Dear Parents,

Prep Orientation 2014
This Thursday we welcome our 2014 prep children and their mums and dads to our Prep Orientation morning.

Planning for 2014
We ask that you notify the school as soon as possible if your child/children are not returning to our school community next year.

We also ask that if there have been any changes to your personal contact details please pass these on to your children’s teachers or to Katherine or Bernie in the school office.

Birthday celebrations
One of the great celebrations for all of your children is the celebration of their individual birthdays. Many mums and dads are generous in sending lolly bags, cake or small gift bags to school on their children’s special day to share with classmates, other friends (and their teachers). If you chose to send lollies (we ask that you do not include chupa chups or lollies on a stick) only send small bags to school. Unfortunately many of our children and dare I say staff will tend to demolish a full bag of lollies without thinking about the consequences!

Please note lolly bags will only be given out by teachers to children at the end of the school day.

Regards
Alan Sweeney
Principal

Click HERE for the 2012 Annual Report to the Community
Thursday 21 November JL will be attending the **10:00 Mass**. Please come and join the children in prayer.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE**

*Pope calls for views of Melbourne Catholics on the family*

Pope Francis has invited parishoners from every diocese in the world, including the Archdiocese of Melbourne, to participate in a worldwide Catholic questionnaire on many challenges facing the family today. It covers: faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life.

**To participate:** visit [www.cam.org.au/synod](http://www.cam.org.au/synod)

**Due date:** Friday 6 December

**More info:** The life, Marriage and Family Office on 9286 5576

Trish Segrave  
Religious Education Coordinator

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**WELLBEING**

**MICHAEL GROSE - PARENTING INSIGHT**

Please click **HERE** to access the parenting sheet.  
This week’s insight looks at ‘The good and the bad of digital technology for kids’.

**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 DAY FOR NOVEMBER**

With weather like today we should all be thinking about walking /riding to school. Look out for our Active Travel Monitors on the gates each morning and start getting your passports clicked. Next Wednesday 27th November we will hold our Hands Up day. We look forward to many families getting organised early and walking or riding to school.

Libby Sheedy  
Wellbeing Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels.

SENIORS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: In our topic ‘Waiting for the Messiah’, the students will respond to a list of sentence starters to show their knowledge of Advent, Christmas and the importance of Jesus to Christmas. The students will explore the meaning of the word Messiah. Each week the students will be encouraged to share their opinions about a chosen ‘moral dilemma’.

WRITING: This week’s writing introductions we will read, view and discuss different written and visual texts designed to entertain, including folk tales, fairy tales and fables. The students will highlight how authors make their writing interesting and engaging. Throughout the week the students will be working on their independent writing and participating in goal meetings and writing workshops.

READING: We will continue to read and discuss the serial novel ‘Get a Grip Cooper Jones’. As we read we will discuss Cooper’s mother’s reaction to him growing up and make connections to the text by discussing Abeba’s embarrassing moment and our own experiences of embarrassing situations. Each day we will continue with our independent reading routine and guided reading groups.

MATHS: We will continue to learn about ‘Statistics and probability’ (chance and data). The focus for the week is on different types of graphs. The students will draw graphs and write statements and generalisations about the information presented in various graphs and data displays.

INQUIRY: In our unit this week we will label male and female organs and discuss emotional and physical changes for both males and females during puberty. We will also discuss the menstrual cycle in detail. We will view relevant sections of the DVD from the Wonder of Living Series.

Click HERE for a copy of the grade 5 homework tasks.

Click HERE for a copy of the grade 6 homework tasks.

Click HERE for the letter regarding changes to the homework structure.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This week we begin a new unit ‘Advent, Waiting for the Prince of Peace’. We will discuss what the word PEACE means and students will create an acrostic poem. We will then look at traditions and customs and what those words mean.

WRITING: This week we will continue looking at writing to explain. We will begin to look at some different examples of explanations and students will be encouraged to begin planning and working on their own explanation.

READING: We will continue on with our new book ‘Judy Moody Saves the World’. We will look at the Sketch to Stretch response for their Reading Journals. This is looking at the beginning, middle and end of the story or text.

SPELLING: This week we will look at different mnemonics that help us remember how to spell words like because, difficulty.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is capacity and mass this week. Students will look at the different types of measurement and what instruments we use when we measure. We will also look at millilitres and litres and grams and milligrams.

INQUIRY: Our unit for this term is ‘Survivor’. This week students will continue and present their investigation into a particular life cycle of a human, a type of plant or a type of animal. We will then move on to the action part of the unit where students decide what action they want to take related to some of the things we have learnt.

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

**RELIGION:** This week we will commence our unit ‘Called to Trust’, by having the students identify times when they have reached out and trusted someone. We will also explore what the children know about Mary. They will draw their favourite image of Mary and make comparisons to other images found in other resources.

**READING:** In Reading this week, we will continue to engage the children in a variety of shared reading practices, focusing on substituting words with ones with similar meaning, look for words with opposite meanings and identify rhyming pairs. We will also have compare and contrast the features of texts of the same genre.

**WRITING:** In Writing, we will continue to explore the features of different types of narratives. e.g. fables, fairytales etc. The children will continue to be encouraged to edit and conference their work, set writing goals and explore a range of genres in writing sessions.

**SPELLING:** We will be continuing to look at onset and rime patterns by building a class word list with the sound *eat* (*meat, wheat*) and involving the children in a variety of activities to help reinforce the spelling and meaning of the words generated by the class.

**MATHS:** In Maths, we will continue the topic of fractions. Our focus will be on recognising and representing collections of objects and finding the fractions of these collections in halves, quarters and eighths.

**INQUIRY:** This week, in our Inquiry unit ‘Food for Life,’ we will utilise the healthy food pyramid to make links with the children’s stage of development and to plan four different healthy recipe options we can buy ingredients for, prepare and share as a level in the coming week.

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

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**PREPS**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We have begun our new unit ‘God is with us’. We will be discussing times that we have had to wait for events to happen and how they felt.

**WRITING:** We are continuing with the ‘Seed Box’ and ‘Mystery Box’ this week and sharing our thinking. We will focusing on writing lists to get us ready to make our healthy snack.

**READING:** We will be revising the letters ‘b’ and ‘d’ through Big Books and identifying words around the classroom. We will also be revising how to stretch out words using the Jolly Phonics.

**MATHS:** In Maths will be beginning to count by 5’s and identifying the pattern. We will also be looking at numbers that make 10. What 2 numbers add together to make?

**INQUIRY:** We will be looking at our Food Diary as a class and discussing what food groups children need to eat more of and less of. The children will then look at cookbooks and find a healthy snack that they can cook in a small group.
GENERAL NEWS

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
A reminder that all children as part of the school summer uniform children are required to wear their SCHOOL broad brimmed HAT during recess and lunch times, as well as during physical education/sport lessons, during terms one and four. NO HAT, NO PLAY!

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
Charlie Pratrico, Jordena Harris, Christian D’Aprano, Sienna Fragapane, Matthew Ferraina, Max Carr, Tianna Romeo, Anthony Guarina, Lara Unger, Georige Denes, James Astuto, Jonathan Fazzari, Maddison Jokic, Taliann Pitruzzello, Damon Iapozzutto, Jake Pitruzzello, Charlotte James, Daniel Barker, Saxon Hubbard, Stefania Gugielmi, Charlotte Pagotto, Anthony Polidori, Maggie Styles, Jacob Marchionni, Jayna Parekh

MORELAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
The Holiday Program will operate from Monday 6 January – Friday 24 January 2013. There are 4 venues 8am to 6pm available. For further information contact 9240 2427 or visit the web site at schoolholidayprogram@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 22 November 2013.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
We have had a report of child in our school diagnosed with hand, foot & mouth disease. Hand, foot and mouth disease requires EXCLUSION from school until the blisters have crusted over. The incubation for this disease is between 7-10 days.

Further information contact Your local doctor; Better Health Channel www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au or Victorian Department of Human Services Telephone: 1300 651 160

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Please note: Monday 9 December, Canteen closed for lunch orders, open at lunchtime for window sales only

Thursday 12 December Special lunch day for Preps & Juniors only..... details soon
Friday 13 December Special lunch day for Middles & Seniors only....details soon
Friday 13 December is the last day for canteen 2013

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  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 Indulgence Designs and Insulation & Skylight Services. 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

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

MATTEL TOY SALE TICKETS
Mattel have invited St Oliver’s families to their once a year distribution center toy sale on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 4pm to 8pm. Tickets cost $10. Please see the attached flier for more information or contact Naomi Banks on 0409 930 833.

Thank you
Parent Association
Mattel has invited St Oliver’s families to their once a year Distribution Centre Sale. There are the latest toys available at great prices. Toys that Mattel carry are Barbie, Hot Wheels, Avatar, Matchbox, Justice League, Diva Starz, Pixel Chix, Fisher Price and many more. It’s the best way to get organized for Christmas or even buy a few birthday presents. 

Christmas is less than 9 weeks away!!!!!!

WHEN: Tuesday 3rd December 2013
WHERE: Distribution Centre
70 Park West Dr
Derrimut
TIME: 4pm-8pm
TICKET PRICE: $10
NOTE: no children or infants permitted

GET IN QUICK ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE
Fill in the slip below and return to the school office by Wednesday 27th November
For more information contact Naomi Banks 0409 930 833

Mattel Toy Sale Order Form

Childs Name________________________Childs Class____________________
Contact Phone Number________________________
Tickets Required____________x$10 Amount Enclosed$____________
St Oliver’s Parent Association

2013 Family Favourites Cookbook

With Xmas only 7 weeks away, these Cookbooks would make great gifts

Our Family Favourites Cookbook is a collection of delicious recipes generously contributed by the families of St Oliver Plunkett.

Illustrated by our students, with almost 100 recipes it is sure to become a much-loved book.

Cookbooks ONLY
$15 each or 2 for $25

Please fill out the form below and return with money to your child’s classroom teacher or to school office.

Cookbook available NOW!!

Please help support this fundraiser!!

Any questions? Contact Franca on 0413 909 964.

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Order Form
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All money to be handed with form

# Thank you for your support #
TONTINE HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED A PACKAGE TO THE VALUE OF $400 TO THE SCHOOL TO BE USED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS A FOLLOW-UP FOR OUR TERM 2 FUNDRAISER FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL. IN RETURN WE ARE PROMOTING THE FOLLOWING SALE.

TRISH SEGRAVE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

OSHC NEWS
Due to the Sun Smart Policy parents should ensure children wear their hats for Terms 1& 4. Also Parents need to update their children’s enrolment form.

Thank you.
Gowri.