



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 2

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

4th February 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

**Monday 8th**

Meet & Greet Yr 1 & Yr 6

**Tuesday 9th**

Meet & Greet Yr 3 & Yr 5

**Thursday 11th**

Commissioning Mass / Meet & Greet K & Yr 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We welcome everyone back to a new school year. I especially welcome all our new students to St Olivers who have all settled in extremely well. I also welcome some new staff members this year, Ms Vuljanic (Yr 6 teacher), Mrs Anvia and Mrs Roberts (Classroom Support) and Ms Laporte (Japanese teacher).

*Barbara Young*

## St Oliver's Staff 2021



Ms Young  
Principal



Mrs Newman  
Assist. Principal



Mr Matthews  
REC



Mrs Bessounian  
Kindergarten



Ms Conley - Yr 1  
Year 1



Mrs Jean-Louis  
Year 2 temp



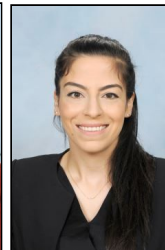
Mrs Henson  
Year 2



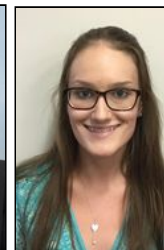
Ms Sarina -Yr3  
Year 3



Ms Dib-Yr 4  
Year 4



Miss Tatian  
Year 5



Ms Vuljanic  
Year 6



Mr Grahame  
Music



Mrs Quinn  
Library



Mrs Fingleton  
Library/Office



Mrs Small  
Finance



Mrs Myers  
Administration



Mrs Abood  
Teacher Support



Mrs Dickinson  
Teacher Support



Miss Raech  
Teacher Support



Mrs Roberts  
Teacher Support



Mrs Anvia  
Teacher Support



Mr Paillard  
IT Trainee

Other Staff: Mrs Spyrou (Teacher), Mr De Jesus (Maintenance), Ms Hayes (sport), Ms Laporte (Japanese)

## **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

A strong image that emerges from this passage is the faithfulness of Mary and Joseph. Their whole purpose in visiting the Temple is to fulfil the requirements of their faith. They are faithful to the Jewish tradition and it is into this tradition that they initiate Jesus. The faithfulness of Mary and Joseph is a hallmark of their life as a family. Their faithfulness is a significant element of what we celebrate in the feast of the Holy Family and their faithfulness to God and to one another is a model for all families and for all people.

Greg Sunter

Our St Oliver's community is a warm and welcoming community. We also have Mary and Joseph as a model for all of us as a family. The word family can often be a heavy word, but at St Oliver's you know that you are a part of the St Oliver's family and forever connected to each other.

## **Opening School Mass**

On Thursday 11th February, Stage 3 and Fr Chris will come together to celebrate the Eucharist and commission and bless our new student leaders for 2021. Traditionally, the whole school would join together. This year in 2021, due to restrictions, the Stage 3 students will still join together as a class and celebrate their commissioning as leaders. Unfortunately with the Stage 3 students and their teachers in the Church we are at capacity. Therefore, we will record this ceremony for their families to view on SeeSaw. Our new school leaders will be presented to the whole school community at our first assembly in week 4.

*Due to the COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship we are restricted to a capacity of 50 in our church building.*

## **Ash Wednesday**

Lent marks a time of prayer, fasting and love. The beginning of Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. In 2021 Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, February 17th (T1 Wk 3).

*Due to the COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship we are restricted to a capacity of 50 in our church building so the below plan has been put in place to ensure all our students are still able to fully participate.*

## **Masses and Liturgies are as follows:**

Stage 2 will celebrate mass at 9:15am and receive Ashes in the St Oliver's Church.

ES1, S1 & S3 will have a liturgy and distribution of the Ashes at 1:00pm in their learning spaces.

## **St Oliver's Parish Masses**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Tuesday to Friday: \*7:00am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES Saturday: Vigil 5:30pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm \*For the 7am mass, please use the side door access from the seminary. Please sanitise your hands and register.

## **New Draft Curriculum in Religious Education**

CONNECTING WITH THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND TRADITIONS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY ENRICHES STUDENTS' LIVES. THAT'S WHY WE'RE LISTENING TO STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND TEACHERS TO ENSURE THAT THE WAY WE SUPPORT LEARNING AND TEACHING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETS THEIR NEEDS.

CEDP 2020

Based on contemporary research, a new Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta curriculum will speak not only to our students but to the world they live in. In transforming the way we teach Religious Education, we seek to transform students' lives as well as our schools and society.

## **At St Oliver's in 2021, all students will be engaging in the New Draft Curriculum.**

ES1 - Who is my friend?

S1 - Who is Jesus?

Yr 3 - How am I merciful in my daily life?

Yr 4 - What is a Sacrament?

S3 - What is Human Dignity?

Throughout the term, you will be invited to share and engage the lived experience of this New Draft Curriculum.

Keep watching our various spaces for updates:

- SeeSaw
- SkoolBag
- School Newsletter






Reading material on the New Draft Curriculum 2021 can be found here: [Please visit this site to learn more](#)

## Cumberland Zone Swimming Entries

Cumberland Zone swimming entries have closed. This year the zone swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2021.

## St Oliver's - Digital Communications

At St Oliver's we use a variety of digital platforms to communicate between teachers, parents and students. Below is an outline of the purpose of each of these as well as a guide to provide some protocols around their usage.

Name of platform	How it can be used by...		
	Students	Parents	Teachers
<p>Seesaw Kinder-Year 6</p> 	<p>Celebrating student learning and achievements</p>	<p>Comment on your child's learning that has been shared</p> <p>To request a meeting with a teacher in the private messaging feature</p> <p>Platform to share with relatives who may be overseas</p>	<p>Comment on student work</p> <p>Advise parents of changes in grade routine</p> <p>Upload photos of class activities</p>
<p>Google classroom</p>  <p>Google Classroom (Stage appropriate)</p>	<p>Digital exercise book to allow students to access activities that can be completed in class or at home</p>	<p>If parent email addresses have been entered, they receive a "weekly digest" email of work their student has been assigned or, work that is due.</p>	<p>Effective tool for assigning tasks and sharing learning resources with students.</p>
<p>Skoolbag download via app store - Skoolbag St Oliver's Primary</p> 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Easy digital point of reference for immediate checking of dates and events and ability to receive push notifications about whole school events</p> <p>Student attendance notifications Volunteer or RSVP for events</p>	<p>Whole school information like newsletters, important dates or changes at a whole school level will be communicated</p>
<p>Email stolivers@parra.cat holic.edu.au</p> 	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>SUBSCRIBE</b> to St Oliver's school newsletter. To subscribe, go to our school website, click on 'Links' on the bottom right corner. Click on 'Newsletter' and fill in your details.</p> <p>Use the school email address and in the subject bar you can write ATTENTION followed by the teacher's name. Office staff will pass this on to the teacher with the utmost confidentiality</p>	<p>Weekly school newsletter with all important communication</p> <p>Receive messages from office re: parent calls and emails</p>
<p>Phone call Ph: 8633 8300</p> 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Personal issues or issues regarding your child</p>	<p>Making a meeting time regarding your child or following up from a seesaw request</p>
<p>School Website</p> 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Whole school information regarding enrolment, annual report, announcements, newsletter links and photographs of special events</p>	<p>N/A</p>

# InfoZone

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

## LIBRARY BORROWING

Children have one main borrowing day each week when their class visits the Library. The class teacher will notify you of the day for your class. Kindergarten will commence borrowing next Monday, 8th February. All students need a cloth Library St Oliver's Library bags are available for \$12 in the School Office. However, other Library bags may be used.



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cloth

## ST OLIVERS ELIBRARY

Our Library may be accessed in a number of ways. To access via the school website please click [St Oliver's Primary: Catholic Primary Schools](#) You will find our **Library** under the **Learning** tab. Scroll down to select [Access our eLibrary.](#)

## ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

In order to access technology at school all students must return their signed **Acceptable Use Policy** promptly each year. It is important to take the time to discuss the policy with your children - they may even be able to help you!

## SAFER INTERNET DAY- Tuesday 9th February 2021

The e-Safety commissioner is conducting free webinars for parents and carers from 9th February to 22nd March. These live webinars explore the latest research and they are a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online.

All sessions are delivered by eSafety's expert education and training team and are very popular.



Please book here: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Tuesday, 9 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Wednesday, 10 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday, 10 February 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Monday, 15 February 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Monday, 22 March 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Mrs Lesley Quinn  
Teacher Librarian