Dear Parents,

I would like to thank each and every person who dedicated their time and energy to ensure this year’s fete was such a great success. It was fantastic to see so many extended families, past students, parish members and other members of our community coming together. All of the funds raised on Sunday will be used across the school to improve the resources used by your children. Equally we should all feel proud of the wonderful sense of community that was shared on Sunday.

The day was so successful because of the amazing planning that has happened ‘behind the scenes’ across this entire year.

Thank you to our Parent Association President, Georgie McElligott for her incredible dedication and her amazing organisational skills.

Many thanks to Diana Capuana and Michael Said who have given so generously of their skills and expertise.

MANY THANKS to every member of our Parent Association Committee who together with so many other parents volunteered so much of their energy and their time to ensure that the day was enjoyable for all who attended.

MANY THANKS to our wonderful sponsors and parents who supported the fete with their generous donations.

MANY THANKS to our wonderful staff who assisted and helped with so many of our stalls and events and all who assisted on the sausage sizzle (sorry if you had to wait in a queue) we were trying our best! Thankyou to the wonderful staff who acted as ‘runners and assistants’ when needed across the day.

MANY THANKS to our students and clubs who entertained us.

MANY THANKS to the Pascoe Vale Sports Club for the generosity in sharing furniture and equipment.

MANY THANKS to all of the families and community who attended and made the day so successful.

The Parent Association will also be providing a follow up note listing the names of the many people who assisted on the day.

Regards

Alan Sweeney
Principal

Click HERE for the 2012 Annual Report to the Community
Several days ago one of our school’s dear neighbours collapsed in her yard and she was assisted by one of our parents Kim Ryder, her son Jett and several of our senior children Sienna, Anastasia and Will until an ambulance arrived. This morning I was also advised by Silvana Scollo our School Crossing Officer on Gaffney Street, that an elderly lady needed assistance on Gaffney Street and she was given great support by an unidentified St Oliver parent and her child.

I’m pleased to share two wonderful acts of Christianity and community that have been brought to my attention. Thank you the children and parents involved.

Alan S

Thank you to all the parents and children who so generously supported the Change Makers Challenge. I am happy to announce that we raised the fantastic amount of $2,435 to improve the quality of education for some children in the Philippines.

Friday 1 November is All Saints Day. Mass will be held in the parish at 10:00.
Saturday 2 November is All Souls day.

Sunday 10 November at 10:30 is the Family Mass for the Middle students. The children will be leading the liturgy and the singing at this Mass.

The Graduation Mass for the grade six students is 16 December at 7:00.

Trish Segrave
Religious Education Coordinator

On the 18th of October, the Middle students went on an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. We had to walk all the way to Melville Road, to get on a tram to get there! When we got to the zoo we had a bit of a snack. We went off in our groups to see all the animals. My group went to the reptiles’ room that had snakes, turtles, crocodiles and many more. My favourite animals out of the whole zoo were the orangutans. We all got a turn going to a lesson about Life Cycles. During the lesson we found out about some lifecycles and the most exciting part we got to pat a real snake and a frog. By the end of the day we were all so tired from all the walking but we still had a great day!!

By Renee Rowland (MG)
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: To conclude our ‘Mission Possible’ topic classes will discuss how people become marginalised in our school, classroom, local community and ways in which we respond to them. In groups students will examine one of the guiding principles of Catholic Social Teaching and summarise what it means.

WRITING: Throughout the week in writing each class will revise the steps of the writing process – writing a seed, planning, drafting, editing and publishing. We will discuss the purpose and importance of each of these stages to our writing.

READING: This week we will introduce our new serial novel ‘Get a Grip Cooper Jones’. We will begin by making predictions about the story and discuss the qualities and feeling of the main character. Later in the week the students will continue to read the e-books on the human body systems. We will continue with our independent reading routine and guided reading groups.

MATHS: This is our final week for our fractions, decimal and percentages unit and for students to work independently on their activity grid. In teaching groups we will continue to focus on finding a percentage of an amount, e.g. 20% of 80, finding the fraction of an amount and ratios.

INQUIRY: This week we will begin a glossary of terms for parts of the human body. The students will write and draw to answer the following questions -: What do you know about how bodies change over time? What do you know about the reproductive system?

Just a reminder...

• Homework is due on Thursday 31st of October.
• The resources for our ‘Growing Up’ unit will be available for parents to look at on Thursday afternoon from 3.30 – 4.30 and again from 5.30 – 6.30 in Senior C Classroom.

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

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called ‘Making Choices’. In this unit we will review everything we have learnt about making good choices and devise an action plan about making good choices.

WRITING: This week we will look at all the different ways we can publish our Writing. We will look at PowerPoint in more detail and will explore how we can use it as a publishing tool. We will also look at the importance of the information we put on PowerPoint including spelling, punctuation, subheadings etc.

READING: We will continue on with our new book ‘Judy Moody Saves the World’. We will also look at responding to non-fiction texts by using an SQ3R (scan, question, read, review and record). We will continue filling in the SQ3R sheet from last week and the importance of putting information into our own words.

SPELLING: This week we will look at double letter words. We will focus on double l, f and s words.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is chance. Students will brainstorm what they know about Chance. They will then look at chance experiments, making predictions, testing the predictions and working out the accuracy of their predictions. They will also play various chance games.

INQUIRY: This week Mrs Maguire’s daughter in law is bringing in her three children. We will add to our understandings of the life-cycle of a human being and the changes that occur at the different stages of life.

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

RELIGION: As we continue with our unit ‘Stories of God’s People’, we will explore the fact that the New Testament has four versions of stories about Jesus written by four different people named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

READING: In Reading, we will engage the children in a variety of shared reading practices with a focus on identifying the features of narratives - orientation, complication and resolution – and also the adjectives and verbs used that enhance the text for the reader.

WRITING: This week in Writing, we will continue to explore the features of narratives and the children will continue to work towards achieving their individual writing goals while engaged in their own writing tasks.

SPELLING: We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound ain (rain, brain) 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 to explore division by making equal groups using concrete materials and we will identify the use of other words for equal e.g. fair, even, the same. We will also use picture prompts as a stimulus for creating number stories to illustrate division problems.

INQUIRY: In our Inquiry unit ‘Food for Life’ we will investigate the food requirements of adults and transfer this information onto our data charts and class timelines.

SPECIAL EVENT: This week it is JL and JR’s turn to be involved in a visit from Pascoe Vale Veterinary Clinic. We look forward to learning how to care for our pets.

Click HERE for a copy of the current Junior Homework

PREPS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: the children will compare the story of the Last Supper to the Eucharist at Mass.

WRITING: We are introducing the children to ‘sentence starters’. This is another writing prompt to encourage the children’s thinking.

READING: the children will be revising rhyming words, in particular 3 letter words. We will also be looking at the ends of words, focusing on –ed and –ing.

MATHS: In Maths will be beginning to look at place value in particular splitting numbers into tens and ones. We will also be practising counting by 2’s.

INQUIRY: We will be identifying foods we need to eat to have a balanced diet and the different food groups.

* If you haven't sent in your slip about being fit for a day please return to school by this FRIDAY *
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 – Luca Scalogna JD – Isaac Marchionni JL – Savio Sada JR – Sienna Romeo

STUDENT AWARDS
Nicola Gravina, Rithika Subin, Chiara Rizza, Gianluca Sozzi, Jack Cook, Charli Tortul, Isabella Tenorio, Paris Tortul, Jack Capuana, Jaida Schipano, Lauren Boato, Lara Bascetta, Luca Sebastian, Grazia Galanti, Jack O’Sullivan, Claudia Pironi, Antonia Spatharo, Maximus Ong, Olivia Messina, Giovanni Piperno, Jacqueline Skouris, Boris Sepulveda Alessi, Ruby Roberts, Jamison Schiavello, Madeleine Checkets, Aidan McElligott, Chiara Guarino, Cristiano Ciccone, James Incani, Joshua Mirenda, and Laura De Filippis.

SPEED STACKING CUPS
At the fete many of you purchased speed stacking cups, which are now on back order. They are due to arrive at the office by next week. If you have purchased these as gifts and do not want them to come home with your children could you please call the office and we will hold them for you, to come in and collect.

Jaki O’Halloran

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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 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 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 must be clean and have no rips.

BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK
Our featured businesses are Genobile Brothers, Good Year Autocare and Hadfield Dental Group. 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

ST OLIVER’S SPECTACULAR FETE
What a day!!!! There are so many that need to be thanked and with that in mind a more detailed thank you newsletter will be sent home by itself later in the week.

SUBWAY LUNCH
Our next scheduled subway lunch day is Wednesday 4th December

Thank you
Parent Association
OSHC NEWS

School fete is a wonderful event to participate as a community. Due to the Sun Smart Policy parents ensure children wear their hats for term and term 1.

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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