



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 8

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

18th June 2020

Joke of the Week: How can you find the oldest rabbit in the group? Just look for the gray hares.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

Friday 3rd
Last day of term 2

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Semester One Learning Reports and Parent - Student - Teacher - Conferences

In response to changes to the learning and teaching environment during COVID-19, schools have needed to adjust their assessment and reporting processes. The Semester One report, which you will receive at the end of the term, will look different whilst still providing you with valuable information about your child's learning, complying with government requirements. The report will recognise and reflect each student's learning in three key areas: Religious Education, English and Mathematics. The 2020 second semester report will return to reporting on all key learning areas with comparative data and A-E reporting (Grades 1 - 6).

Our parent-student-teacher conferences will also be a little different. The focus will be reviewing the student's achievements and where to next for their learning journey throughout Semester 2. These conferences will occur throughout Term 3. Your child's teacher may contact you for a conference, or you may contact the teacher. The conference can be a face to face meeting, a phone conversation or a zoom meeting. A reminder about these conferences will be in the newsletter each week next term.

Barbara Young

Enrolling now for 2021

We're all about learning at St Oliver's Primary School. We put safety first, and focus on student wellbeing.

A reminder that limited places are still available for 2021 in **Kindergarten, Year 4 and Year 6**. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au or 8633 8300.

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History of St Oliver's

Our Church, Blessed Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church was built in 1929. The first Mass at Blessed Oliver Plunkett was said on Christmas Day, 1929.

In 1930 our school, called Blessed Oliver Plunkett School (BOPS as it was affectionately called) was established. Classes were held in the Church. The Church served as a school during the week and Church on the weekends. One of Friday's routine tasks was the re-conversion of school into a Church for Sunday Mass.

From A Century's History

Attendance

School attendance level target is 90% or greater.	92%	This figure indicates the percentage of our children who attend school 90% to 100% of the time.
School attendance level - winning class	Congratulations Yr 5 at 95%	Well done to K, Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr 4 at 93% and Yr 6 at 90%

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.

Student Absence

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify the school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using [Skool Bag App / Parent Portal]
2. Email: the school at stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. Telephone: the school office 8633 8300
4. Note sent with your child
5. Complete absence note at the school office



PARENT HELPERS

Building Child Safe Communities - Parent Volunteers

If you think you will be assisting as a parent volunteer at St Oliver's eg helping at sport carnivals, Mother's or Father's day stalls, excursions etc, you will need to complete the online training module.

Just click on this link: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>

There is a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete. The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Barbara Young

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.



Healthy Lunchbox

Cauliflower Nuggets

Ingredients

- ½ head of cauliflower, chopped
- 1 egg
- 1¼ cup dry wholemeal breadcrumbs
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- ½ tsp salt or celery salt
- 1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated
- Olive oil spray

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a baking tray with paper.
Steam the cauliflower for 5 minutes until tender. Drain thoroughly and blot with paper towel.
Add all ingredients to a food processor. Process for 10 seconds or until the mixture combines.

Form heaped teaspoon-sized amounts into nuggets. Place on the baking tray. Spray with olive oil. Bake for 10 minutes. Turn and spray with olive oil and bake for a further 10 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes 24.

Serve with our [tzatziki](#) for dipping.

Tip

Freeze raw or cooked nuggets in freezer bags for up to two months.



InfoZone

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

CALLING ALL BOOKS!

We understand that it has been difficult to manage Library book borrowing due to Covid-19. We hope you have been able to enjoy some of the wonderful eBooks available to all students through eLibrary via Classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au

Students may continue to borrow both physical and eBooks.

All outstanding Library books should be returned now. Students will be able to borrow for the holidays from a selected range of books. As books are returned to school they are quarantined and disinfected before being returned to the shelves.



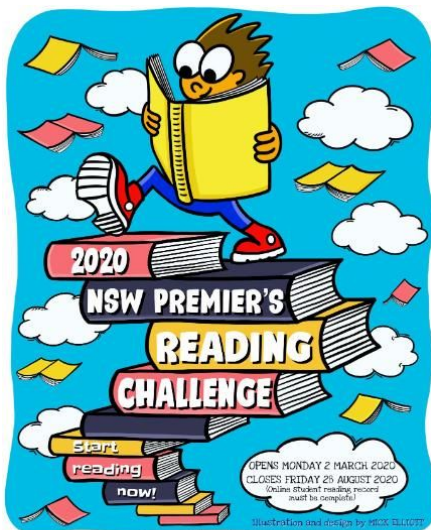
CBCA 2020 SHORTLIST

The Children's Book Council of Australia has announced the Shortlist Book Awards for 2020. You can view the fun announcement on Youtube [HERE](#).

Book Week is in Term 4. The CBCA theme this year is

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



A 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge certificate will be a great achievement! To continue to read in difficult times not only provides a sense of normalcy but shows resilience in times of adversity.

To be immersed in a good story provides comfort, enjoyment and a sense of well-being. Of course the bonus is that the literacy benefits are enormous!

The advantage of the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist is that a large range of quality books that children love have been pre-selected. A Challenge engenders a purpose and a sense of achievement.

The "secretarial" aspects of the Challenge (simply recording what has been read) should not interfere with the actual reading. Please just write the title and author on the paper Reading Record or record on the online Reading Record. If you have any difficulties with this please let us know so we can help. Recording the book ID is not a requirement to receive a certificate, so there is no need to record this.

Further details are available at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

