It is wonderful to return to school after a few weeks leave and experience the excitement as our classes continue to prepare for the school concert. Many thanks to Mary Kearney, Trish Segrave and Jaki O'Halloran for taking on the extra leadership duties over the last few weeks.

Please keep all of the children from Middle G and Middle S in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare of this Sunday’s first Eucharist celebration.

Many thanks to our School Development Team and to all of the staff who assisted in preparing and organising last Friday’s Fathers’ Day breakfast.

A special thanks also to Pascoe Vale Rotary Club for loaning us their BBQ and to Michael Said for organising this and delivering the BBQ to the school.

Special thanks also to the Arena family for donating the bread rolls.

The morning was a great success and we hope all of the dads who had the opportunity to attend enjoyed spending a little more time with their children at school.

As we are moving into the warmer months we will move our Wednesday morning Assemblies to 9.00 a.m.
(weather permitting of course).

Regards,

Alan Sweeney
Principal
FIRST COMMUNION
This is a reminder for the parents whose children will be receiving First Communion this Sunday. Individual photos will take place between 9:20am and 9:55am. The group photo for all children is at 10:00am.
If you are having an individual photo remember to bring the envelope for the photographer. The children also need to be wearing their stoles.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

LEARNING AND TEACHING

WRITING GRADES 3-6.
As you would be aware much of our professional learning recently has been focused on how we can further personalise student learning at St Olivers.

This term we have been refining our writing structures in our middle and senior classes. Students have been involved in the process of goal setting in writing for some time now. We have been working towards how to maximise each student’s time with conferencing one-to-one with their teacher about their writing, meeting their individual goals, and also attending workshops to address the goals the children have set.

In consultation with their teacher students set individual goals, using their writing as a stimulus. Teachers then plan workshops for students to attend that address the needs of the individual student. Workshops consist of a maximum of 12 students and run for approximately 35-40 minutes.

Students also attend Goal Setting Meetings (one-to-one teacher conference). At these meetings the student reflects on and discusses their goals with their teacher. If enough evidence has been provided to show the student has mastered that goal they will then, together with their teacher, formulate future goals and discuss appropriate workshops to attend.

Each writing session starts with a 15min whole class session. This session may address a particular genre structure, grammatical focus or style of writing.

Another element of the writing session is independent writing. If a child is not attending a workshop or goal setting meeting they are completing their personal writing tasks. Two teachers (or one teacher and one teacher aide) rove amongst the students, assisting them and encouraging them with their work, whilst maintaining an atmosphere that is conducive to independent writing time.

The following is a sample of writing by Christian Dupre. Last term our Inquiry focus was Earth and Space Sciences, and Christian has demonstrated his learning by recently completing this piece.

SPACE AND NIGHT

The night, the moon, as one, the design idyllic, swirls and twirls,  
Flowing smoothly around the sky.
Stars bursting, light travelling thousands of miles.
Earth full of magnificent life, chaotic
The sun giving life to all of our system.
Saturn and it’s rings spinning around like endless spirals.
Jupiter’s storms raging like wild animals,
Pluto the lonely planet, with no friends and cold every day.
A REMINDER TO EVERYONE THAT OUR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE IS NEXT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

ST OLIVER’S PERFORMANCE
“GIANT STEPS TO CHANGE THE WORLD”

ALL TICKETS FOR THE PERFORMANCE ARE NOW ON SALE

Please purchase your tickets ASAP AS TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST.

To purchase tickets click on the following link http://www.trybooking.com/DKDY and it will take you to the Try Booking Website where you follow the prompts to the “St Oliver’s Performance.”

Tickets are to be purchased on credit card and a 30c booking fee will be added to your overall ticket price.
You will need to provide an email address where the tickets will be sent to and then you need to print them off and bring them on the night. Seats will not be allocated to a ticket number so we will work on the premise “first in best dressed”.

There is no longer a limit on ticket purchases.

details are as follows:
Date: Thursday 12th September
Time: 6.15pm (children to arrive) for a 7pm start
Venue: Ave Maria College, 14-22 Vida St, Aberfeldie
Cost: $15 per ticket (plus 30c booking fee)
The children in the performance do not require a ticket.
If you are unable purchase your tickets via Try Booking you.

School Community Footy Tipping WINNERS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the families that participated in the 2013 School Community Footy Tipping! The season is now over and we have our winners!!

1st place - BirdHouse on a score of 147
Equal 2nd place - Kalessoglou family on a score of 145
- Breton family also on 145
The wooden spoon goes to the Cartwright family

We will present you with your prizes at Fridays assembly.
What’s happening around the levels...

**SENIORS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** This week we are making gifts for the students in the middle grades who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. We will continue researching education in developing countries.

**WRITING:** Our focus is recount writing and we will be looking at all the text types through which we can give an indirect recount of an event or persons life. Students will continue to work on independent writing pieces and may attend workshops related to their goal.

**READING:** Now that we have completed our serial novel, students will complete an assessment by using a SWOT to explain the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the main character. We will work on completing one together first. Students will also be involved in reading routine and guided reading groups.

**MATHS:** Students are engaged in the measurement project and are working with others across the level. They are redesigning the South Yard using their measurement skills and will attend workshops to consolidate these skills. Students are currently investigating where they can source materials from and the cost of the items they have chosen to include.

**INQUIRY:** Students will research for their passion projects in response to their wonderings related to each classes focus. We will also have a whole school run through of our production.

Senior H – Nelson Mandela, Senior S – Banjo Paterson, Senior C – Fred Hollows and Senior M – Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

*Just a reminder...*

- Remember if you wish to enter the ‘Write 4 Fun’ Short story and poetry competition you need to register at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) and entries close on the 13th of September.
- Please bring students costumes to school on ASAP so we can begin to organise what is needed for our items.(refer to note given out by classroom teacher)
- Homework due this Thursday 5th September.
- All classes are desperate for tissues with the hay fever season fast approaching. We would appreciate any donations.

Click [HERE](http://www.write4fun.net) for a copy of the Senior’s homework tasks.

**MIDDLES**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our unit is called ‘The Eucharist- Celebrating Jesus’ Presence’. We will be watching the movie ‘The Prince of Egypt’ to gain some knowledge about the history of the Passover.

**GOOD LUCK TO MS AND MG WHO WILL BE PRACTISING FOR THEIR COMMUNION ON SUNDAY**

**WRITING:** This week we are continuing to look at Writing to Describe. Students will be working on writing a brochure of their favourite place. They will continue to use descriptive words throughout their writing.

**READING:** We will read some non-fiction texts based around our theme for the school production and model some responses that move away from connections. Students will reflect on their reading responses and look more at how they can further non-fiction responses.

**MATHS:** Our focus for Maths is fractions. Students will continue to use their fractions wall to examine equivalent fractions, equal to, less than and more than. We will order fractions on a number line. We will begin looking at adding fractions.

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

*JUST A LITTLE REMINDER...*

Students seem to be running out of stationary supplies. It is very important that they all have grey lead pencils, a red pen, a ruler, a glue stick and a rubber. Could you please check with your child and replace any equipment that they need. We have also run out of tissue boxes in many of the rooms. If everyone could bring in one more box each it would be greatly appreciated!

Click [HERE](http://www.write4fun.net) for a copy of the Middle’s homework tasks.
JUNIORS

RELIGION: This week we will continue our unit *Celebrating With The People Of God.* The children will be thinking about celebrations and where, when, how and why we gather to celebrate. They will also identify and share things they are grateful for.

READING: In Reading, we will continue to engage the children in shared reading practices with a focus on the use of proper nouns, such as names, places and days of the week and investigate the use of past tense, especially with words ending in ‘ed’.

WRITING: This week in Writing, we will continue to use the mystery box, class seed box, story starter cards and writer’s notebook to help generate ideas for individual pieces of writing. We will also continue to revise the expository writing genre and how to compose simple arguments to support an opinion.

SPELLING: We will be focusing on building a class list of plural words, concentration on when we change the ‘y’ to ‘ies’ (lolly – lollies, tally – tallies).

MATHS: During Maths this week, we are continuing our unit of work on subtraction. The children will continue to revise strategies (counting back, estimating, using bundles to break apart numbers) and use different resources (number ladders, charts, calculators, counters) to accurately solve subtraction equations.

The Juniors would like to thank all of our families who have put a lot of time and thought into the children’s costumes. It is very much appreciated!

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of the current Junior Homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The children will be listening to the story of Abraham and Sarah and responding to it using a variety of materials.

WRITING: We are discussing the importance of ‘clues’ when writing a Who am I?

READING: This week we reading information’s texts about insects and recalling facts to help us with our Who am I’s?

MATHS: In Maths we are introducing the children to Capacity. We are learning the difference between full and empty.

INQUIRY: We are learning about the people who invented computers and telephones and continuing to practise for the school concert.

*A Reminder that this Friday 6th September is M100W*
The ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations

As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer. Presentations are provided to schools free of charge.

**Trainer Information**

Greg Gebhart
Greg Gebhart is the ACMA’s Senior Cybersmart Trainer and one of Australia’s leading Cybersafety experts. Greg is recognised across Australia and internationally for his knowledge and passion for cybersafety in education. Greg has won many awards that recognise his contribution to technology and education in Australia, including ‘Australian ICT Innovator of the Year’ and ‘Outstanding Achievement by an Educator’ at the National Quality Schooling Awards.

**Comments on the ACMA’s Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness Presentations**

“The presentation helped to highlight how easily children can find themselves in situations that they are not prepared to deal with. It informed parents that the internet can be a safe and educating tool when appropriate safety measures are in place.”

“The information provided was practical and useful and provided ways that students could easily begin to protect themselves.”

“It was one of the most powerful presentations I have seen in 20 years.”

“The presentation opened my eyes to what is really going on online, particularly as I am not a frequent user of the internet.”

**Parents Session:**
Thursday September 19th, 7:00pm
Please return your slip advising if you are attending and numbers of adults to reserve a place.

Sue Leighton
ICT Coordinator
Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
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 – Giulia Giacchi  JD- Xavier Calli  JL – Jack Cook  JR – Tacita Siliato

STUDENT AWARDS
Daniel Augello, Julia Bongiovanni, Lola Ferrante, Thomas Whitchurch, Dean Ciccarone, Rebecca Asta, Maeve Keogh, Phillip Pannunzio, Nicholas McColl, Ruby Blaney, Ben Pascoe, Angelina Mantarakis, Danielle Ferraiolo, William Banks, Alanah Russo, Rueben Schiavello, Rebecca Moussa, Mia Chiera, Filomena Spataro, Loredana Bufalino, Emily Asta, Anastasia Melissas, David Graser, Emma Monaco, Jordan Riggio, Christian Dupre

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 23 September – Friday 4 October 2013. There are 4 venues 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at sschoolholidayprogram@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 Friday 30 August 2013.

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

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 Cocktails and Canvas, Commonwealth Bank and DaLook Hair and Beauty. Please view their adverts on the school website or refer to the second edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to Lina Pitruzello for organizing the Father’s Day Stall and thank you to all the volunteer mums that helped out on the day

ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE ……DUE BACK NOW……
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 needed to be returned to the school office by Thursday 15th August. For more information or extra tickets please contact Michael Said on 0418994711

ST OLIVER’S SPECTACULAR FETE
It is with great pleasure we announce our major sponsors
Kip McGrath Educational Services
Centorrino Technologies Your IT Specialists.
Jetts Fitness
Learning with Technologies

Click HERE to find out how to be a sponsor and advertise at our ‘Spectacular’ school fete or email pa@sopascoevale.catholic.edu.au

We are now on Facebook..“St Oliver’s Spectacular Fete” Like us and keep updated with all the day’s plans and early bird ticket deals

FETE STALLS
Last week the stall booking application was sent home. Please see the attached flyer

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
Our fete won’t work if we don’t have the volunteers to help. A roster system will be completed with time slots of 11am-1pm, 1-3pm and 3-5pm. Things we may need help with include selling goods/show bags/ lollies etc at our stalls, monitoring rides or serving food.

Please fill out this slip below and hand into the school office by the end of the month.

Name & Contact Number:__________________________________________

Child’s Name & Class:__________________________________________

Circle the appropriate time:
11am to 1pm 1pm to 3pm 3pm to 5pm Any 2 hour slot
St Oliver’s School Fete - Stall 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 Kallessoglou 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.
Winners of the Under 12 Grand Final 2012/13 season
The Pascoe Vale Cricket Club would like to invite all junior cricket lovers to its Junior Registration day on Saturday 7th September 2013 at Raeburn Reserve Clubrooms from 10am to 1pm.

- U10’s cricket is played Friday evenings from 5.00pm till 7.30pm
- U12’s, U14’s & U16’s play Sat mornings from 8.30am to 11.45am.
- Milo In2Cricket Registration ages 5+ will be at a later date to be confirmed, please watch this space.

Note: NO cricket is played in the school holidays over the Christmas period.

Like us on facebook for regular updates or for more information contact Club President Jeff Wood on 0419762548 or email pvcc@hotmail.com.au