



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 4 Week 1

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

15th October 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October

Wednesday 28th  
School Photos



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Currently we have children in our community preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for these children on their journey.

Confirmation is:

- Confirming God's identity in us
- A gift
- Confirming the Spirit as my strength and my companion
- A reaffirmation of life in all its fullness
- Strengthening and encouraging others to be with the Spirit



### Class Mass

From week 3, classes will have the opportunity to join together in prayer with Father Chris to celebrate the Eucharist. This will be the first time in many months.

The current COVID Safe plan does not allow the wider community to also be present at the same time with the children due to class sizes and number limits permitted in the church at the same time as per NSW Health instructions. We apologise for this and pray for a safe return to Parish masses soon.

### New Draft Curriculum

Last term our Stage 3 students took a deep dive into the trial/ test run of the New Draft Curriculum in Religious Education. This process involved vital feedback from children, parents and teachers. This feedback was vital to feed into a process of updating the draft Learning Cycles for 2021. We thank our Stage 3 learning community for supporting this important work.

Anthony Matthews  
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## PBS4L NEWS

Congratulations to Year 2 for being Oli's Star Class for Week 10 Term 3



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*Oliver's*  
**1930-2020**

### *History of St Oliver's* *Mercy Values*

At St Oliver's, we live and celebrate the Mercy values of:

Compassion; Justice; Dignity; Excellence; Hospitality; Stewardship and Service.

We have a Mercy Wall in our school which is a celebration of all that we do to display any of the values of Mercy.

**Compassion:** Understanding the needs of others and giving unselfishly

**Justice:** The fair treatment of all people

**Dignity:** Respecting and recognising of the value of each person.

**Excellence:** Doing the absolute best we can

**Hospitality:** Creating an environment that is welcoming and respectful using our words and actions.

**Stewardship:** Grateful and responsible use of our God given gifts to help others.

**Service:** Being a leader so I can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: **Wednesday 28 October 2020**

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)

**ORDER NOW** go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code  
**Z6B Y4P 5NJ**

### **Lost Property**

There is a lost property box in the office which has a large number of jackets, jumpers and water bottles. All of these items are not labelled. Please check in case your child has lost any items. The weather has warmed up but we still need to find homes for these items.

### **Second Hand Uniforms**

We have a number of well cared for second hand uniforms available in the office.



## Would you like to join **Cool Kids Music Co.** lessons at school

### **Keyboard & Guitar Tuition**

Available for students in years 1-6



Perfect for beginners



Instrument provided for lesson



30 minute lessons, once a week



Maximum 8 students per class



\$13.50 (+GST) per lesson  
pre paid at the beginning of the term



\$20.00 once off book fee

**Enrol  
now!**



### **What makes CKMC so COOL?**

Music Olympics held once a Term!



Encouragement, Awesomeness, Completion  
and Certificate of Participation Awards



Lessons held in the convenience of your own  
school with friends!



Weekly homework charts and  
Progress Reports available on request!



Prizes for remembering  
your book!



**LAST CHANCE TO USE YOUR 2020  
CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER**

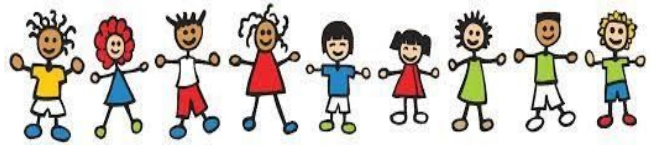
If you wish to enrol please visit  
**[www.coolkidsmusic.com.au](http://www.coolkidsmusic.com.au)**

For more information please call or email our friendly staff on:  
**0457 668 742 or [enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au](mailto:enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au)**

\*Room usage fee may apply at some schools  
\*Information and website are subject to change



# Focus On Learning



The following letter has been taken from the book Revisit, Reflect, Retell which is a text that our teachers use to help the students with their comprehension. We thought it might be a valuable letter for all parents to read so as to be able to also help their children at home.

## PARENT PAGE

### Talking About Books at Home

Dear Parent,

One of the best things we can do to assist our children with reading is to engage them in talking about the books they read. Talking stimulates language development and helps children improve their comprehension.

As you get ready to share a book with your child, you might ask your child to talk about the cover, the title, and a few of the pictures in the book. This "before-reading" conversation will help your child to build the expectation that stories make sense. This is also a good time to help your child connect personal experiences to the reading. If there is a picture showing a picnic, for example, this would be a perfect time to talk with your child about a picnic you enjoyed together.

You can also invite your child into conversation during the reading by stopping now and then to ask, "What might happen next?"

As you know, children love to share their opinions. After reading, you might get your child started with questions such as:

- \* What did you notice?
- \* What did you like?
- \* How did it make you feel?
- \* Did this remind you of any experiences you have had?
- \* What parts of the story were your favorites?

Just choose one or two questions so that it feels like a conversation instead of a test. Happy reading!

Sincerely,

Your child's teacher