



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 4

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

13th May 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY

#### Monday 17th

Whole School Athletics  
Carnival

#### Tuesday 18th

Naplan - Mathematics  
Yr 3 & 5

#### Thursday 20th

Naplan makeup

#### Friday 21st

Naplan makeup

#### Wednesday 26th

Yr 3 Mass

### JUNE

#### Wednesday 2nd

Kindergarten & Stage 1  
Mass



Dear Parents,

Our Mother's' Day celebrations last Thursday were a wonderful example of our Christ centred community of children, parents, teachers, and staff who are all part of St Oliver's. The rain didn't dampen our spirits and the decision to continue with our celebrations by providing morning tea instead of breakfast made a welcome change. It was great to see so many mums, and significant others, join us for the day.

After being restricted last year due to COVID it was wonderful to see our mums visiting the classrooms and participating in learning activities with their children. A big thank you to all the teachers and staff for creating such a welcoming atmosphere and for the preparation behind the scenes.

Our appreciation and thanks to all the mothers for their wonderful efforts at the Mother's Day stall coordinating, wrapping and selling the beautiful gifts that you received on Sunday. The children were so proud to choose that 'special' gift beautifully wrapped for their hero, their Mum.

We hope you had a very happy Mother's Day and hope you were spoilt by your families last Sunday morning.

**Mrs Kathryn Newman**  
**Acting Principal**

### Naplan

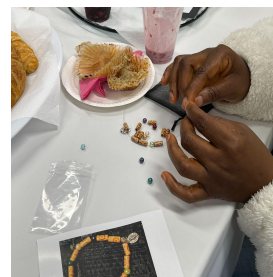
This week and next Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing along with students across Australia. All NAPLAN testing will be completed online with the exception of the Year 3 Writing which will be pencil and paper. Students will complete four tests: Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy (in this order). NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. We wish all our Year 3 and 5 students the best of luck as they complete their NAPLAN testing.

## Religious Education News

### Mother's Day

So much has changed this past year, but one thing has stayed the same: our need for the mothers in our lives. On Thursday, at St Oliver's we celebrated and honoured the mothers in our community. We celebrated their endless sacrifice and their unconditional love. Let's do our part to make sure every day is Mother's day for all those mother figures in our lives.

Thank you Ana Pintos, (Mission Animator, Sisters of Mercy, Parramatta) who led our community in a beading bracelet exercise with all the mothers in our community while sharing a meal.



### Cross Country

Congratulations to our 2021 cross country squad who represented St Oliver's at Eastern Creek last Tuesday. The athletes participated with speed, enthusiasm and also displayed great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Jordan who finished in the top 8 and will now have the opportunity to represent the diocese at the Mackillop Cross Country meet.



## Mother's Day Raffle

### WINNERS!!!



Isla - K	Dimitri - 2	Charlie - 6	Yuvaan - K
Nathan - 2	Lili - 6	Michaela - 3	Aarav - K
Myra - 4	Reya - 2	Isata - 4	Arlo - K
Zavier - 4	Luke M - 5	Eshaan - 2	Terese - 3

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should be wearing their full **Winter** uniform, that includes ties for the boys and red tabs for the girls.

Congratulations to Miss Tatian on her wedding last Saturday, on her return she will be Mrs Dib.

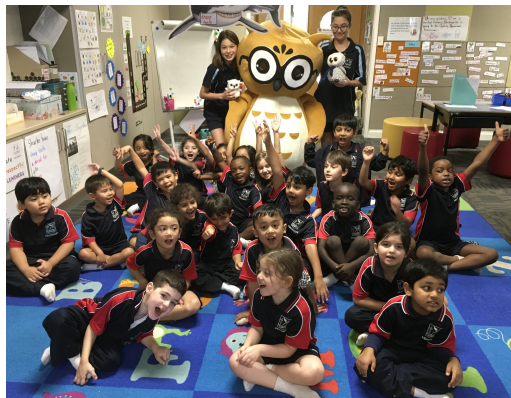
## PBS4L - Oli News

### PBS4L Focus - Week 4

At St Oliver's we are learners.

**We think good learners are :** Persistent and Resilient

**Oli Star class:** Congratulations Kindergarten



This week we are focusing on having a  
"I can do it" attitude".



Oli, Oliver and Olga are accepting feedback and having a  
"I can do it" attitude.



## Athletics Carnival

The St Oliver's Athletics Carnival is on this Monday, 17th May 2021. This will be held at Holroyd Sports Ground, Peel Street, HOLROYD.

Please make sure your child/children wear

- Sports uniform or a t-shirt representing their colour house.

Please pack

- Sunscreen, jumper, hat and a towel to sit on.

- Morning tea, lunch and several drinks.

Students will participate in a variety of athletics activities and races. Students who are or will turn 8 or are older in 2021 will participate in timed 100m and 200m running events.

### COVID Safety Plan for School Athletics Carnival

Parents are welcome to visit the school athletics carnival. If you do attend the carnival we ask that you should maintain 1.5m distance from other people where practicable. Parents will not be permitted to sit in the grandstand. Avoid congestion of groups of visitors in specific areas where possible. It is recommended that parents bring their own chair or rug to sit on.

**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.

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**\*\*Lay-by Welcome\*\***

**Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 10-3**

**ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS IN ONE PLACE...**  
**30% off selected winter uniform (with logo) for St. Oliver's Primary**

Grosby school shoes – 30% off second pair  
(equal or lesser value)

Boys shirts

Girls dresses, slacks, blouses and skirts

# InfoZone

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

## MOVING FORWARDS WITH THE PRC!



2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge  
Start reading now!  
www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

**Congratulations to Stage 2 students** who are learning to enter their own books on the online Student Reading Record. The enthusiasm and initiative to "have a go" at lunchtimes and at home is wonderful to see!

[NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021 : Home](#)

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children do not need a PRC username and password, as we enter the details from their paper copy when it is returned to school in August.

### 5-6 Challenge

#### A is for Australia



From Bondi Beach to Rottnest Island, travel around Australia and uncover many exciting facts.

### 3-4

#### Challenge

#### Alice-Miranda at camp



Alice-Miranda is at camp, it's not all fun and games, she keeps an eye on the newest student, who seems determined to cause trouble. The camp is next door to Alice-Miranda's father's childhood home, which needs some investigation.

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## MORE CBCA BOOKS ON 2021 SHORTLIST

### Book of the Year

#### Eve Pownall Information Book

### Book of the Year

#### Early Childhood

Author/Illustrator	Title
Sarah Allen	Busy Beaks
Bernadette Green (illus. by Anna Zobel)	Who's Your Real Mum?
Libby Hathorn & Lisa Hathorn-Jarman (illus. by Mel Pearce)	No! Never!
Anna McGregor	Anemone is not the Enemy
Heidi McKinnon	There's No Such Thing
Briony Stewart	We Love You, Magoo

Author/Illustrator	Title
Sami Bayly	The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals
Maree Coote	Azaria: A True History
Pamela Freeman (illus. by Liz Anelli)	Dry to Dry: The Seasons of Kakadu
David Hartley & Kirsty Murray (illus. by Dub Leffler)	Strangers on Country
Gina M Newton (illus. by Rachel Tribout)	Hold On! Saving the Spotted Handfish
Carole Wilkinson (illus. by Prue Pittock)	Matthew Flinders – Adventures on Leaky Ships

Mrs Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian