



# 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 1 Week 6

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

5 March 2020

**Joke of the Week:** What do you call a blind dinosaur? Do-you-think-he-saur-us

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

Kinder 2021  
Enrolments commence

**Fri 6th March**  
Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 Mass

**Sat 21st March**  
Kindergarten 2021  
Interviews

**Monday 23rd**  
Cross Country  
Holroyd Sports Ground

**Sat 28th March**  
Kindergarten 2021  
Interviews

## Catholic Schools Week!

This year St Oliver's has joined with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

On Tuesday, our families joined us to celebrate with a liturgy, open classrooms and morning tea. It was lovely to see so many of our families joining in the activities.

Today, we proudly opened our doors to new families who are looking to join our wonderful community.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Oliver's.

Barbara Young



## Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

Lent Week 1 - Ash Wednesday February 26 to Sunday March 1 2020 CEDP LENTEN REFLECTIONS

### 'The Temptation in the Wilderness' by Briton Riviere

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the force of darkness. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

Jesus said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then Jesus was taken to the holy city and made to stand on the parapet of the temple. The evil one said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: God will command the angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Then the evil one took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship, and God alone shall you serve."

Then the evil one left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him. demons aiming to obscure his vision and deter his path to clarity.



'The Temptation in the Wilderness' by Briton Riviere

**Can you remember a time or times in your life when you sensed the temptation to be distracted from your life goals and/ or commitment?**

**Recall a time or an event in your life when you have moved from curiosity, even confusion to clarity, because you took some "time out", gifted yourself with some solitude and remained committed to your core life choices.**

### Lenten Reflection

***"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10***

Loving Father, open my heart so that I may love like you. May I listen to the cry of those who call my name, so that I may sing a song of compassion and tolerance. Help me to find in you this Lent, grace, forgiveness and a fullness of life.

### Project Compassion

Each classroom has a Project Compassion box for donations to Caritas, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development. Caritas works with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. We encourage you to put compassion into action this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.



## Attendance

School attendance level target is <b>90%</b> or greater.	<b>85.9%</b>	This figure indicates the percentage of our children who attend school 90% to 100% of the time.
School attendance level - winning class	<b>90%</b>	Well done Year 1.

## PBS4L - Oli News

### PBS4L Focus for the Week - Whole Body Listening



Year 2 taught us to be a whole body listener  
Lips closed  
Ears listening  
Body still  
Eyes on the speaker  
Brain thinking  
Heart is caring



Year 5 has been safe in weeks 4 & 5

### EXTENDED LEAVE and ILLNESS

If you are planning any extended leave throughout the year (5 days or more), an Application for Extended Leave form must be completed before leave is taken. These are available from the school office. The application is sent to the principal for approval.

If your child is away for a day or more, a note of explanation to the class teacher is required. You can also use the Skoolbag app to submit an absentee form through **eforms**.

### SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parents smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. The Skoolbag app is free to download. Download it today.

Search **St Oliver's Primary skoolbag** in your app store on your phone.

### NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Due to many of our children suffering from severe allergies we are a **nut free school**. Please refrain from sending any food containing nuts to school with your child. This includes peanut butter, nutella, muesli bars with nuts and any food containing nuts or traces of nuts. Please read packaging carefully. Thank you for your understanding.



### NO PARKING

#### Signage in Allen Street outside Church Gate

- You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking Area.
- You must remain in your car or within 3 metres of the vehicle.
- This means that you can drop your child off in the morning in this zone, but must stay in the car or walk around to let your children out of the car (but stay within 3 metres of the car). Children must then walk themselves into school via the gate next to the Church. You can be booked if you move away from your car by more than 2 metres.
- If using Kiss and Go in the afternoon, you can pull up in this zone and wait in your car for Kiss and Go to commence.
- If you park and leave your car between 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm you are at risk of being booked.
- Unfortunately some of our families have already been booked for parking in this zone and leaving their car.



Hours of operation apply  
No Parking  
8.00am-9:30am  
2:30pm-4pm School Days  
This means restrictions apply for those times only.

**EARLY BIRD OFFER**  
**10% OFF**

**2-DAY SUPER CAMP**  
**April**

WHERE EVERY CAMPER'S TREATED LIKE A ROCK STAR

DURATION: 2 DAY AGE: K-YR6 TIME: 8:30AM-3:30PM

FREE TICKET WHEN USING YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER\*

CREATIVE KIDS  
HEALTHY HOLIDAYS



VIP EVENT ZERO AND REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

ONE DAY ONLY - 12TH MARCH  
20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR

# InfoZone

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

## NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Challenge is now open!

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading and to enable students to experience quality literature.

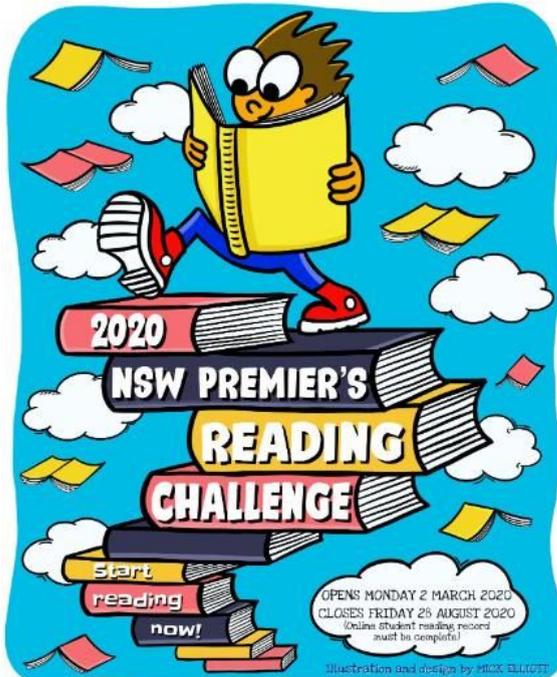
All St Oliver's children have received their paper Reading Record. Please record the Title and Author of each book read. The first column, PRC ID, is not required.

Parents should use the last 2 columns to sign and date when each book is read.

As well, all children have an online reading record generated by the PRC. Students in Years 3 - 6 are taught at school how to enter their books online using their PRC username and password. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are not expected to do this. We are very happy to do this for you. However, if parents would like to do this please just let us know and we will send home the student's username and password as soon as they are available.

Further details are available at

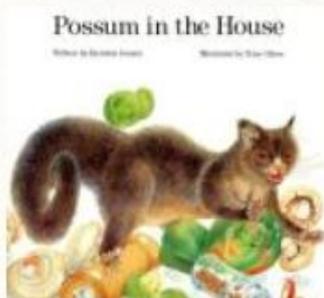
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



You might like to discover this book from the K-2 booklist.

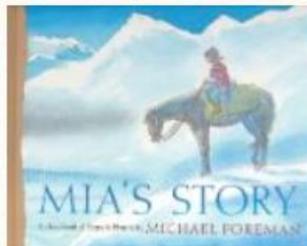


**Possum in the house**

"This nameless possum creates ravooc, and many sounds, crunch, clatter, rip, rustle, as he races through a house avoiding capture."

**Jensen, Kiersten & Oliver, Tony (ill)**

You might like to discover this book from the 3-4 booklist.

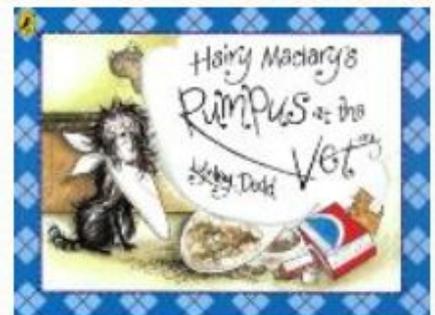


**Mia's story**

"Mia's family is very poor, living in a house made from recycled bits and pieces. When her dog, Poco, disappears, Mia takes the family horse and heads off into the mountain meadows. There, the snow is clean and the sky is clear and Mia finds a kind of lily she's never seen before."

**Foreman, Michael**

You might like to discover this book from the K-2 booklist.



**Hairy Maclary's rumpus at the vet**

"Something happens in the waiting room at the vet and causes a scramble of paws, a tangle of bodies and a jumble of jaws."

**Dodd, Lynley**