



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 2 Week 1

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

22nd April 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

#### Friday 23rd

Easter hat parade and  
Welcoming BBQ  
4.30-6.30pm

#### Wednesday 28th

Yr 6 Mass

### May

#### Wednesday 5th

Mother's Day stall

#### Thursday 6th

Mother's Day breakfast,  
Liturgy, guest speaker &  
open classrooms

#### Friday 7th

Mother's Day Raffle  
drawn

#### Tuesday 11th

Naplan - Reading  
Yr 3 & 5

#### Wednesday 12th

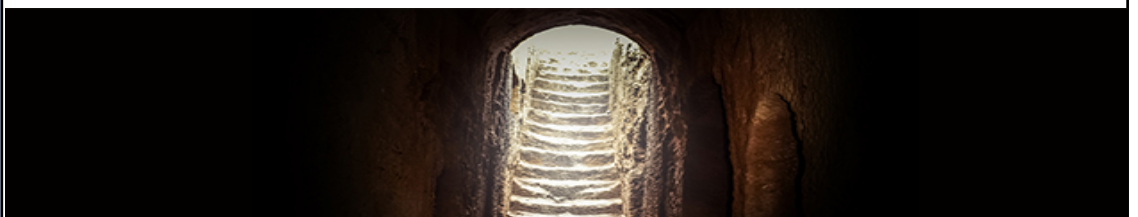
Naplan - Writing  
Yr 3 & 5

#### Thursday 13th

Naplan - Conventions of  
Language  
Yr 3 & 5

#### Thursday 18th

Naplan - Mathematics  
Yr 3 & 5



### **Easter**

Easter Sunday marked the beginning of the Octave of Easter. This is the longest of the seasons lasting 50 days. On Easter Sunday Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The linen burial cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this 'death business' for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

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What do you have that is new?

How do you feel when you have something new?

Easter Sunday is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us.

How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?

### **Mother's Day**

YES !!!! All the mothers in our lives, you are the face of a mercy. This will be our theme this year at our celebration.

You are warmly invited to join us on Thursday 6th May for breakfast, prayer and also a special presentation. After these events before morning tea you will be invited for the first time since the Pandemic, to join your child/children in their learning space.

### **ANZAC Day Liturgy**

Lest we forget ! This week the children will be engaging in literature which teaches them about Australia's great sacrifice for the safety and protection of all. On Tuesday, 27th April before morning tea, the students will stand for a moment's silence to remember all those who have taken up the call to help defend Australia.

God of love and peace, we gather to pray for those who gave so much for their country. May we always remember their sacrifices and their gifts of freedom and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthony Matthews  
REC

### **Easter Hat Parade and Welcoming BBQ - Friday, 23rd April 4.30-6.30pm**

On Friday, 23rd April we are in the Easter Season. To celebrate Easter as a community we will have a free Family BBQ and a student Easter Hat Parade.. All families are invited.



### **Naplan 2021 Dates**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting their Naplan online tests this term. The dates for the tests are below.

#### **Tuesday 11th May: Writing**

Year 5 start time: 9:30 am

Year 3 start time: 9:45 am

#### **Wednesday 12th May: Reading**

Year 5 start time: 9:30 am

Year 3 start time: 9:45 am

#### **Thursday 13th May: Conventions of Language**

Year 5 start time: 9:30 am

Year 3 start time: 9:45 am

#### **Tuesday 18th May: Mathematics**

Year 5 start time: 9:30 am

Year 3 start time: 9:45 am

**Please note:** If your child is unwell on any of these days please DO NOT send them to school. The children will have the opportunity to sit the tests in the week following. If they start the test and are unable to complete it they will not be able to continue the next day.

If you have any questions regarding Naplan please contact Mrs Newman.

### **Bunnings BBQ - Year 6 fundraiser**

*Love the smell of a sausage sizzle?* On Saturday, 1st May feel like a Bunnings visit? Grab a sausage at Rydalmere Bunnings and you will see our Yr 6 families running a BBQ fundraiser for the graduating class of 2021. Your support will be much appreciated.



### **PBS4L - Oli News**

#### **PBS4L Focus - Week 1**

Classroom expectations.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Full summer or full winter uniform can be worn for the next couple of weeks.



## WINTER UNIFORM

All students must attend school in their full winter uniform from Monday, 10th May (day after Mother's Day).

**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 have begun already.

## Merrylands West School & Workwear Centre

455-457 Merrylands Road, Merrylands NSW 2160

Tele: (02) 9637 4502 Ph: 0401264138

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

## NEW BOYS SOCKS

Lowes, Parramatta Westfield have informed us that they can no longer source the boys socks with the red and pale blue stripe. They are now keeping the boys socks with pale blue stripes, which will now become part of the boys school uniform. There will be a phase-in period. Boys can still wear their red and blue socks for the next 18 months. Merrylands West Uniform Shop have informed us that they still have stock of the red and blue striped socks until they run out.



## PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT ST OLIVER'S

### Building Child Safe Communities

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 training 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>
- Start training now button

The training is valid for 2 years.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL - Wednesday, 5th May

The children at St Oliver's have a chance to buy a gift at the Mother's Day stall on **Wednesday, 5th May**. The Mother's day gifts are priced from \$2 to \$10. The children are asked to bring in some money on Wednesday to purchase a special gift for their Mums or that special person in their lives.



## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, LITURGY, GUEST SPEAKER AND OPEN CLASSROOMS - Thursday, 6th May

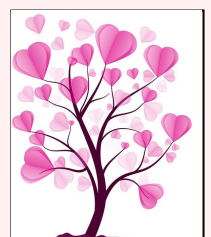
All mothers, grandmothers and significant others are invited to join us on **Thursday, 6th May** for a Mother's Day breakfast from 8am - 9am. This will be followed by a Mother's Day Liturgy, Guest speaker and Open Classrooms.

8.00am - 9.00am - Mother's Day Breakfast

9.00am - 9.45am - Mother's Day Liturgy


9.45am - 10.25am - Guest speaker in the hall

10.25am - 10.50am - Open classrooms



## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

We are also running a Mother's Day raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home today. Please return by Thursday, 6th May. Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 7th May.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL UNIFORM</b></p> <p>Our school uniform is available at <b>Lowes, Parramatta Westfield</b> and is also available at <b>Merrylands West School and Workwear Centre, 455-457 Merrylands Road MERRYLANDS</b>. We also have some second hand uniforms available for purchase in the office. <b><i>Our school bag, hat and library bag are available for purchase from the school office.</i></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>The newsletter is uploaded to our website, to the skoolbag app and a hard copy will be sent home to the eldest child in the family on a Thursday. Alternatively you can register on our website to have the newsletter emailed to you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SKOOLBAG APP</b></p> <p>Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parents' smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Skoolbag app is free to download. Keep up to date. Download it today.</p> <p>Search <b><i>St Oliver's Primary skoolbag</i></b> in your app store on your phone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SICK BAY/MEDICATIONS</b></p> <p>If your child/children are required to take medication throughout the day you must complete a medication request form. These are available in the office. Please send a note to your child's class teacher to make sure they are sent to the office at the allocated time for medicine. All children must come to the office to receive medication. <i>Asthma puffers can be kept in the child's bag. We do have spare puffers in the office in case of emergencies.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE</b></p> <p>If you are sending payments to the office for school fees, excursions etc, through your child please make sure all money is in a securely sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on it. EFTPOS is available in the office for your convenience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p>Due to work health and safety regulations we are unable to celebrate with cakes etc. During morning assembly your child will be called to the front and asked their name and age and will be given a sticker and birthday card. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNICATIONS WITH CLASS TEACHER</b></p> <p>When you have any questions concerning your child, please contact the office or send a note to the teacher. Your child's classroom teacher will get back to you as soon as is practical. The classroom teacher is always your first contact.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TERM 2 SPORT DAYS</b></p> <p>Students are to wear their sport uniform on the following days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday and Friday</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNCH BOX ITEMS</b></p> <p>St Oliver's is a 'Healthy Schools' Community. Please monitor the kinds of food you are putting in your child's lunchbox. We also have Welcomeeasy deliver fresh healthy lunches daily. Visit their website <a href="http://www.welcomeeasy.com.au">www.welcomeeasy.com.au</a> for the menu and how to order.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CRUNCH and SIP</b></p> <p><b>Crunch and Sip</b> will be held between 9-11am each morning in class time. Please make sure you pack some fresh fruit or vegetables each day. Small pieces make it easier for the children to eat. Please do not pack anything that requires a spoon. Please pack these separately to morning tea and lunch so the children know which is their Crunch and Sip.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>Due to many of our children suffering from severe allergies we are a <b><i>nut free school</i></b>. Please refrain from sending any food containing nuts to school with your child. This includes peanut butter, nutella, muesli bars with nuts and any food containing nuts or traces of nuts. Please read packaging carefully. Thank you for your understanding.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STUDENT SAFETY</b></p> <p><b><i>The front gate will be opened on school days at 8:30am</i></b>, with teacher supervision..</p> <p>If you need your child/children supervised before this time, COSHC is available for your convenience.</p> <p><b><i>The contact phone number for COSHC is: 0427 665 715</i></b></p> <p>COSHC workers are only permitted to open the school gate for families enrolled in COSHC.</p>