



St Oliver's Primary School

Newsletter

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At St Oliver's we are called to unite in service by living out our Mercy Values and striving to be quality learners who contribute positively to our community.

Term 4 Week 9

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12th December 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Monday 9th - Tuesday 17th
School Swimming Program

Wednesday 18th
Thanksgiving Liturgy 12.30pm



Dear Parents,

Our school year is quickly coming to an end and the culmination of the year will be our Thanksgiving Liturgy. At the Liturgy next Wednesday, we will give thanks for what has been a great year, and farewell our Year 6 students, as well as staff members and other students who are leaving our school community. After the Liturgy, the class awards will be given out. Parents and guests of our Year 6 graduates are then invited to join us for afternoon tea in the Stage 2 space. These activities take a lot of thought and preparation and we thank all those, staff and parents, who have worked so hard in organising these end of year celebrations.



As this is the final newsletter for 2019, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, for your ongoing support throughout the year. The staff really appreciates this support, which helps to make our school a great place to work. We would also like to thank the highly dedicated and professional teachers, the excellent support and administration staff and committed parents who continue to provide generous support for our school community.

Our students are the greatest gift to our community and the way they display the Mercy Values in their interactions with all those they encounter is a credit to their parents and their teachers. The excitement and engagement they display daily in our school, and their enthusiasm for life, is what we value most about our students.

We take this opportunity to thank Fr Chris for his continued support of our school this year. Our school continues to be enhanced through the strong connection we share with the parish and with Fr Chris who gives spiritual support through the sacramental life of the Church.

We pray that the staff of St Oliver's will enjoy a well-deserved break from their daily work to recharge their batteries for the year ahead.

We wish all of the students and their families the joy and love of the season and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.



Ms Young and Mrs Newman



The Second Week of Advent

On Sunday we heard from John the Baptist. John was Jesus' cousin and the son of Elizabeth.

Matthew's Gospel focuses on the 'Coming of God'. This week we hear Jesus say about John the Baptist:

Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

More than any other season of the year, the weeks before Christmas is a time when young people learn patience and hope. Imaginations run wild with visions of holidays and presents, and the weeks seem to take forever.

Who is the most patient and hopeful person you know? What is she or he like? How does her or his patience and sense of hope affect others? How can you try to be like that person?

What is something you are hoping for? What is something you are expecting, something that makes it hard to be patient?


Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Thanksgiving Liturgy and events on Wednesday, 18th December

Next Wednesday, 19th December is the final day of classes for students. Each year on this day, we set aside time to come together to pray, give thanks and acknowledge achievements for the year while also saying farewell to those who are leaving the community.

Please join us on Wednesday, 18th December from 11:45am to give thanks and celebrate a wonderful year of learning.

Below is the timeline of events for Wednesday, 18th December.

9:00am	Morning Assembly	
9:15am	Classroom Learning	
10:00am	Early Recess	
10:30am	Classroom Learning	
11:45 am	Picnic Lunch (parents and friends join)	
12:30pm	Thanksgiving Liturgy K-6 in Stage 2 & 3 learning space.	
1:30pm	Yrs K-5 - Return to classrooms	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in the hall
3:00pm	School Concludes	Conclusion of Graduation

Christmas Carols

How wonderful is the community of St Oliver's. Joining together in the Stage 2 & 3 space in a packed room. The smile and joy of the children as they entered the stage was life changing. Thank you for enjoying, adoring and praying with us.



St Oliver's Twilight Fair and Concert

Wow ... What a great night we all had last Friday. It would not have been possible without so many dedicated parents and companies donating their time and items for our Annual Twilight Fair. We raised over \$5000.00, a fantastic effort by everyone.



Thank you to all these families and companies for their generous donations. Body and Soul, Whimn.com.au, Moses Family, Shomar Family, Ross Family, Thomas Family, Saad Family, Neal Family, Shomar Family, Romanos Family, Salim Family, Gonidelli Family, Bessounian Family and to all our families who came and lent a hand during the fair.

On behalf of the entire community, a very big thank you to Mrs Moses, Mrs Ross, Mrs Shomar and Mrs Thomas who have worked tirelessly throughout the entire year to organise and run the majority of our fundraising events.



PBS4L News

Active listening, follow instructions, Mercy values



Star Class

Congratulations to Year 2 for being safe with their belongings.



St Oliver's Staff 2020

Stage 3 Learning Team

Year 6: Miss Dwyer

Year 5: Miss Tatian

Instructional Leaders: Mrs Newman, Mr Matthews and Ms Conley

Stage 2 Learning Team

Year 4: Mrs Iovannella and Mrs Dibb

Year 3: Ms Sarina

Instructional Leaders: Mrs Newman, Mr Matthews and Ms Conley

Stage 1 Learning Team

Year 2: Mrs Jean Louis

Year 1: Ms Conley

Instructional Leaders: Mrs Newman, Mr Matthews and Ms Conley

Early Stage 1 Learning Team

Kindergarten: Mrs Bessounian

Instructional Leaders: Mrs Newman, Mr Matthews and Ms Conley

Ms Young: Principal

Mrs Newman: Assistant Principal

Mr Matthews: Religious Education Coordinator

Ms Conley: Coordinator

Mrs Quinn: Literacy, Library, Technology

Mr Grahame: Music

Ms Hayes: Sport

Mrs Small: School Finance Officer

Mrs Myers: School Office Administrator

Mrs Fingleton: School Support Officer

Mrs Abood: Learning Support Officer

Miss Almendras: Learning Support Officer

Mr DeJesus: School Maintenance

Staffing Announcements

Mrs Allison will be leaving her classroom teaching position at the end of this year. She will be taking up a twelve month temporary position in another Catholic school in our diocese.