Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that tomorrow we will be holding our last Assembly for the year commencing at 9.00am in the morning.

Tomorrow the children will be advised of their 2014 class and we will also welcome the new families to our Junior and Middle classes.

A note was sent home on the 8th November explaining to all families the school's regrouping process. The teachers have spent a great deal of time balancing all of the factors that need to be considered in placing over 350 children into our fourteen grades.

It has been explained to the children that genuine attempts would be made to place them with at one of their ‘circle of friends’ that they had chosen.

Efforts have been made to accommodate specific regrouping requests however the academic, emotional, social and pastoral concerns for individual children have at times taken higher priority. No further change to lists will be considered.

We thank all of the families who are leaving our community for their involvement at St Oliver's and we wish all of your children every future happiness and success.
LEARNING AND TEACHING

I would like to acknowledge all of the fabulous learning and teaching that has occurred over this year in all levels. Our My Schools data, together with the report presented by our external reviewer, continues to reflect the good work and exemplary practices we have in place at St Oliver’s. We have seen some fabulous initiatives become embedded in our practices, with further extension of our student goal setting and collaborative learning practices in our writing routines across the school. I’d like to thank all of the students and the teachers for the work they have contributed towards further personalising our learning and teaching at St Oliver’s. We have continued to learn together and explore various models of student centred curriculum that suit our student body and compliment our structures. We will continue to take a considered and measured approach to the introduction of innovations that ensure genuine improvement for all students.

A personalised approach to learning and teaching is not only about knocking out walls and having large open spaces, it’s about the dedication and time that goes into tracking student learning and developing learning and teaching plans that extend and engage each child individually – and this is the journey on which we continue. Well done to one and all!!

I would also like to wish each and every family in our school community the very best of wishes for Christmas the New Year. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What a fantastic year we have had at St Olivers. 2013 has been filled with learning, growing, interacting and achieving.

We are so lucky to have the staff, students and parents who contribute to the life and Wellbeing of all who walk through our gates. The enthusiasm of the children in our care, the enormous commitment of our staff and the continued support of our parents is what makes St Olivers the great school that it is. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a very relaxing, safe and happy Christmas.

I look forward to working with you all in 2014.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator
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SCHOOL BANKING AT ST OLIVER PLUNKETT SCHOOL The Dollarmites Character Moneyboxes will not be available in 2014. If you would like to redeem your tokens for a moneybox please do so prior to the end of the year. Please note that due to this change you can order more than one moneybox this year if you have the required tokens. St Olivers 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 must be clean and have no rips. The second hand uniforms will be available for purchase this Wednesday morning at the “Thank You Breakfast”

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
Our featured businesses are Laramy Collection, Lily’s Dance Studio and Lidesigns. Please view their adverts on the school website or refer to the 2nd edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory

ST OLIVER FAMILY FAVOURITE COOKBOOK
We still have a few copies of the cookbook after the fete. If you would like to order please fill in the order form and return to the school office or for further information please contact: Franca James 0413 909 964

THANK YOU WEDNESDAY
Last Wednesday we had our “Thank You Wednesday”, starting off with a croissant and coffee breakfast for all our families. We would like to thank Coffee Machine Technologies for their fabulous machine, Hard Hats Café for the coffee & cups and O’Heas Bakery for their delicious croissants. The children also received a free zooper dooper at lunch time…..we would like to thank the parents that came in to hand out these to the children.

Our “thank you” doesn’t end there……….we have hampers to give away this Wednesday at our last assembly. These hampers have been put together by the parent association and value around $45 each. Santa will be on hand to select a winner from each class and he will also give the teachers a bag of lollypops to give to the kids at the end of the day.

As this is the last newsletter for 2013 we would like to wish you all a happy and safe festive season and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2014

Thank you
Parent Association