



St Oliver's Primary School

Newsletter

33 Wigram Street, Harris Park
Email: stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au

Tel: 8633 8300
Website: www.stoliversharrisparke.catholic.edu.au

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 9

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

17th September 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Thursday 24th

Mufti Day
Gold and Fold Donation

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



Gospel

[Mt 20:1-16](#)

Parable of the workers in the vineyard.

I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Discussion starters

Can you think of a time when you were cross because someone got more than you?

Can you think of a time when you received more than others?

How does it make you feel when someone is generous?

God is generous to us, we also need to be **generous**.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Migrant and Refugee Sunday is approaching on the 27th of September, and given the crisis that COVID-19 has posed for asylum seekers and refugees in our diocese, with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls to House of Welcome and Jesuit Refugee Service, the Diocesan Journey is hoping that parishes and schools can be in solidarity with the community on this Sunday through prayers, sharing stories and action.

On Friday, Stage 3 began this journey with a circle of silence as a small group of students stood in

silence for ten minutes to reflect on the issue.



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



Student prayer

Dear God, why did you make 2020 the worst year ever? God, BLM is a bigger problem, it includes racism. We must be helping those people that are suffering, Africans mostly feel the pain, they go to jail for no reason, because of them being black, they weren't treated well. That's why to stop this we need to stop racism. Amen. Jamie Yr5.

Dear Heavenly Father, we worship you, we love you and we praise you. Can you take care of people who are suffering like people who are homeless and are suffering from Covid-19 (coronavirus). I want to thank you for a wonderful family that cares for me and loves me and for the house that I live in. Thank you for a smart teacher, a wonderful class and some great friends I have. And thank you for this planet and some tasty treats I can eat. Amen. Mikaela-Kristen Yr5.

PBS4L NEWS FOCUS WEEK 8



We are safe.
Right place, right time during eating time.

OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to Year 2



Celebration Afternoon

Thursday, 24 September

Mufti Day



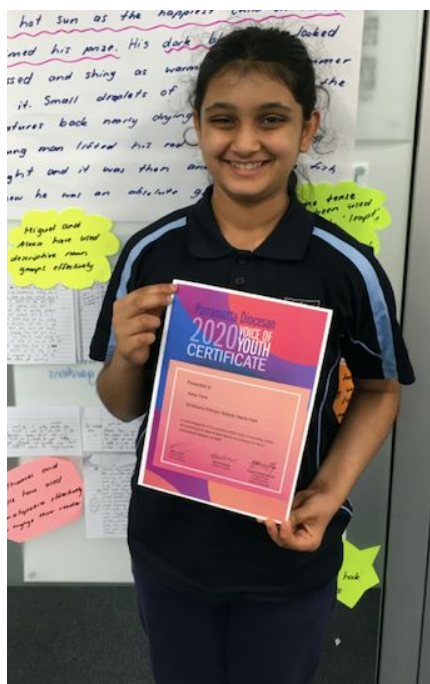
To celebrate the end of our first full term at school, we are having a gold and fold mufti day and an afternoon full of fun activities. The mufti day money will go towards prizes for our Christmas raffle at the end of the year. Each stage will hold its own celebration after lunch. This will replace our annual school disco which has had to be cancelled due to the restrictions around Covid-19.

Children are asked to wear clothes that will allow them to move easily for the afternoon activities and closed in shoes to keep their feet safe.



Voice Of Youth

This term Year 6 and Year 5 composed and presented their Voice of Youth speeches. Students were given the opportunity to choose their topic and purpose. Their speeches needed to either inform, entertain, inspire or persuade. All students composed unique and original speeches. Well done to all of Stage 3 as well as a big congratulations to our Year 6 Oli Winners: Adya, Ava and Adrian.





Lego Masters

On Thursday, during recess and lunch, students have been spending their play time creating lego builds on the theme of Outer Space.

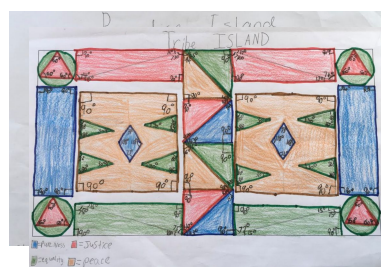
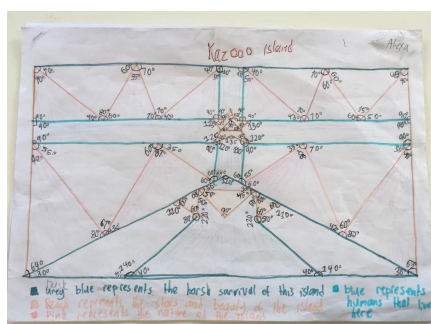
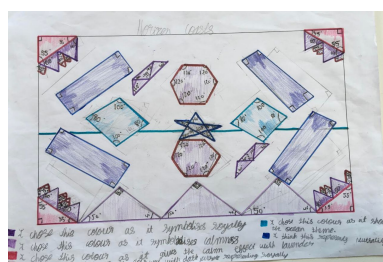
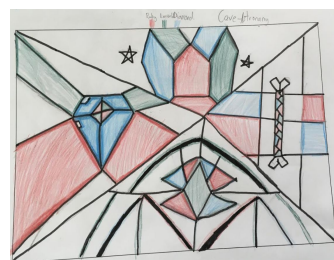
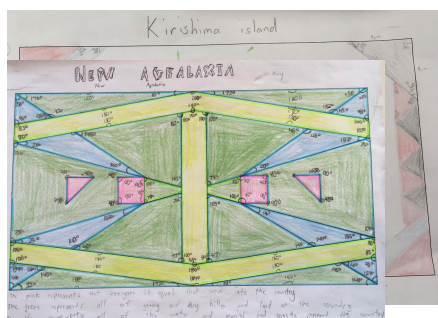
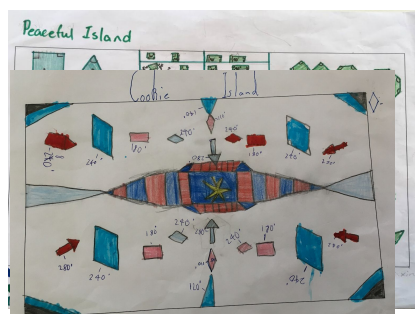
Pictures of our creations and winning designs have been placed on the notice board outside the entrance of the school office.

We are so creative at our school! Well done everyone! Keep on building!



Stage 3 Mathematics

In Mathematics, Stage 3 has designed a flag for an imaginary island. The flag needed to use mathematical concepts of 2D objects, lines and angles. Here are some of their great flag ideas. Great thinking Stage 3!



FUSION FOOTBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Suitable for all skill levels focusing on fun practices that build into technical ability.

OPEN TO AGES U6'S-U14'S

Register now fusionfootball.com.au. *Covid Safety plan in place*

Contact Mario on 0450 227 508

BATHURST ST. PARK, GREYSTANES

OCTOBER 6TH-7TH-8TH

9AM - 12:30PM | \$150

Focus On Learning



TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE

This article is taken from <https://bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety>

It's never too early to sow the seeds of personal safety. As parents, we need to teach our children 5 basic principles.....

These principles are:

- To trust their feelings and to distinguish between 'yes' and 'no' feelings
- To say 'no' to adults if they feel unsafe and unsure
- That they own their own bodies
- That nothing is so yucky that they can't tell someone about it
- That if they feel unsafe or unsure to run and tell someone they trust.

Talk To Your Kids Encourage your children to feel comfortable telling you anything, especially if it involves another adult. Encourage your children to identify other trusted adults they can talk to in confidence.

Be Aware Learn about the people with whom your child is spending time. Take notice if someone shows one or all of your children a great deal of attention or begins giving them gifts. Take time to talk to your children, find out why the person is acting in this way.

Empower Your Kids Knowledge is power. Teach your children about their bodies. Teach them the correct language to use when describing their private parts. Emphasise that those parts are private. This will make them more at ease if they need to tell you about a touch that made them feel uncomfortable. Additionally, if a child uses a word like 'garage' or 'golf stick' to describe their private parts, a disclosure might be missed.

Get Involved Be an active participant with your children's activities, you will have a better opportunity to observe how the adults in charge interact with your children. If you are concerned about anyone's behaviour, take it up with the sponsoring organisation.

Teach Them Their Rights Teach your kids that they have the right to say NO to any unwelcome, uncomfortable, or confusing touch or actions by others. Teach them to tell you immediately if this happens. Reassure them that you are there to help and it is okay to tell you anything.

Notice Changes In Behaviour Be sensitive to any changes in your children's behaviour or attitude. Encourage open communication and learn how to be an active listener. Look and listen to small indications that something may be troubling your children because children are not always comfortable disclosing disturbing events or feelings. This may be because they are concerned about your reaction to their problems. If your children do confide problems to you, strive to remain calm, non-critical, and non-judgemental. Listen compassionately to their concern and work with them to get the help they need to resolve the problem.

Practise Safety Skills Practise basic safety skills with your children. Make an outing to a mall or a park a 'teachable' experience in which your children can practise checking with you before going to the restroom with a friend, and locating the adults who can help if they need assistance.

Cyber-safety Is Important Too Teach your child never to give out their last name, address, or phone number to a person on the Internet and never to meet Internet friends in person without a parent's supervision and consent. Parents should help children choose a screen name that does not disclose information about their location. Teach children not to post pictures with identifying information such as a school uniform. Always keep your computer in a public area of your house – not in a child's bedroom. More on this topic

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