On the 11th of September 2012 Stage 2 went to Wildlife World in Darling Harbour. We walked to Harris Park train station to catch the train, it was about a 45 minute train ride to Town Hall Station. When we got to the city, we walked for about 10 minutes and then we had recess outside Wildlife World.

When we went into Wildlife World, each group had their photo taken. We went up a big ramp and we went into the butterfly room, there were lots of different coloured butterflies. It was very hot inside the butterfly room, it felt like summertime! Some of the butterflies landed on us too!

Then we went to see the koala’s, we saw them eating gum leaves. After that, we saw some reptiles, like snakes and lizards. Then, we saw some wallabies and a wombat sleeping in his burrow.

We had a BBQ lunch and played outside for a little while. We went back inside Wildlife world to the crocodile area and we met Rex the 6 metre crocodile. We saw him eat a big piece of red meat but we learnt that his favourite food to eat is a full-feathered chicken!

After we met Rex, we saw the nocturnal animals, they sleep during the day and are active at night, bats are an example of nocturnal animals.

We walked back to the train station and got there just in time to catch the train and we all arrived safely back to school. We had a very fun day at Wildlife World. It was amazing!
School News

Summer Uniform
As the weather is getting warmer please be aware that all students should be in full Summer Uniform from the beginning of Term 4.

Afterschool Sports
Next week is the last week for afterschool sports. Please ensure you pick your child up by 4:15pm.

School Fees
Just to let you know that the Term Four school fees will be sent out shortly. The Resource and Swimming Fees are not included in the Flexible Payment Plan. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Borsato in the school office.

School Holidays
Friday 21st September will be the last school day for Term 3.
School resumes on Monday 8th of October.

Kindergarten 2013 Information Evening
Thank you very much to those parents who attended the Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten 2013. Your involvement shows a commitment to your child's education.

St Oliver’s Bake Day Sale
The St Oliver’s Bake Day has changed to Thursday, 20th September. Donations of cakes, biscuits and sweets will be much appreciated & volunteers will be needed to help on the day. Don’t forget to participate in the Jelly Bean Guessing competition and the winner will be announced on the Bake Day. How many Jelly Beans do you think there are?

Oli’s Café News

Canteen Closed
The canteen will be closed on Thursday, 20th September for end of Term cleaning, but will be open at 1:00pm for drinks, snacks & canteen items then again at 2:30pm for parents.

St Oliver’s Primary Dates to Remember

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Gospel
Mk 7:31-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Reflection
All of us are in need of healing of whatever hinders us living life to the fullest. Throughout our lives we need to come to Jesus, or be brought to him by the care and concern, empathy and compassion of others. Before Jesus touched the deaf mute, before he spoke to him, Jesus lifted his eyes to heaven, to his Father in heaven. He didn't say anything. He was open to a power greater than himself, greater than his humanity. God can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Fundraising For World Youth Day 2013
Fundraising for World Youth Day in 2013 has already begun. Each family has received two books of raffle tickets to sell to support the pilgrims who are attending World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro in 2013. We encourage you to sell as many raffle tickets as you can by asking extended family, friends and neighbours if they would like to purchase tickets to support our young pilgrims. **Please return all raffle tickets (both sold and unsold) to school before the end of term.** Thank you for your support.

Miss Alicia Sandersan
Acting Religious Education Coordinator
DELANY CUP RUNNERS-UP

What a wonderful Grand Final performance from our Debating Team. St Oliver’s argued the Affirmative position “That primary school students are becoming too dependent on technology”. The team’s arguments were convincing and the rebuttals were outstanding. Congratulations! First speaker – Jaeden Bowers; Second speaker – Karla Manansala; Third speaker - Jonathan Perumal; Chairperson – Ronan Abood

From our Debating Team:
Debating was a fun and memorable experience. It was a chance that could only happen once in a lifetime. I will treasure this experience deep in my heart and always be grateful for this experience. I thank Mrs Quinn for giving me this opportunity. I am very proud of myself and my peers who all helped make us to this standard. My peers: Josephine, Ronan, Karla, Jonathan, Darren and Joshua. By Jaeden

We had really fun debates that were also very challenging. We were really proud that we made it to the Grand Final and we enjoyed the food there. We also liked the way Mrs Quinn helped us. We would like to thank Mrs Quinn for helping us. All our hard work paid off because we came SECOND! And we really enjoyed our medals.
By Karla and Jonathan

Debating was a fun and exciting experience with my peers Jaeden, Karla, Jonatahn and Josepshine. My debating team has won four debates. Our team song is DEBATERS ASSEMBLE. I am very proud of everyone and even though we came second I’m still happy and a big thanks to Mrs Quinn and the rest of my peers.
By Ronan

Quote of the Week
Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.
Mahatma Gandhi

Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian
NSWCPS Athletics Championships
Congratulations to Marian Massaray who attended the NSWCPS Athletics Championships today. The event was held out at Blacktown International Sports Park and was attended by children from Catholic schools all over NSW. Marian competed in the Girls 13 Year Old 100 metre run and managed to achieve a personal best in her race. She represented her school with pride and showed that with a little perseverance and determination, anything is possible. Well done Marian!

Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day
On Friday the 7th of September the Stage 2 football team went out to play football. We all had to wake up really early to be here on time at school. The cars left school at 7:45am. When the day was over I was so happy with me, my team and the girls’ team. Our team and the girls’ team lost four games and won one game. We really had an amazing day, even though we only won one game we really enjoyed ourselves and tried our best. – Michael Malek

You Can Do It News

You Can Do It! Awards
Week 9
Congratulations to the following children who have been organised at school without needing a reminder.

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This week, teachers are looking for children who are showing a belief that ‘the harder I try, the better I get at doing things.’

Have you been a You Can Do It Kid this week?

EDDY EMU’S CHALLENGE

This week’s challenge:
What are some things that are about 1 metre long?

Write your solutions on a piece of paper with your name and place it in Eddy Emu’s box in the library.

Congratulations to Ebony Bueno who received last week’s Eddy Emu’s Challenge Award for coming up with some great solutions to the smartie challenge. Well done!

The Eddy Emu Class of the Week is Year 2.
Discover Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta in September
See Mercy values in action at our next College Open Morning Tour on Friday September 21, 2012. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and there are limited vacancies for 2013.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Measles
Dr Angela Merianos, Medical Epidemiologist, Communicable Diseases Branch, Centre for Health Protection, NSW Health has authored this text for parents.

Sydney is currently experiencing an outbreak of measles which began in April 2012 and is centred in the South Western Sydney and Western Sydney regions. Many of the cases have been high school students, with a smaller number in primary school. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further given young people have large social networks both within and outside of school. NSW Health advises that measles is a serious viral illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults, and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air.

Immunisation is effective in preventing the disease. In Australia, infants and young children are vaccinated with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine at 12 months and 4 years of age. People who are at risk of measles include:

• Infants <12 months who are too young to have been routinely vaccinated
• Older children who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine
• Adults born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and haven’t had measles infection in the past.

Immunising older siblings and non-immune adults will help prevent the spread of infection to infants who are too young to be vaccinated and who are at risk of severe disease. The first sign of measles is a high fever which usually begins about 10 to 12 days after exposure to a person with measles (range 7-18 days). A runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and small white spots inside the cheeks can develop in the initial stage. The rash appears around 14 days after exposure, usually starting on the face and upper neck and spreading over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days. People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. If you have had contact with another case of measles and develop a fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, think measles and seek medical advice even before the rash appears.

If you suspect measles, see your doctor, clinic or hospital. It is important to ring before your consultation so you can be seen as soon as possible and arrangements can be made to avoid contact with other patients in the waiting room who may be susceptible to measles. A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

Dear Parents and Students,

At school, we regularly practice many different types of emergency procedures. As we are heading into spring holidays and summer, it is important that we are thinking about Home Fire Safety, even though in winter fire is more prevalent to heaters. The website http://www.sparky.org/ is a great interactive site for kids.

**Home Fire Survival Rules**

- Keep emergency numbers near the phone.
- Ensure emergency numbers are keyed into all the phones in your home.
- Dial 000 (Triple Zero) for fire, police and ambulance.
- It's never too early to teach children how to responsibly contact emergency services.

**Practise your home fire escape plan regularly.**

- Identify the quickest, safest way to get out of the house from every room, including upper floors. Have one or two options to escape based on the different places where fires can start in a home.
- Agree on a place to meet outside (letter box or nature strip) and practise it.
- Ensure your house number is clearly visible so emergency services can find you quickly.
- Stop, drop, cover and roll.
- If your clothes catch fire - stop, drop, cover your face with your hands and roll to smother the flames.
- To help someone else, throw a woollen blanket over them to extinguish the flames.

**Get down low and go go go!**

- If there's smoke in your house, get down low and go, go, go!
- In a fire, the safest area for breathing is near the floor where the air is cooler and cleaner, so remember to crawl low in smoke.

**Check doors for heat before opening.**

- Use the back of your hand to check for heat, then get down low and crawl to safety.
- Close doors behind you if possible. If the door is hot, use another exit.
- Get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible.

**Call the fire brigade.**

- Call the fire brigade from a neighbour's house, public or mobile phone and wait for them to arrive. In order to do this successfully each family member needs to know to ask for the fire brigade and then tell them their home address and details.
- Tell them where the fire is and if anyone is still inside.
- Never go back inside for any reason.

Often it is the smoke not the fire itself which does more harm to people's ability to breathe. Let's be safe together 😊!

Kind Regards

Anita Knezevic
NSW Bishops regret cuts to all NSW schools

“The Catholic Bishops of NSW believe the Australian community needs to spend more rather than less on education across the board if our young people are to have the opportunities they deserve,” the Chairman of the Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales, Bishop Anthony Fisher, said today.

“We therefore regret the cuts to all NSW schools, both government and non-government, that the NSW government has announced today. The Catholic Bishops recognise that in tough economic times governments need to be fiscally responsible, but trust that as soon as economic circumstances allow the state of New South Wales will restore and increase its contribution to the education of every child in NSW.”

“The Bishops appreciate that the Premier, Education Minister and government have listened to the loud and urgent voice of Catholic school parents, teachers and the community over the past few days and has responded constructively. The cuts announced today appear to be distributed more fairly than those mooted last week,” Bishop Fisher said.

The capping from 2013/4 of the pool of government funds from which grants are paid to Catholic schools will obviously put pressure on Catholic school financing, especially as enrolments continue to increase in future years and educational costs rise.

However, Catholic school authorities will act to maximise the value of grants in ways that ensure fee increases for Catholic school families are minimised and any impacts on teaching and school services do not unduly compromise the quality of education for students. Determining the exact resourcing for individual schools and school systems are matters for local decision. It is too early to forecast the impact on individual schools for 2013 and beyond.

“This is not about non-government versus government schools: we don’t want cuts to any schools and the sooner we can return to improving funding to all schools the better. We will continue to press for this on behalf of Catholic school parents and the children of New South Wales,” Bishop Fisher said.

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
Chairman, Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales

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