Dear Parents and Children,

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our WOW week celebration last Thursday evening. Thank you to Libby Sheedy, our Wellbeing Coordinator, for organising the celebrations that included the Shenanigan bush band, our community ‘fish and chip’ get together and the school based activities.

Schools are always busy places at drop off and pick up times. Last week we had a near miss when a parent and children crossing at the corner of Landells and Gaffney Street were nearly hit by a four wheel drive turning into Gaffney Street. No one would want to be responsible for injuring a child or their parent so when approaching or leaving the school PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

A reminder that the two minute parking at the front of the school is not a long term parking area. The strip outside the school in Landells Road is designed to allow drop off and pick up of the children close to the school gate in a safe and efficient manner. The arrangements for this area work in a most efficient manner if all parents obey the parking instructions!

BACKGROUND INTERVIEWS
All families will receive a note on Wednesday regarding the Background Interviews for the parents of the children in Years 1-6 that are being held across the school next Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th February. These interviews are an important opportunity to meet with your child’s class teachers in order to;

- establish communication
- outline any relevant information to the teacher regarding your child
- be informed of classroom routines and expectations
- share any concerns about the beginning of the year

Click HERE to view the Wednesday assembly roster for term 1.
Click HERE to view the Class Mass roster for term 1. Masses are on THURSDAY at 10.00am.
We are holding our first Parent Association meeting for the year in the Staff room at 7.30 Wednesday 12th February. All parents are welcome to attend. Our Association continues in the dual roles of fund raising for our school and organising social events for parents, students and teachers.

Please find attached a copy of our full 2014 staffing for the school year.

**ST OLIVER’S STAFF 2014**

Prep H  Shelley Hackett  
Prep F  Giulia Ferella  
JC  Caryn Inglis  
JL  Kathy Lalor /Kathy Zakic (Th)  
JD  Anne DeCata  
JR  Clare Rayner/Shan Marshall (F)  
MG  Nadia Glann  
MJ  Veronica Jack  
MM  Marie Maguire /Liz Finlayson (Th)  
MS  Helen Sims  
SC  Lisa Cadman  
SG  Cecilia Garden  
SM  Robert McKenzie  
SS  Sue Carey /Jaki O’Halloran (F)  

**ART**  Shan Marshall (P-6)  
**I.T.**  Sue Leighton (P-6)  
**P.E.**  Jaki O’Halloran (3-6)  

**MUSIC**  Libby Sheedy (P-2)  
**L.O.T.E.**  Julie-Ann Dimasi (Prep-2)  

**CURRICULUM SUPPORT**

English Advisor/Support Co/Reading Recovery  Barbara Olanda  
English  Trish Segrave  
Mathematics  Jaki O’Halloran  
Creative Thinking  Sue Leighton  
Classroom Support  Liz Finlayson .4  

Library  Kerrie Weller  
Administration  Sylvia Van Meel  
Teacher Aides  Katherine Darmanin  
Teacher Aides  Bernie Ryan  

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Teacher Aides  Sylvia Van Meel  
Teacher Aides  Tash Zampogna  

Maintenance  Denis Rohan  

**POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP**

Deputy Principal/Teaching and Learning/English  Mary Kearney  
Wellbeing (Leadership and Special Needs)  Libby Sheedy  
Religious Education  Trish Segrave  
Information Technology  Sue Leighton  
Mathematics  Jaki O’Halloran  
Sport  Giulia Ferella
Welcome Back to a New School Year…

I’d like to welcome back all of our families and I trust that everyone had a restful break. I’d especially like to welcome our new prep families to the school; by all accounts our new ‘preppies’ have settled beautifully into school life, as have all of the children across all grades.

Parent Helpers / Working with Children Checks

In last week’s newsletter Barbara Olanda outlined some key dates for our Parent Helper workshops. Being a Parent Helper is not only fabulous support for your child’s classroom teacher but also a great way to be involved in the school.

With this in mind I would like to remind parents of the requirements regarding Working With Children Checks (WWC) at St Oliver’s. *As you would be aware all Victorian schools and child care centers require* that people who work or volunteer in their organisation apply for, and pass, a WWC Check. This means that in Catholic Schools **ALL** volunteers who work in the school are required to have a WWC card. This includes:

- Parents / helpers who volunteer to work in the classroom
- Parents / helpers who volunteer for excursions
- Parents / helpers who volunteer to work in the canteen

Application forms for a WWC can be obtained from a post office. When completing an application it is important that you mark that you are applying as a volunteer – volunteers do not have to pay for a WWC so it is important that this section of the form is filled in correctly.

If you are a registered teacher you do not need to apply for a WWC check, however, we do require that you supply the school with a photocopy of your current Victorian Institute of Teaching registration card.

We maintain a list of all parents who currently hold a WWC card and classroom teachers access this list in order to organise parents to assist on excursions and incursions. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding this process.

Curriculum Overviews

This week your child will be bringing home a curriculum overview that provides details about what is being covered in their class and in specialist classes this term. Please take the time to read over this document as it, along with ‘What’s Happening Around the Levels”, are means for us to maintain strong school / home links.

Mary Kearney
Deputy Principal / Learning and Teaching Coordinator
What’s happening around the levels...

SENIORS

Tomorrow the Senior’s class news will be sent home and will be uploaded onto the webpage newsletter.

MIDDLES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our unit is called ‘Meeting God through Prayer’. This week we are looking at when, where and why we pray.

WRITING: We will continue to focus on setting up our Writer’s Notebook structures this week. Monday is our new SEED DAY! Students are encouraged to bring in a seed from their weekend to work on.

READING: We will continue reading and responding to our new serial novel ‘The BFG’ by Roald Dahl. Students will continue on with the books they have read and we will model different responses for their Reading Journal.

SPELLING: We will be looking at our spelling goals for the year and many of the different strategies we will be using to become better spellers.

MATHS: Our focus for Maths is NUMBER. We will be looking at skip counting, using place value charts, expanded notation, bundling, odd and even numbers.

INQUIRY: Our Inquiry Unit is ‘Aussie Rules’. At this point we are just getting started with this unit after WOW Week. We will find out everything the students already know about rules and laws.

Just a reminder... We need two packets of tissues from each child so the students need to bring them in as soon as possible.

Click HERE to access the current Middle’s homework.
**JUNIORS**

We hope each family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and everyone is looking forward to an exciting year!

**RELIGION:** This week we are beginning our new unit ‘Alive In Spirit – Spirited People’. We will discuss the special people in the children’s’ lives. We will also brainstorm the names of saints the children know, what they know about them and what makes them special.

**READING:** During reading sessions we are establishing home reading practices and introducing a variety of activities to be included in our reading rotations.

**WRITING:** We are investigating a variety of writing prompts such as the seed box, story starter cards and looking at how to compose different genres using the class writer’s note book. We will also be introducing how to use different spelling resources.

**MATHS:** We are revising different aspects of place value by making, reading, writing, ordering and recognising numbers. We will also be revising the days of the week and months of the year.

**INQUIRY:** We will beginning our topic of ‘Working and Playing Together’ by identifying the various groups that students belong to.

**SPECIAL REMINDER:** In Term 1 all students need to bring and wear their school hat to school during recess, lunch and sport lessons.

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**PREPS**

The preps have had a great start to their first year of school. They have all settled in well and are enjoying learning.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our unit is called ‘Praying to Jesus: The Good Shepherd’. This week we will be listening to the story of the Good Shepherd through Godly play and learning how to make the sign of the cross.

**READING:** The children have been learning the sounds/letters through the Jolly Phonics program using actions, songs and identifying words with these sounds. This week we will be revising all the letters we have learnt so far: s, a, t, l, p and n.

**WRITING:** The children have been introduced to the concept of writing through thinking. We are learning that we can show our thinking through writing and drawing.

**MATHS:** Our focus for Maths will be NUMBER. We will be reading the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar and discussing what he eats for the 1st five days. We will be learning to write the numbers 1-5 and how to identify these.
ASTHMA & ANAPHYLAXIS ACTION PLANS
A reminder that anyone who received an asthma action plan to be updated, could you please do so as soon as possible. It is vital that we understand your child’s individual needs in this extremely important issue. Please come and see me if you have any concerns or questions in regards to your child’s health needs.

TRANSITION 2015
St Kevins College Toorak is offering a Scholarship Program for students interested in attending in 2015. Academic Scholarships will be offered to boys of academic potential whose parents value the type of education offered by the College.
The examination will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 9am to 12noon.
Parents interested in registering their son can use the online registration process at www.stkevins.vic.edu.au. A registration fee of $140 is payable on-line at the time of registration.
Applications close on Friday, February 14, 2014.
St Aloysius College North Melbourne are conducting a range of open morning and tours to assist families in selecting the appropriate school for their daughter.
Parade College is holding its annual Open day on Sunday 16th Feb from 10-2pm(Preston campus) and 11-3pm (Bundoora Campus). Brochures will be sent home to families with boys in years 3, 4 and 5.

A reminder that the closing date for enrolments into Catholic Secondary Schools for 2015 is Feb 28th 2014.

MICHAEL GROSE - PARENTING INSIGHT
Please click HERE to access the parenting sheet.
This week’s insight looks at ‘Parent involvement - The secret ingredient to children’s school success’.

Libby Sheedy
Wellbeing Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS
What a fabulous start to 2014. Shenanigans Bush band helped us welcome in our year with our ‘Family Night’ last Thursday. It was terrific to see so many families in the yard enjoying the hot summer night and then braving the rather warm hall to dance the night away with their children. A very big thank you to the staff who supported this night and helped make it such a success.
Community events such as these really highlight how important relationships are in building strong partnerships with members of our community.
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!

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
EMA application forms need to be completed each year. They do not automatically carry forward from previous year. A fresh application has to be made. We encourage all card holders to apply for this benefit.

Application forms are available from the school office. The allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must: a) be a parent or guardian of a primary of secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and b) be an eligible beneficiary of Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit or Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2014) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (14 July 2014) for the second instalment. Also part of the eligibility criteria is that applications must be completed and returned to the school office by the due day, which is 26th February 2014 for Term 1 being First instalment. Term 3 closing/return date is 30 July 2014 for Second instalment or for those who have not applied in 1st Term. You will be notified of the total payment per primary school child per year in due course. First instalment is 70% and will be paid in March and second instalment is 30% and will be paid in August. Please be advised that the application must be made in person at the school office and the Centrelink card must be shown at this time. On application you will be provided with any further details. We would encourage all families with a health care card to apply for this benefit as soon as possible.

STUDENT AWARDS Term 1 Week 3
Max Howell, Felix Porter, Ryley Cataldo, Ava Jakimov, John Lammardo, Chiara Rizza, Ewan McGregor, Ruby Blaney, Michael Pagnin, Stefan Hatzievangelou, Flynn Hall, Adam Scira, Lara Unger, Giorgia Franzone, Issa Mikhail, Alannah Bell, Leah Tabet, Jacob Cologna, Alex Hatzievangelou, Christian Cologna, Amelia Pannunzio, Dean Peppas, Alana Capuana

CANTEEN

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**Please Note: If there are any parent/s that are able to help on Thurs 20th & Thurs 27th March could you please let me know Thanks Di 0423 596 221**

Please click HERE for a copy of the Canteen Menu
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 must be clean and have no rips. The second hand uniforms will be available for purchase on the last Wednesday assembly for each term. If you require this service beforehand please contact Georgie 0405 435 770 to arrange an appointment

**BUSINESSES OF THE WEEK**
Our featured businesses this week are Lincoln Hair & Beauty, M & T Charted Accountants, Mario & Josie Quality Meats, Martie Skorsis Designs, Matrix Fitness and Melbourne Legal Chambers. These adverts can be viewed on the school website or in the Business Directory. The applications for placing an advert in the 3rd edition of the St Oliver’s Business Directory will be available shortly.

**ST OLIVER FAMILY FAVOURITE COOKBOOK**
We still have a few copies of the cookbook. If you would like to order or need further information please contact:
Franca James 0413 909 964

**MEETING**
This coming Wednesday night 12th Feb is our first meeting for 2014, commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. This meeting is our AGM and we will review the fundraising/community events planned for 2014. An introduction note went home to all our families yesterday, encouraging more people to put their hand up and be a part of the association. All our welcome

Thank you
Parent Association
The Parent Association is a group of parents (mums & dads) who organise fundraising events to raise money for the children’s needs at school. Throughout the year we hold various events or sales which go directly back to the school in the form of books, sports equipment, subsidizing excursions and camps, graduation and communion parties and paying the computer lab building loan. All of the efforts are done in the expectation of keeping our school fees at a low and giving our kids a wonderful educational experience.

As well as fulfilling our commitments to the list above we have focus plans. With technology always changing and upgrading, this has been our focus over the past couple of years. To be able to have available mobile technology for our classes in the form of ipads and tablets. We achieved our goal in 2013 and raised $40’000 for this.

Fundraising events in 2014 include mother’s & father’s day stalls, kids disco, dads’ comedy night, Bunnings BBQ and the Trivia Night. In order for these events to run successfully we need parent helpers/volunteers and donations. If you can spare one evening a month (Wednesday) to attend meetings and help at functions we would greatly appreciate it. Our next meeting (AGM) is scheduled for this Wednesday 12th Feb 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Those who are interested please attend and have a say. We are open to new ideas and welcome extra help. Remember, many hands make light work!!!

Thank you
Georgie McElligott
President of the Parent Association

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 2014

- Feb - Wednesday 12th
- March - Wednesday 12th
- May - Wednesday 14th
- June - Wednesday 4th
- August - Wednesday 13th
- September - Wednesday 10th
- October - Wednesday 8th
- November - Wednesday 12th
- December - Wednesday 3rd Xmas Dinner
Children's Liturgy 2014

The annual meeting for those who are already involved in our program of Children's Liturgy and all new volunteers will be held on:

**Monday February 17 at 7.30pm**
**Parish Centre**
*(next to the church)*

This is a short informal meeting to plan our successful *Children’s Liturgy Program for 2014*. We also explain how the program works and the resources and assistance available especially for any new volunteers. The 2014 roster will be available for you to choose your preferred date.

If you can come to the meeting please contact Lisa Barker on 0405 478 023 / lisa.barker@bakermckenzie.com. If you have helped in the past but are not able to this year, please let Lisa know.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you there. Thanks again for your commitment.

Lisa Barker and Laurie Checketts
*Children's Liturgy Co-ordinators*
OSHC NEWS

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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