



St Oliver's Primary School

Newsletter

33 Wigram Street, Harris Park
Email: stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au

Tel: 8633 8300
Website: www.stoliversharrisparke.catholic.edu.au

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 1 Week 4

<http://www.stoliversharrisparke.catholic.edu.au/home>

20th February 2020

Joke of the Week: I swallowed a dictionary, it gave me Thesaurus throat I ever had.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Friday 21st
Yr 2 & Yr 3
Mass 9.15am

Tuesday 25th
Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday 26th
Ash Wednesday
Mass 9.30am - 10.30am
Meet and Greet and
afternoon tea

Friday 28th
Kindergarten and Yr 1
Mass 9.15am

MARCH

Thursday 5th
Open Day for New
Enrolments 9am - 11am

St Oliver's Staff 2020



Ms Young
Principal



Mrs Newman
Assistant Principal



Mr Matthews
REC



Mrs Bessounian
Kindergarten



Ms Conley - Yr 1



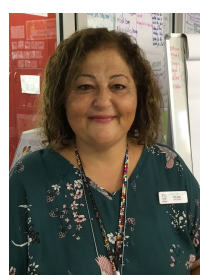
Mrs Jean-Louis-Yr 2



Ms Sarina-Yr 3



Mrs Iovannella-Yr 4



Ms Dib-Yr 4



Miss Tatian-Yr 5



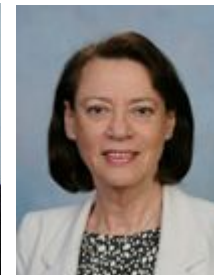
Mrs Henson-Yr 6



Mr Grahame-Music



Mrs Buttigieg
Japanese



Mrs Quinn-Librarian



Mrs Fingleton
Library/Office



Mrs Small-Finance



Mrs Myers-Admin



Mrs Abood
Teacher Support



Mrs Dickinson
Teacher Support



Miss Lauren
Teacher Support



Miss Raech
Teacher Support

Other Staff: Mrs Spyrou (Teacher) and Mr De Jesus (Maintenance)

Sunday's Gospel

On Sunday, we enter into the heart of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In the Gospel he begins to offer the reinterpretation of the Torah (Law) of Moses that is so central to the presentation of him in the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus continued to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings on Sunday focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law. It is in Christ we trust.

Looking back, what draws all these pronouncements of Jesus together is a sense of human life as essentially relational: it flourishes where respect, faithfulness, and consideration of the other prevail.

© Brendan Byrne SJ

School Leaders 2020



Lifted Live Concert 2020

Last Wednesday, our School Sacramental Choir attended the 'Lifted Live Concert'. Our students had the opportunity to hear and respond to Bishop Vincent's 2020 'call to mission'. Bishop Vincent also visited the children and asked them this in person. The students were given a greater sense of Diocesan identity through FIAT (Faith in action) and were inspired by the inner dialogue and sharing that took place between schools. Another highlight of the day was being lifted in song and dance by Australian Artist Genevieve Bryant.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 26th February marks the beginning of Lent. The tradition of marking the forehead with ash on Ash Wednesday can be traced back to the ancient Jewish action of dusting oneself with ash as a sign of repentance and mourning for wrongful actions. It was a public declaration of the acknowledgement of the wrong and the commitment to turn one's life around and try not to make the same mistake again. It still remains a public declaration that during the period of Lent those who wear the cross of ash are going to attempt to turn around their lives and re-focus themselves more fully on God.



© Greg Sunter

Ash Wednesday Mass - 9:30am - St Oliver's will celebrate Mass and receive ashes on the forehead.

Project Compassion

Next week, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each classroom will have a Project Compassion box for donations.



Catholic Schools Week

We are privileged to belong to a connected community of faith that continues to shape our learning and teaching. In our Catholic schools, we share in God's great story. We grow in communion with God and with one another. On **Tuesday, 3rd March** we invite you to come and celebrate our school community from 9:15am -11:30am. More information to come in next week's newsletter.

Student prayers

Dear God, please take care of the people who have left their home because of the fires. Please help people in need and are living in poverty. Amen. Erin Yr 4

PBS4L News

Congratulations to our Oli Star Class - Year 5



Cumberland Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our Cumberland Zone swimmers. St Oliver's swim team represented the school with pride and humility. Well done to our team!

We congratulate our three representatives who qualified for the Diocesan swimming carnival; Mathieu, Alexa and Jarrod.



School Fees

School fee invoices have been posted home this week and are due by 18th March. If you have not received your invoice, please contact the school office for a copy.

CERDON COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Tuesday 3 March 2020, 4pm - 7pm

Cerdon College is now accepting Enrolments for 2021 and 2022 and the College Open Day is on Tuesday, 3 March.

Come along anytime between 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Sherwood Road, Merrylands

Phone: (02) 8724 7300

Enrolment Packages available for Year 7 2021 and 2022

OLMC OPEN DAY- Sunday, 8 March 2020, 10am – 2pm

You are warmly invited to the OLMC Open Day 2020. Discover how OLMC is transforming learning by touring the College, meeting with staff and students and seeing Mercy Values in action. Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is a leading Catholic independent girls' school founded on the Mercy charism. Inspired by the pursuit of excellence, the OLMC community values the development of each individual as a learner, leader and teacher; continually expanding beyond what we know we can be. Principals Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm. Please register on the College website [www. olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

Parramatta City FC

Parramatta City FC is a family friendly football (soccer) club within the Granville District Football Association. One of the Club's objectives is to engage as many children and young adults as possible in team sport and thus improve their overall physical health, social skills, developing friendships, etc. The Club also promotes the involvement of children and young adults in community involvement through the provision of coaching and refereeing opportunities, once they have completed a formal FFA approved course. Parramatta City FC has teams for most age groups, starting at 5 years to All Age men and women. In 2020 the club will also run a Football4All program which aims to provide an opportunity for children/young adults who have a physical, intellectual/developmental disability to participate in football. For enquiries call 0491 713 247 or email info@parramattacityfc.com.au

North Rocks Rugby Union

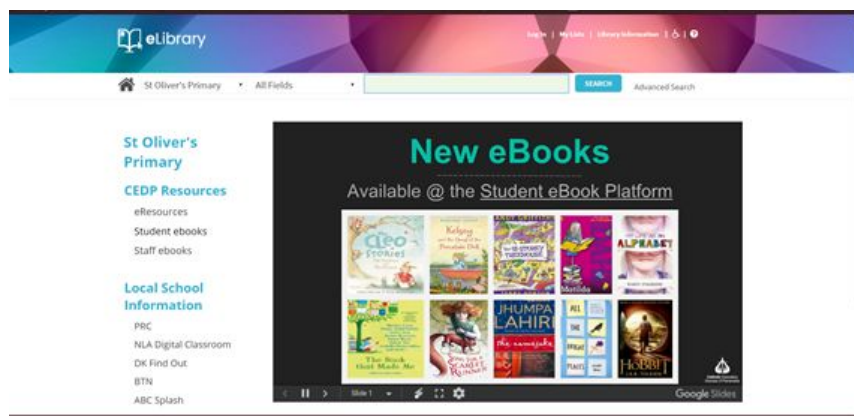
North Rocks Rugby Union is an Eastwood District Village Club and plays in the Sydney Juniors Sunday comp, visiting grounds all over Sydney from the Northern Beaches all the way to the Mountains. Our Minis (U6-U9) play in an Eastwood District Competition & games are played on Saturday mornings. Eastwood District is currently the premier district rugby club in Australia. There are opportunities for NSW Rugby to run **Game On at your school for Free**. Game On provides the "first Taste of Rugby" to primary school children across Australia. It's a five week program which is designed to prepare primary students for a healthy and active lifestyle. We can put you in touch with Owain Roberts the NSW Rugby development officer for our area who can provide you with more information. Owain can be contacted via email: oroberts@nswrugby.com.au Currently recruiting Boys & Girls for the 2019 Rugby season.

InfoZone

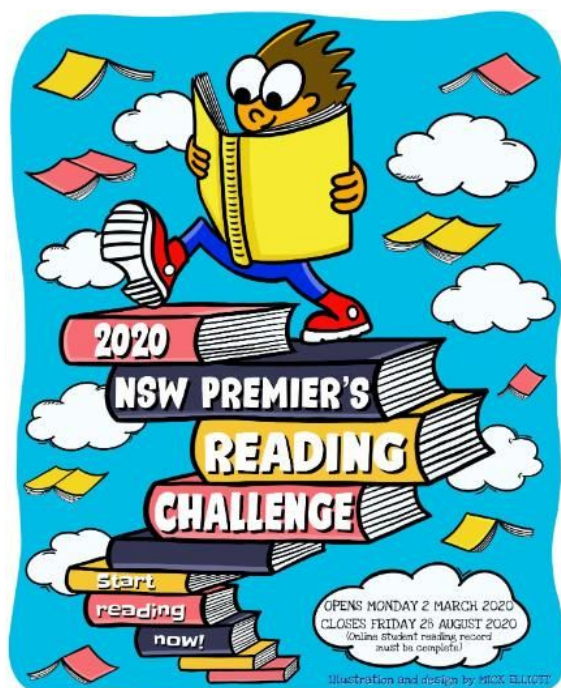
Welcome to the Library and Technology section of the St Oliver's Newsletter!

ST OLIVER'S eLIBRARY

The St Oliver's eLibrary is available via Classm8 both at school and at home. Students use their school log-on to access. This also gives them access to the CEDP Online resources including the borrowing of eBooks. Suitable weblinks are available from the home page.



NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



All St Oliver's children participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading and to enable students to experience quality literature.

The Challenge officially opens on March 2nd, but children may start reading now and recording their books on a piece of paper. The Student Reading Records will be distributed as soon as they are available. Further details are available at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

To complete the Challenge students must read a certain number of books that are on the PRC List. There are many hundreds of books on the list, many of which are available in our Library. These books are identified by a PRC coloured sticker at the top of the spine. The public libraries also use this system and books may also be read from there to complete the Challenge.

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian