

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 4

http://www.stoliversharrispark.catholic.edu.au/home

5th November 2020

Joke of the Week: What does a cloud wear under his raincoat? Thunderwear.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4

November

Tuesday 24th Kindergarten Orientation

December

Tuesday 1st

Kindergarten Orientation

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



Tell Them From Me Survey 2020

Each year the students in Year 4, 5 and 6, the staff and parents have the opportunity to fill in this survey.

Our students feel there is rigour in what they are learning and that teachers have high expectations of students. This aligns with our school goal for 2020 where our focus has been to extend our students.

The majority of parents, students and staff either agree or strongly agree that our school helps students grow in their understanding of Jesus, help students respond to the important questions about life and help students apply the teachings of Jesus to their lives.

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 **Year 3**, **Year 4 Year**, **5 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**.

By

Barbara Young





Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked.

The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

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Socktober - Catholic Mission Fundraiser

Thank you to our community for joining us in prayer and mission last Thursday. Our Year 6 students led and prepared a liturgy where we learnt about the charitable works which help those who have been impacted by war, disease and famine.

We also learnt to play 'Sockball' which helped us to stand together in solidarity with the poor.

Thank you for your generous donations.

On Tuesday, Stage 1 continued their journey with Catholic Mission and participated in a Zoom lesson with **Catholic Mission**. This session connected well with the children's Religious Education work over the past few weeks. Dorothy and Alan shared

stories of need and outreach to those in other countries and how we can be grateful for all we have.





PBS4L NEWS FOCUS WEEK 4

Whole school focus "Stop, think, do"



OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to Kindergarten



ARE YOU LEAVING ST OLIVER'S?

If your family is not returning to St Oliver's next year, please let the office know so that appropriate paperwork can be completed. Thank you.





2021 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN!

ALL 2021 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS registrations close for these sports only on Monday 23rd November as these trials are planned for November & December 2020. This will be confirmed closer to the date due to COVID-19 restrictions and venue availability.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2021.

Primary students enrolled in **Year 5 and 6 in 2021** are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2021 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials the 2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

FACEBOOK: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the 2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

More detailed information can be located in the 2021 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents COVID19 information sheet





St Oliver's Christmas Raffle Donations

We are still accepting donations for our Christmas raffle. We are happy for any items that can be added to hampers or make up a good raffle prize. All items must be new & unused/unopened. Please bring any items to school. As always we appreciate your support. St Oliver's Fundraising Parent Group



InfoZone

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

LIBRARY BORROWING



Library borrowing for the remainder of this year will be on the following days: **Monday:** Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 **Thursday:** Kindergarten, Years 5 and 6

Please encourage the children to bring their Library bags on their Library borrowing day.

READING ALOUD TIPS



Mem Fox is a celebrated Australian author. She has written more than 40 children's books including *Where is the Green Sheep?* And *Possum Magic.* These are her tips for parents:

- 1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud. From birth!
- 2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Or the same story a thousand times!
- 3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
- 4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners
- 5. Read the stories that your child loves, over and over, and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations and volume and speed, on each page, each time.
- 6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games
- 7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
- 8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
- 9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
- 10. Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

https://memfox.com/for-parents/for-parents-ten-read-aloud-commandments/

Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian