



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 3 Week 3

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

6th August 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

Wednesday 28th
October - Rescheduled
School Photos

90
Celebrating 90
years of Catholic
education at St
Oliver's
1930-2020



[Mt 14:13-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



Reflection

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others. Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

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PBS4L NEWS

FOCUS WEEKS 2-3

At St Oliver's we are safe by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and moving safely.



OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to Year 6



PARISH BULLETIN NEWS

SACRAMENTS AT ST OLIVER'S

Reconciliation, Baptism, Marriage and Funerals, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings are allowed to take place under strict government guidelines with regards to social distancing (at least 4 square metres of space for each person is observed), hygiene (hand sanitising) and submitting names and contact details. Reconciliation: by appointment or 4 pm Saturday

FIRST EUCHARIST

We have several students in our community who are preparing to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. We ask that you keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in this journey. These children will be celebrating this on Sunday, 16th August in a separate mass due to COVID safe plan.

Xavier	Metcof	Jordan	Diya	Matylda
Pierre	Francis	David	Chase	Ryan

Student prayers

Almighty God,

You are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to each one of us your children and awareness of your presence and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain, weariness and anxiety, teach us to yield ourselves to your never failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us. Trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace, when your time is best, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Matylda Yr 5

Dear God,

I am thankful for everything that you have done. You have given us a life, family, friends, shelter, food, water and many other things. If it wasn't for you, my friends, my COSHC carers, my teachers, my family and pets wouldn't be standing on two or four feet right now. I'd also like to thank those people like doctors and scientists for trying their best to help cure those who have COVID-19 and to try and find a cure. I would also like to thank my teachers for helping me with school and to thank my friends for always having my back, thank you to the COSHC carers that take care of me when my parents have to work late, thank you to my classmates for being nice to me and friends with me and last but not least, my parents for giving me food and being there for me. Last thank you God, for making me possible and for all the animals, plants and people that you have created for earth. Without you, earth is invisible. Amen.

Matylda Yr 4

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

*Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **28 August 2020**. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.*

200 Years of Catholic Education in Diocese of Parramatta

For interesting information and facts about 200 years of Catholic Education in Parramatta, please visit this website

<https://200years.parra.catholic.edu.au/>

Casual Work - Casual School Crossing Supervisor

1x Casual position – Multiple Locations – Holroyd, Parramatta, Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains Area - 5600

Help protect our vibrant school communities and become a casual school crossing supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you? ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather ✓ Good communication skills ✓ Community spirit ✓ Positive energy ✓ If it does, visit or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply! **Applications close: Sunday, 16th August 2020**

NSW Government Transport, Roads & Maritime Services

eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

At Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join one of the following free webinars for parents and carers:

- 1) *Helping Kids Thrive Online (5-12 yrs)* - Thursday 20 August 2020, 12:00 -1.00 pm
- 2) *Tech, teens and time online (secondary schools)* - 7 September 2020, 7.00 - 8.00 pm

These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. All sessions are delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinars

1. *Helping kids thrive online*: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5-12 years old.
2. *Tech, teens and time online*: is a one hour live webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

Both sessions will cover topics including:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying/harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

What you need to do:

- 1) Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:

- 20 August 2020 session - [link to register](#)

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2961544873308901646>

- 7 September 2020 session - [link to register](#)

If you have any further enquiries please email safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Anthony Matthews

Acting Assistant Principal

Learner Quality Awards

Congratulations to our Learner Quality Award recipients.



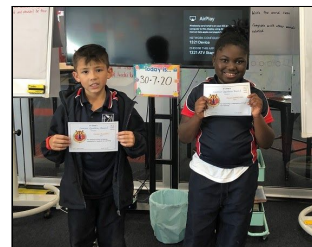
Kinder

Heeva, Eliya, Olivia, Rachel, Eva



Year 1

Stefania, Dominic, Isabella, Louis



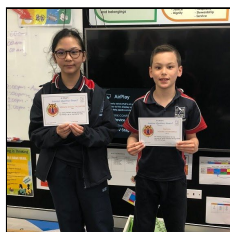
Year 3

Xavier, Aquila



Year 2

Anthony, Terese, Anthony, Rayansh



Year 5

Mikaela-Kristen, Mathieu



Year 6

Joya, Metcof, Angel, Tylier



Year 4

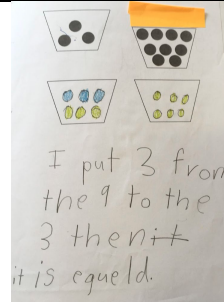
Nina, Stefan, Nicole



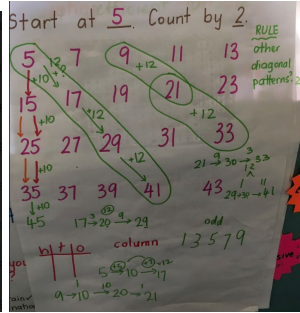
Mathematics News

This term we have been busily working in Mathematics. We have been solving problems and using reasoning to explain our thinking. Here is what we did in week 2.

Kindergarten have been learning about making things equal. We learnt that the equals sign means the 'same as'. We used the balance scale to help us, then recorded our answer.

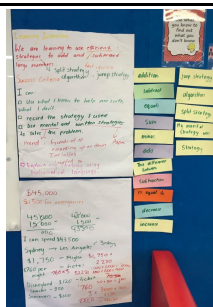
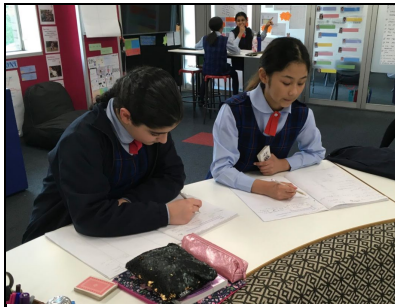


I put 3 from the 9 to the 3 then it is equal.



Stage 1 have been completing place value activities. We looked at patterns in a number chart. We also used the signs: greater than, less than and equal to. We used a paper crocodile to help us. The crocodile likes to open his/her mouth to eat the largest number.

Stage 2 investigated the mass of objects. We 'hefted' to work out the mass. We then used scales to estimate, measure and compare mass using kilograms and grams.



Stage 3 have been busy completing a travel task. We planned a holiday. We had a budget and had to make decisions about where we went and what we were going to do. This involved lots of number operations, problem solving and reasoning.

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History of St Oliver's

In 1977, additional classrooms were added to the back of the Church and the older building upgraded. In 2000 a new Library was added as well as a refurbishment of the administration and learning areas. St Oliver's has undergone many changes and upgrades in the last 20 years making it the wonderful learning environment it is today for our 20th century students.



Additions to the school added to the back of the Church in 1977

1930-2020

