the oral delivery of their information. We will begin discussing and rehearsing our item for the school production and students will brainstorm themes to research for their own personal inquiries.

Just a reminder...
- Senior H was unable to attend Dorothy Impey nursing home last week and will visit this Thursday morning. (Weather permitting)
- HOMEWORK is due on Thursday 8th August. Please monitor your child's homework completion to ensure it is finished and of a good standard.
- Please return your child’s profile book to their classroom teacher.
- HOOP TIME- We need parents helpers for the day to run smoothly (no experience required, working with children check is required). Please complete the permission slip and form for helpers and return to school as soon as possible.
- PARENT GRADUATION BOOK MEETING- Any parents who are willing to assist in the organisation of this year’s grade 6 Graduation book are welcome to attend a meeting on Tuesday 13th August in Senior S at 3.40pm.

Click HERE for a copy of the Senior’s homework tasks.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called 'The Church Lives the Word of the Lord'. We will look the class sets of Bibles and teach students how to look at different stories in the Bibles. We will give them time to explore the Bibles and look at the features.

WRITING: This week we are continuing to look at Writing to Instruct. We will look at writing a recipe. Students will look at the features of a recipe and we will make a slice together.

READING: We will be focussing on interesting responses in their Reading Journal. We will introduce a new activity which is a Double Entry Journal. Students can use this to respond to non-fiction texts by recording their thinking about the text.

SPELLING: We will look at the roots of words. We will look at words beginning with quad, tri, bi and dec.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is division. Students will be introduced to the concept of division. We will focus on writing word problems involving division.

INQUIRY: Students will be involved in choreographing and rehearsing their performance. We will continue to look at our theme as a class. Students will begin deciding on their individual research topics.

Click HERE for a copy of the Middles homework tasks.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: In Religion, we will continue our unit ‘Creator God’. The children will reflect on some of the special gifts and talents that make them unique. We will also consider the question ‘how can we look after the world?’ We will think about this question in relation to our school environment, our homes and ourselves.

READING: In Reading we will continue to focus on the various aspects of procedural texts in our shared reading. This will include the examination of game instructions, directions for making art and craft items, step by step instructions for household chores and leisure activities.

WRITING: We will continue to study the structure and features of procedural texts in Writing this week. The children will also continue to use classroom resources and individual experiences to generate ideas for their writing pieces.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ock (rock, stock) 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 continue our unit on time. The children will be involved in a variety of activities which will allow them to explore o’clock and ½ past times on both analogue and digital clocks.

Click HERE for a copy of the current Junior Homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The students will discuss the ways in which their parents and grandparents protect and guide them.

WRITING: The children will have begun using the Writer’s Notebook as a class. We have discussed ‘seeds’ and how we can use them to start our thinking.

READING: The students have been reading information texts and discussing what a fact is.

MATHS: We are beginning to count by 10’s and look at patterns using shape and colour.

INQUIRY: We will continue practising for the school concert.

*A Reminder that Thursday is Library day*
**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) a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, &

b) 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 this 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**

**OVERDUE SCHOOL FEES**

Just a reminder that Term 2 school fees were due 26 July. Please make payment at your earliest convenience.

School Fees Bank Account. 063 161 10029972

Please use your name or your reference number which is the number which appears on your account.

**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 – Alana D’Orazio  JD – Alexander Loveday  JL – Isabella Tenorio  JR – Benjamin Pascoe

**STUDENT AWARDS**


**CANTEEN**

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Please click [HERE](http://www.our-school.com/canteen) to see the current canteen price list/Menu. This is also located on the Webpage in ‘Our School’ – ‘Canteen’

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**St Oliver’s School Production…**

**GIANT STEPS TO CHANGE THE WORLD**

We are excited to announce this term’s performing arts concert will take on Thursday the 12th of September at 7pm at Ave Maria College Aberfeldie.

We are hoping to gather a list of willing and talented parents that can assist the production in any way. We may need help in the making of costumes and props and the operation of lighting equipment on the night. We are also looking for someone that has a connection to a real estate to help with the promotion and advertising.

If you or someone you know would like to offer any of your time or skills for the above we would be much appreciative. Please email me at nglann@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible as week 9 will fast approach us.

Thank you and stay posted for production updates.

Nadia Glann  
School Community Coordinator
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

PRELOVED UNIFORM PROGRAM
A donation basket is located in the school office foyer. All donations need to be clean and have no rips/tears. Items will be available for purchase at the end of the term otherwise contact Georgie to set up an appointment

ST OLIVER’S BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Last week the second edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory was sent home. We hope everyone finds this booklet to be a helpful resource and that we support the businesses that support us.

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
Our featured businesses are 101 Doggy Fashions, Airport West Swimming Academy and L’Amour Events Boutique. Please view their adverts on the school website or refer to the second edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory

COOKBOOK
More Recipes Needed!!
Time is running out to submit your favourite recipes!! Closing date for submissions - July 30th, 2013
3 easy ways to submit:
1. Email your recipe & photos to pa@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au
2. Hand in your recipe to your child’s classroom teacher
3. Hand in your recipe to the office
Please ensure that your name and contact details are on your recipe so that we can name you in the book. For further information please contact Franca James on 0413909964

Click HERE for a copy of the Cookbook information flyer

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.

ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE
Last week a book of raffle tickets were sent home. St Oliver’s receives $1 from every ticket sold and the rest of the money goes to the community based charity Pascoe Vale Rotary Club. All sold /unsold tickets and money need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 15th August. For more information or extra tickets please contact Michael Said on 0418994711.

FETE NEWS - “ST OLIVER’S SPECTACULAR FETE”. SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER
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

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.

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

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

Fete Stalls Last week the stall booking application was sent home. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
As you may be aware the St. Oliver School Fete will be held on Sunday 27th October. The fete will include a number of stalls selling a variety of goods. Stall hire is only $50 for the day and all takings made on the day are yours! To secure a stall, you need to complete the application form below with your $50 payment. As stall numbers are limited, first in first served. If you require further information or need assistance completing the form below, please contact Angelina Kalessoglou 0412 829 424 or Christine Marchionni 0416 211 756

STALL APPLICATION FORM

Name/s: ________________________________

Contact Details:___________________________________________________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________________________

What do you intend to sell? Please note: no high risk foods, cakes, lollies, preserves or show bags allowed.

___________________________________________________________

Payment Method:__________________________________________________________

(Please note we will not be supplying a trestle table or marquee. Trestle table must not exceed 2.6 metres)

Payment:
Please include your $50 payment with this application form. Payment may be cash, cheque made out to St. Oliver’s Parent Association or Direct Deposit (Please include your name with your deposit).

Account name: St Oliver Parent Association
BSB: 063161
ACC: 10029868
Please submit the application form and payment in an envelope to the school office A.S.A.P.

Remember first in first served. (Applications close 31st August)

Conditions of hiring a stall:
1. You cannot sell illegally copied items that infringe Copyright and Trade Mark Law.
2. Stalls must be set up and ready to operate by 11:15am and remain open until 4:30pm
3. It is the stall holder’s responsibility to take their own rubbish and unsold items with them, leaving stall spaces clean and tidy.
OSHC NEWS
Due to the brakeage/missing/stolen of I pods /I pads/I phones staff don’t allow children using of all these items at OSHC. We also follow school rule regarding this matter. Any parents have spare computers, DVD’s, CD’s could you please donate to OSHC. On 31st of July, tomorrow we won’t run the program.

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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