



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 5

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

25th February 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

#### Thursday 25th

Easter raffle donations

### MARCH

#### Wednesday 3rd

Yr 5 Mass and  
Reconciliation

#### Wednesday 3rd

Stage 2 Excursion

Project Compassion: How can your money help?

Lives who have been impacted by Caritas:

Jamila

Country: Bangladesh

Family: 1 daughter

Job: Learnt to sew to support her family

Jamila is a 22 year old single mother. Jamila's village was bombed in 2017 and it was destroyed. Her husband abandoned her when she was only 3 months pregnant. Jamila walked with other refugees from Myanmar to Bangladesh where there is a refugee camp. It took 6 days. The refugee camp, Cox's Bazar, holds 1.3 million people. Caritas identified Jamila as a person of high need.

With Caritas' support, Jamila had access to emergency food and shelter. Jamila learnt about health and hygiene and participated in a parenting program. Jamila learnt sewing skills to help her to earn an income and support her child

***"I want to offer my thankful greetings to those who are kindly thinking of us from overseas", Jamila says. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia."***  
[caritas.org.au](http://caritas.org.au)



## Week 1 Lent 21st February

The Gospel this week at first glance invites us in to the ordeal that Adam and Israel both faced in the Old Testament. Jesus is tempted in the desert, by retracing the steps of Israel being led into the wilderness for **40 DAYS**. The Israelites marched in the desert for 40 years of testing.

In the end of this verse Jesus succeeds where Adam and Israel failed.

You might focus on this success as Jesus' beginning of his campaign against hate, disease and evil in the Scriptures.

When reflecting on this Gospel there will be times when we are tempted, but we know that in Jesus, if we commit ourselves to saying YES to God, we will be fulfilled and repent and believe in the Gospel (repent meaning a 'change of heart').

We are in LENT !

- These 40 days of Lent are a time when we turn back to God and ask for forgiveness.
- In Lent we spend time in prayer and do good works.
- How can we do this during the coming weeks?

## ZONE Swimming Wednesday, 17th February 2021

Congratulations to Ryan, Pierre, Eric, Aiko, Erin, Lili and Mathieu who all competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

The team had an amazing day and had lots of fun representing the school at the zone swimming carnival. They also did an excellent job in their races and enjoyed the competition.

### PBS4L - Oli News

#### PBS4L Focus - Week 5



We are safe by moving slowly and keeping hands and feet to ourselves

### Oli Star Class

Congratulations to Yr 6



**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.

### Volunteering at St Oliver's

If you wish to help in any way at St Oliver's (ie Sports carnivals, Fundraising, excursions etc) you will need to complete an online Child Protection module. The module takes about 5 minutes to complete and will send the school an email with your name when completed. It is essential that this is completed before you volunteer to help at St Oliver's.

Please go to: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

Then click on:

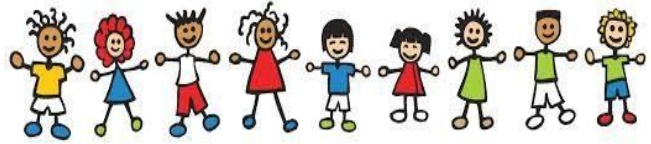
- BCSC Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers and Contractors
- Start the module

The training is valid for 2 years.

### School Fees

School Fee statements for Term 1 have been posted home to all families. Fees are due by 17th March. If you have not received your statement, please see Mrs Anna Small at the office.

# 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 will feature it over the next few weeks. The full article can be found at

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

## Online Gaming

Online games can be great fun for your child, but make sure you can help them manage the risks. Many games can improve your child's coordination, problem-solving and multi-tasking skills, as well as help build social skills through online interactivity with other players. But it is also important to understand what might go wrong and have a negative impact on your child...

### **How common is it?**

- 81% of children aged 8 to 17 have played an online game
- 64% have played a multiplayer online game with others
- 52% have played with people they did not know
- 17% have experienced bullying or abuse while playing a network game with others
- 34% have made an in-game purchase and this rose to 45% when they played a network game with others

### **How to create a safer gaming environment for your child**

#### **Prepare**

- Locate the computer or games console in an open area of your home, or if your child is playing on their handheld device, get them to do it in the family room.
- Install current security software on all devices to protect against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- Activate parental controls and safety features on the device or in the app or browser. These controls can help restrict access to certain content and limit spending on in-game and in-app purchases. See our advice on [taming the technology](#).

#### **Build good habits**

- Help your child to protect their privacy online — get them to use a screen name that does not reveal their real name.
- Teach your child not to click on links provided by strangers, like 'cheat' programs to help with game play, which might expose their device to viruses or malware.
- Agree on strategies to help them to switch off, like a timer that signals game time is nearly over, with consequences for not switching off.

#### **Stay involved**

- Talk regularly with your child about their gaming interests and who they play with online. Help them understand the risks.
- Play alongside your child to get a better sense of how they are handling their personal information and who they are communicating with.
- Monitor the time your child spends online and keep a lookout for any changes in their activity, school or social behaviours.
- Encourage your child to tell you if they experience anything that worries them or makes them uncomfortable.

# Online Gaming (continued)

## Be aware of what they are playing

- Games vary in their level of violent or sexual content, and may contain themes, language and images that are unsuitable for your child.
- You can check the age guidelines and classification for an individual game on its website or product packaging, or from the Australian Classification Board's public database.
- The Australian Classification Board also has useful information on violent video games to help parents and their children decide what video games are appropriate for them.
- Useful information about games ratings can also be obtained from the Pan European Game Information (PEGI) and the US Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).
- Review sites can also be a good source of information about age appropriate content – check out the Australian Council on Children and the Media, Kiwi Families (NZ), Common Sense Media (US), Parents' Choice (US) and Ask About Games (UK).

## Empower your child

- Wherever possible, help them make wise decisions for themselves, rather than tell them what to do.
  - Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.
- Our online gaming advice for young people may be a good starting point.

\*Next week we will continue the article with tips for knowing if your child is spending too much time online gaming, grooming and bullying through online gaming chat and online purchases etc

Full article can be found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/gaming>



Order your lunches now via:

[www.welcomeasy.com.au](http://www.welcomeasy.com.au)

All meals include 1 serving of fruits!

A menu board for "COLD Specials" with a price of R: \$10.00 (L: +\$2). It includes a note "Includes fresh seasonal fruits!". The menu lists three items: Seared Salmon Nigiri (GF), Salmon & Avo Roll (GF), and Prawn Nigiri (GF), each with a description and serving sizes.

COLD Specials R: \$10.00 (L: +\$2)	
Includes fresh seasonal fruits!	
	<b>Seared Salmon Nigiri (GF)</b> Freshly cut salmon topped with teriyaki sauce and mayonnaise seared to a lightly charred finish. Served (R) 4 pieces and (L) 6 pieces. Limited availability!
	<b>Salmon &amp; Avo Roll (GF)</b> Freshly cut salmon with avocado rolled inside out. Served (R) 6 pieces and (L) 8 pieces. Limited availability!
	<b>Prawn Nigiri (GF)</b> Prawns topped over sushi rice. Served (R) 4 pieces and (L) 6 pieces. Limited availability!



22 February 2021

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2021. The fees remained unchanged from 2020, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees have also remained unchanged. School-based fees cover the costs of things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

#### 1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the *same for every school*. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2021 are outlined below  
**2021 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)**

	1 <sup>st</sup> child (100%)	2 <sup>nd</sup> child (75%)	3 <sup>rd</sup> child (50%)	4 <sup>th</sup> Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	No fee

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## 2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2021 is \$822. **There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood** and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount of up to 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

## 3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees. *Although it varies from school to school, as a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.*

## Here's how we can help

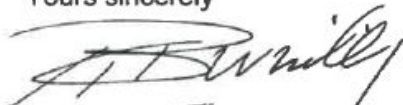
We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**  
Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit, debit, or credit card, or BPay on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.
- **Fee assistance**  
We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.
- **Bishop Manning Support Fund**  
In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Support Fund is available to families who experience challenges meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Further information is available at the [Bishop Manning Support Fund](#) page of the CEDP website.
- **Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible. Further information is available on our [Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme](#) page of the CEDP website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools. Please contact your local Catholic school if you require further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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