



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 7

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

3rd September 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Thursday 24th
Last day of Term 3

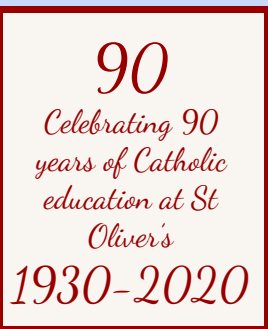
Friday 25th
Staff Development Day -
no students

Term 4

October

Monday 12th
Staff Development Day -
no students

Wednesday 28th
October - Rescheduled
School Photos



Dear Parents,

On behalf of St Oliver's, we want to wish our special dads and caregivers a very happy Father's Day!

This year, given the current situation, we wanted to give a gift to our families with something to help celebrate in lieu of our traditional Father's Day stall.

We have had some parents work with companies to generously donate goods to be able to provide these gifts and the money from the mufti day also contributed to the gifts.

We would like to thank Remedy Drinks, Costco Auburn, Aldi & The Market Grocer for their generous donations.

We hope Dad's enjoy the "Dad's Stache" packs that will be coming home tomorrow (Friday) with your children.



Father's Day Raffle

Each family will receive a free entry into our Father's Day raffle which will be drawn tomorrow (Friday).

Barbara Young

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY August 30th

TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL: MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

Watch Bishop Vincent Long's address to the Diocese of Parramatta below and [Download the Social Justice Statement 2020-21 and other resources](#)

Prayer for 'To Live life to the full'

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.
May we support one another to flourish
in body, mind and spirit.
Strengthen our commitment to ensure
that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.
Help us to recognise you
in those who suffer mental ill-health today.
Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental
ill-health
from our parishes, schools, communities and
organisations.

You drew near to those
who were suffering in body or mind.
May we too feel your nearness
when we struggle with mental health challenges.
May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry
of love and true compassion.
May we be empowered by your Spirit
to reach out to all people in need.
May we build communities of welcome and
inclusion.

Amen

Student prayer

Dear God, please help everyone that I have in my life get through 2020, and this whole pandemic before anything worse happens this year. Please make me be able to strive more towards you and do my best to be able to get closer to you in a spiritual sense. I will always try my hardest to always talk and pray to you. Amen. Christopher Yr6

Swimming Program 2020 - Cancelled

Due to Covid19 we have had to cancel our Swimming program this year.

This was part of the Activity fee on the 2020 School fees.

Parents who have paid the 2020 school fees in full will receive a reduction on their 2021 school fees of \$110.00. If parents have not completed payment of their 2020 fees, they may choose to reduce the total by \$110.00. Any enquiries, please contact Anna Small at the school office.

New Draft Curriculum

St Oliver's as a part of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta takes the responsibility to teach your children the Catholic Faith very seriously.

Last Friday Ms Young shared via SkoolBag, Fr Chris' response on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta to the recent media and also more information regarding the New Draft Curriculum in Religious Education.

Please take a moment to read the documents through SkoolBag.

More information

We understand that many of you may have questions.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website contains podcasts and videos which discuss and demonstrate the rationale and the process we have followed. These can be found at

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Planning-for-the-Future/New-curriculum-to-connect-faith-learning-and-life>

There is also a dedicated email address for your questions. Please send any questions you may have to feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

The process is evolving, and the Diocese is keen to hear from our Catholic community.

Like you, we want to share the gift of our Catholic faith with the young people of St Oliver's.

PBS4L NEWS FOCUS WEEK 7



We are safe.
Safe games on the playground.

OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to
Year 4



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

History of St Oliver's A History of Harris Park

Rosehill is named after James Ruse who arrived on the First Fleet. He had been sentenced to seven years' transportation to Australia. Ruse applied to Governor Arthur Phillip for a land grant who allocated him an allotment. The area at the time was known as Ruse Hill (now Rosehill). He was the first convict to be granted land in the colony in this area in 1791. James Ruse developed Australia's first private farm known as **Experiment Farm**, which sowed the first wheat in Australia.

Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolling Now for Year 7 2022

Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit our website for an enrolment pack. Applications close at the end of March 2021. For enrolment criteria please refer to our school website.

Tours of the school campus will be held in Term 4 -
Tuesday 10th November & Friday 4th December 2020.

**Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead /
www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au**

2 Day School Holiday Camp

Rush Hour Australia

1300 007 874

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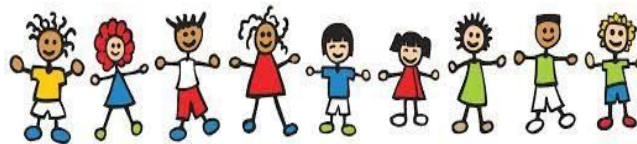
Gladstone St, Parramatta

8.30am to 3.30pm

Sep 30/ Oct 7/8

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KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE

ONLINE GAMING

Children and young people are increasingly interacting online via online gaming platforms. While there may be many positive aspects to online gaming, it's also important to be aware of some of the risks.

One of the biggest risks in terms of child safety is the potential for interaction with strangers via these games. Networked games involve multiple players (in some cases even hundreds of thousands of players). With these games, your child or young person could be communicating with strangers (including adults) through webcam, private messaging or online chat, increasing the risk of contact from predators (www.esafety.gov.au, 2018).

A study by the eSafety Commissioner (2017) found that when it comes to online gaming, **52% of children played with people they didn't know**. Statistics such as this suggest that it is vital for parents to place safeguards around their children and young people when it comes to online gaming and educate them about interacting safely online. For the most up-to-date information for parents about online gaming and keeping children and young people safe, please refer to the [eSafety Commissioner website](http://www.esafety.gov.au).

TIPS TO SHARE WITH YOUR KIDS

Reinforce regularly with your kids the following online safety rules:

You should never:

- tell anyone your full name, address, phone number or school
- send a photo of yourself to anyone that you don't know
- tell anyone your credit card or bank details
- make plans to meet anyone you find online – people you meet online aren't always who they claim they are
- talk to anyone who is nasty or makes you feel uncomfortable

You should **ALWAYS**:

- be careful who you talk to online
- ask permission to use online games with chat features
- tell your parents or carer if someone says something to you online that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- stay away from websites that are not meant for children
- remember that people are not always who they say they are online

Taken from:

<https://bravehearts.org.au/what-we-do/education-and-training/for-parents/keeping-safe-online/>