



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 2 Week 5

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

28th May 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

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The Ascension of the Lord

[Mt 28:16-20](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

The message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. **Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.**

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Questions for the family:

Jesus went back to his Father but he is still with us.

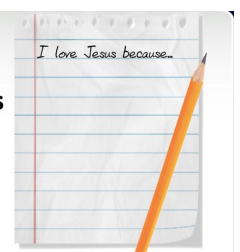
How do we keep in touch with Jesus?

We show Jesus is with us by the way we live.

How will you show others that Jesus is with you this week?

A 'disciple' is a follower of Jesus. When Jesus teaches us to 'make' disciples, he wants us to show his love by example and to share it with others.

Make a Jesus calling card – write an encouraging message about Jesus' love on the card and give it to a friend or put it in a neighbour's letter box.



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History of St Oliver's

The Catholic Church purchased land in Harris Park in the 1880's. Arthur McCreddie who was an architect and alderman in the Parramatta district owned the land our school now stands on. He built 'Kenilworth' house (now Holy Spirit Seminary) next door to our school as his family home. After Arthur McCreddie's death, the Catholic Church purchased the parcel of land which is now bounded by Wigram Street, Allen Street and Harris Street. There were great plans for the land to house a Mercy Convent, Church and Primary school.

From A Century's History

SCHOOL FEE HELP

We are aware of the financial strain that COVID-19 is having on some families and its impact on their capacity to pay school fees.

School fee relief is being offered to families who have been adversely affected by COVID 19. Please go to our school website:

-Complete the online application

or

-Complete the Fee Relief Request (rather than providing your details online) then email it to

cl@parra.catholic.edu.au

or

- Call into our school office and collect a paper copy of the form, complete and drop back to our office and we will send it in for you.

There is no deadline for completing the forms and your information will be treated in strict confidence. It will also be treated in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and our Privacy Statement.

If you wish to reduce, suspend or cancel your current direct debit arrangements, please send an email to cl@parra.catholic.edu.au. Of course, if you would like to have a confidential conversation about any of these matters, please contact either Mrs Small or Ms Young via the school office.

Lost Property

There is a lost property box on the verandah which has jackets, jumpers and water bottles. All of these items are not labelled. Please check in case your child has lost any items. Winter is upon us and we don't want to see the children turning up for school without their jackets.



Second Hand Uniforms

We have a number of well cared for second hand uniforms available in the office. Please feel free to come and have a look.

E-safety for our children- tips and advice

In this time where we are all spending much more time online, it is important to keep our children "e-safe". The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online.

There is an online resource hub where parents and carers can learn about

- online risks
- how to manage these risks
- parental controls, and
- trending issues and technologies.

For tips on how to keep your children safe online visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. Here you will find information for parents as well as a section for the kids where they can learn to be an "eSafe kid".

Over the coming weeks, we will be adding in more information about keeping our kids e-safe.