Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday we held a school closure day for the staff to consolidate their understandings of personalised learning with a focus on what this looks like in the writing block. Marita Richardson, our Learning and Teaching advisor from the Catholic Education Office facilitated the days professional learning for the staff.

The goals from our School Improvement Framework that we addressed are:

- That student engagement is improved.
- That students’ independence in learning is improved.
- That student performance in all areas is improved.

We began with sharing current practice and worked through our ‘where to from here’ questions. We explored effective teacher questioning and unpacked the elements of learning intentions and success criteria – what do we want the students to learn, and how do we know when they have achieved their goals.

In the afternoon we looked at how we can continue to effectively use data to track student progress. We explored google drive as a platform to share documents and how we can effectively use this tool in the school to enhance student learning.

Kind Regards,

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinato

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

Recently the staff at St. Olivers participated in professional development on “Godly Play” facilitated by Denise Amel. Story is a key part of our faith tradition and young children can learn and make meaning of the scriptures through story and symbols. Godly play is a style of reflective story telling, where concrete and visual materials are used to address the learning needs of young children as they are introduced to a variety of biblical stories. The children are then able to connect their faith and life experience through wondering, responding and praying the Word of God.

Junior C 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
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Students will be investigating the differences between our classrooms and those of the Philippines and the implications of this on our understanding of social justice.

WRITING: We will be exploring using a T-chart to show our opinion for and against a topic as a means to responding to a seed. We will be discussing the structure of the following types of poetry- Haiku, Free Verse and Sonnet. Students will continue working towards their writing goal and may attend goal meetings and writing workshops.

READING: We will continue our serial novel, ‘The One and Only Ivan’. Students will be writing responses to texts and completing activities during reading routine. We will read informational texts related to our school production item.

MATHS: Division is our focus for the week. We will be exploring how to use the scientific calculators to show remainders. Students will be introduced to long division and averages. Towards the end of the week students will complete an assessment to demonstrate their understanding of division.

INQUIRY: The classes will be rehearsing our item for the school production and students will choose an aspect to research for their passion projects.

Just a reminder...
• Senior M will be visiting Dorothy Impey on Thursday Morning. (Weather permitting)
• HOMEWORK is due this Thursday, 8th August.
• 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 GRADUTATION 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’. Students will be completing a cube, thinking of someone they know or have heard of who lives out the values of the gospels.

WRITING: This week we are continuing to look at Writing to Instruct. We will focus on what students do when they get their writing back and different strategies for editing their work. This will include reading it out loud to check where their sentences go.

READING: We will be focussing on interesting responses in their Reading Journal. We will introduce a new activity which is a Venn Diagram. Students can use this to respond to non-fiction texts by comparing two different texts they have read. This could also be used to compare two different books they have read or two different characters in a text.

SPELLING: We will look at adding -ing to words and some of the different rules that you need to apply.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is division. Students will investigate division further looking at remainders and the division bracket. We will also look at the strategies we can use to check our work including multiplication.

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.
What’s happening around the levels..

JUNIORS

RELIGION: In Religion, we will continue our unit ‘Creator God’. The children will be creating and sharing individual or partner posters displaying how we can care for the environment. We will complete this unit with a prayer session praising God for the wonders of His creation.

READING: In Reading we will continue to focus on the features of procedural texts in our shared reading. This will include looking at action verbs at the beginning of steps and different words that are used to describe what we need and what to do in order to complete these procedures. e.g. steps, method, materials.

WRITING: Through the use of Writer’s Notebook, we will be exploring how to use ‘seeds’ as a stimulus for writing ideas. We can use items such as photos, tickets or maps to generate ideas through concepts words, snapshot writing or reflect on these items with the writing model of I think… I feel… I wonder….. We will also explore expositional writing through oral examples e.g. oranges are better than apples because…..

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound uck (truck, luck) 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 begin our unit of subtraction by creating a class poster with language and concepts relating to subtraction. The children will use concrete materials to represent oral subtraction stories and solve the equation.

Click HERE for a copy of the current Junior Homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The students will be listening to the story of David and Goliath and responding to the texts in a variety of ways.

WRITING: the children will be continuing to use the whole class Writer’s Notebook to extend their thinking. The teacher will be modelling how ‘seeds can evoke different thinking.

READING: the students have been exposed to flow charts, in particular the life cycle of a butterfly.

MATHS: in Maths we are continuing to create patterns using shape and colour and identifying them in our world.

INQUIRY: we will continue practising for the school concert.

*A Reminder that the excursion to Collingwood Children’s farm is next Monday. *
**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 place 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

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**WELLBEING**

**Michael Grose- Parenting insight**

This week’s parenting insight looks at “Smacking” a very topical point of discussion at the moment.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the parenting sheet.

**GATEWAYS**

Anyone interested in programs for gifted and talented children please log on to [www.gateways.edu.au](http://www.gateways.edu.au).

**HANDS UP for August**

The weather may be a little cooler at the moment but it is fabulous to see many of our children and their families walking and riding to school.

Next **Wednesday the 14th of August** we will hold our monthly Hands up count to see which class has the greatest amount of active travelers.

Healthy bodies, healthy minds. Let’s see if we can get an increase in the number of active travelers next week.

Libby Sheedy

Wellbeing Leader
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
Emily Holub, John Lammardo, Jayda Dramis, Bobby Tran, Sachi Ferrante, Matthew Pagnin, Celeste Barravecchio, Jack Burch, Ruby Pratitto, Oscar Hubbard, Zara Howell, Tacita Siliato, Josh De Marco, Angelica Polimeni, Jake Bascetta, Alexia Peppas, Vijay Nuique, Hannah Cartwright, Lachlan Cometti, Jake Pitruzello, Mia Chiera, Georgia Dupuy, An Vu, Britney Cham, Charlotte Pagotto, Emelia D’Aquila, Cameron Bell, Deanna Noto

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL
The Moreland City Council currently have positions vacant for casual or permanent school crossing supervisors.
You must be available from the hours of 8.00am – 9.00am and/or 3.00 – 4.00pm. You will have experience with working with children or the general public and will be willing to obtain/have a current Working with Children Check and a current Victorian Police Check. A current Victorian driver’s licence is an advantage. You must also have good communications skills. This job is essential to ensuring children’s safety during the school crossings times of operation.
Applications are available on Moreland City Council’s website in the employment section www.moreland.vic.gov.au and enquiries should be directed to Denis McAvoy on 92402211.

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’
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. 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

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
Our featured businesses are Alfa Complete Services, AppBizz and Ausdart Picture Framing. Please view their adverts on the school website or refer to the second edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory

COOKBOOK
Thank you to all the families that have submitted recipes. The recipes are now being compiled and the children are working on the artwork in class. If anyone wants to get in a last minute recipe please do so by the end of this week.
3 easy ways to submit:
1. Email your recipe & photos to pa@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au
or
2. Hand in your recipe to your child’s classroom teacher
or
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
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

~ 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
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 Kallosoglou 0412 829 424 or Christine Marchionni 0416 211 756

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**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)*

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**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
Introducing Laura to the service:- Laura enjoys working with children, also her skills include soccer and outdoor activities.

Reminder:
Any donation to the service will be greatly appreciated.

Discussion last week on behaviour and safety was a big success. This leading to children engaged in conversation regarding future activities at the service.

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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