



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 1 Week 7

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

11th March 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

#### Monday 15th

School Cross Country  
Years 2-6

#### Wednesday 17th

Yr 3 Mass



### Third Sunday of Lent

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

In this we see one of the only times that Jesus demonstrates anger. It is important to know that this was not common for Christ, but we can look to relate this to our lives.

Are we angered when we see injustices?  
Do we channel this anger to do good works?

### Holy Week

On Sunday, March 29th it is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week. Here we begin our journey to the Cross and the Resurrection of New Life.

On Tuesday, 31st March St Oliver's will be holding the Second Rite of Reconciliation. On this night we have several members of the community making their first reconciliation. Everyone is invited to join at 6:00pm on this night.

On Wednesday, 31st March each class will journey through the school in prayer learning and forming their heart for the Passion of Christ and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

## PBS4L - Oli News



### PBS4L Focus - Week 7

We are respectful by following instructions.

## Oli Star Class

Congratulations to Yr 5



## Diocesan Swimming

Congratulations to Lili, Mathieu and Ryan who competed in the Diocesan swimming competition on Tuesday. The community is proud of their wonderful achievements.

## Reminder Cross Country

Next Monday, 15th March (back up date Monday, 22nd March)  
All students in Yrs 2 - 6 will compete in this long distance running event.  
Holroyd Sportsground, Peel St, Holroyd  
Bus to and from Holroyd Sportsground, leaving school at 9.15am.

We would like students to wear their Colour House colour shirt if they have one. House points will begin to be awarded at this carnival which carries over to the Athletics Carnival.

If you do not have a colour house shirt, please wear your St Oliver's sport uniform polo.

## Easter Raffle Donations

It is time again for our Easter Egg Raffle!



We are asking each family to bring in Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. The more eggs, the more prizes we will have.

We will be sending home a book of raffle tickets in the next few weeks for families to sell.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Sick children

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell eg: cough, sore throat, runny nose.

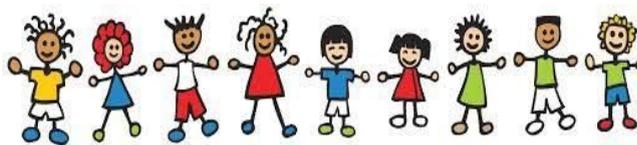
If your child is unwell at school, we will be contacting parents to pick up their child. Any child who presents as sick are sent to sickbay and isolated.

We appreciate your understanding.

**Change of Details:** If you have changed any of your contact details (including emergency contacts) or address please come and see Kim or Anna in the office so we can update these for you.

**Enrolments** - are now open for Kindergarten 2022. If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st July, 2022, you are welcome to collect an enrolment package from the office and apply for enrolment. If you know of families in the area looking for a quality Catholic education for their child, please let them know that we are currently accepting enrolments. Offers for places in our Kindergarten 2022 will begin this term.

# Focus On Learning



The following article comes from the *esafety Commissioner* and has lots of tips and ideas to help our children be safe while gaming online. We featured the first part last week. The full article can be found at

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/gaming>

## Online Gaming

### Is your child spending too much time gaming?

There is no magic number of hours, but your child may be spending too much time playing games if their gaming starts to have negative impacts on them or your family.

#### Look out for signs such as:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches or eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- reduced personal hygiene
- obsession with particular websites or games
- anger when being asked to take a break from online activity, or appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- becoming withdrawn from friends and family

In some cases, setting firm limits as a family may be enough to help address too much gaming. But there may also be underlying problems like depression and anxiety that are linked to problematic internet use. Our guide to managing [time online](#) for parents and carers can help you get things under control.

## Grooming and bullying through in-game chat

### Network games involve multiple players — in some cases even hundreds or thousands of players.

With these games, your child could be communicating with strangers, including adults, through web cam, private messaging or online chat, increasing the risk of contact from online abusers, or bullying from other players.

#### eSafety research insights

- Children aged 11 to 12 are most likely to be bullied by other players, with around 22% in this age group reporting a bullying experience, compared to 17% of multiplayer gamers overall.
- 42% of young people bullied while gaming online responded by turning off the in-game chat function,
- 41% ignored the bullying and 38% stopped playing a game with the person.
- Nearly 30% reported the bullying to game moderators.

Find out more in [eSafety Research: State of Play — Youth and Online Gaming in Australia](#).

### Help your child maintain their privacy

- Encourage your child not to share personal information like their full name, birthdate, address, phone number, school name or identifiable photos.
- Suggest they use an avatar or other image with a screen name that does not reveal their real name.
- Warn them not to talk to another player in private chat or game chat mode.

### Be alert to grooming behaviour

- Tell your child to notify you immediately if a stranger tries to start a conversation about something inappropriate or requests personal information.
- If you suspect your child is being groomed online, you should report this to your local police or [Crimestoppers](#)
- Read more advice in our guide to [unwanted contact and grooming](#) for parents and carers.

## Support your child if they experience bullying

- Encourage them not to respond or retaliate.
- Keep a record of the harassing messages.
- Help them block, mute or 'unfriend' that person from their players list, or turn off the in-game chat function.
- Help them report the behaviour to the game site administrator.
- Read more advice in our guide to [cyberbullying](#) for parents and carers.

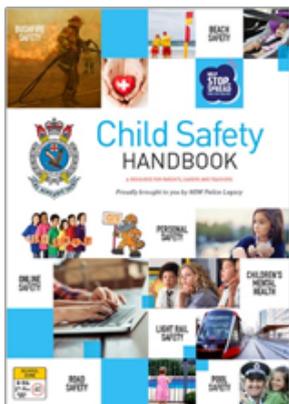
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Have advised us that they currently have plenty of red and blue striped socks for the boys.

## DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK

The "**NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook**" is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. The new edition of this valuable safety resource is now available online with updated safety content. We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children. Please click on this link to read the Child Safety Handbook [Child Safety Handbook](#)



The poster is for 'North Rocks Rugby' and promotes 'TRY RUGBY NIGHTS'. It features a background image of a rugby player in a green jersey. The text is arranged in yellow boxes and circles. At the top, it says 'North Rocks Rugby wants YOU to come to our'. Below that, in a large yellow box, is '-TRY RUGBY NIGHTS -'. Three circles provide details: 'boys and girls U6-U17', 'Wed 17 &amp; 24 March', and '5.30 - 6.30pm Kingsdene Oval'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'SKILLS. DRILLS. FUN. SAUSAGE SIZZLE.' and the hashtag '#fortheloveofrugby'.