



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 3 Week 10

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

16 September 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 16th
Last Day of Term
for students

Friday 17th
Staff
Development
Day

OCTOBER

Tuesday 5th
First day of Term
4- remote
learning



AN UNEXPECTED TERM

As Term 3 draws to a close it's an opportune time to stop and think about everything that was accomplished over the course of the past 10 weeks. We initially commenced the term thinking that lock down meant a few weeks of remote learning and then we'd be able to put this behind us. Although the outlook did not improve I would like to take this opportunity to capture all the wonderful things that our school community achieved **together**:

- Olympics Liturgy
- Multicultural Day
- Daily Class Zooms
- Remote Learning
- R U OK? Day
- Tools Down Tuesday
- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Flexi Friday
- Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic
- The Assumption of Mary Liturgy
- St Oliver's Got Talent
- Dance Fever Disco
- Book Week Livestream

The compiled list above could be mistaken as a 'normal' school term at St Oliver's. But we all know that this doesn't tell the entire story. Intertwined in this promising web of activities and initiatives were the daily pressures experienced in the family home - loss of income, increased expenses, remote learning and working from home, increased anxiety and the list goes on.

So where is the good in all this?

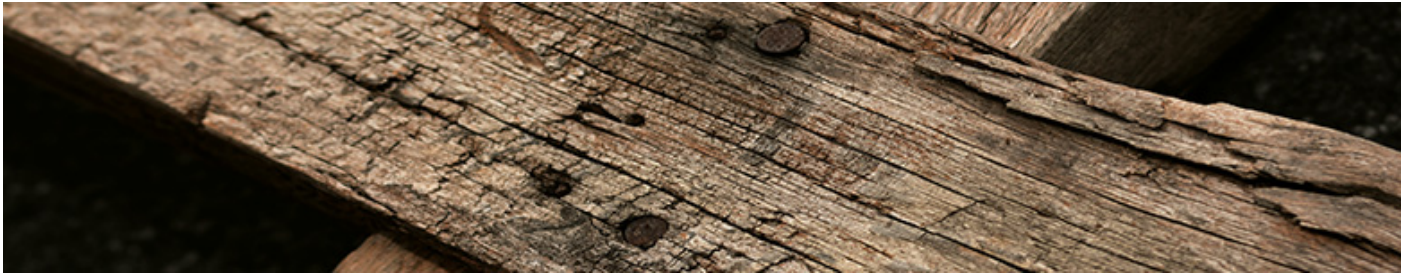
Let us be thankful for...

- the support of a friend
- the listening ear of a friend, partner, parent, teacher
- family time
- good health
- meaningful connections

So rather than choosing to live in the shadows of this pandemic, I choose gratitude. Rather than choosing to focus on what's missing and outside my control, I choose hope. Thank you God for the St Oliver's community!!!

May all your families stay safe these holidays!

With gratitude,
Pascale Joseph
Principal



Gospel

[Mk 8:27-35](#) A follower of Christ must take up the cross.

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith.

Spirituality Day

Tomorrow Friday, 17th September the staff of St Oliver's will engage in a Staff Spirituality Day for 2021. Catholic schools are the face of Christ to our students and their families. Formation days are part of our commitment to help our expression of faith in our daily commitments as a learning community.

The theme of this year's Spirituality Day is: **Living out our Mercy Mission**. The agenda for the day will explore how we can make the mercy values real in our daily lives and to link our stories as a wider community.

As the staff of St Oliver's enter into this day of reflection we ask you to pray for them. As a community we also continue to pray for you. You are always in our hearts and minds as the subsequent restrictions challenge our lives.

Bishop Vincent has also taken this opportunity to reach out to young people in the Diocese with a message of support and solidarity - the theme being mental health and the pandemic. You can read his pastoral message [here](#) which is part of a special website portal that connects to many of the great organisations supporting mental health and wellbeing.

As you journey into the mid semester break there may be things that are beyond our control still. I like to try and focus on things that I can control. I have the opportunity to choose kind, love and good amongst this uncertainty.



We're here for your kids, if they need support they can...



Call us for FREE
1800 55 1800



Email us

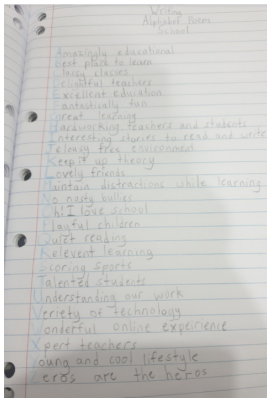


WebChat with us

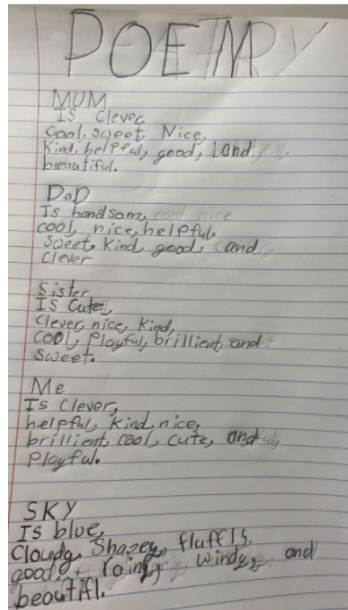
Parents! For more information and resources,
please check out our Kids Helpline parents section

kidshelpline.com.au/parents

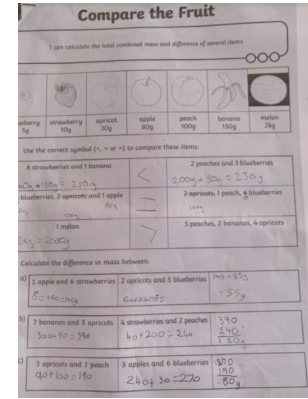
SOME GREAT REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS



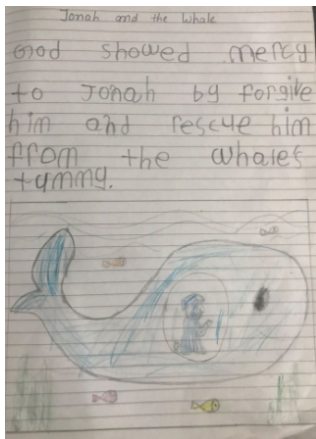
Saisha, Y4 Poetry



Suhana, Y3 Cinquain



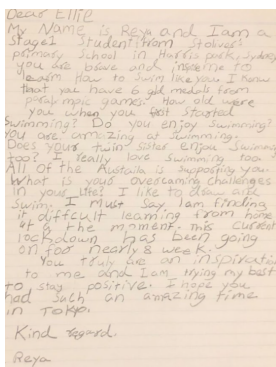
Ava, Y3 Maths



Aarav, K Religion



Maria, Y1 Hug RUOK craft



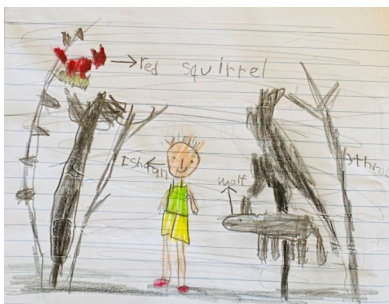
Reya, Y2 Letter



Hani, Y5 Infographic Writing



Elijah, Y6 Visual Arts



Ishaan, K labelled drawing



Stefania, Y2 Flexi Friday Fun



Devansh, Y2 Model

InfoZone

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

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support during Term 3! It has been wonderful to see so many families taking advantage of the online options offered through our eLibrary and the Library Support Classroom. Congratulations to those families who have persisted through technical difficulties and have mastered new technologies. Please reflect on a job well done and celebrate your achievements!



WHAT IS A CHROMEBOOK?

A Chromebook may look like a laptop, but it is basically only a web-based device and does not have the same features as a laptop. It has no pre-installed software for word processing, graphics or other applications. Files are stored in the cloud. It is mostly used for the Google Suite such as Docs, Sheets, Slides and Google Classroom.

WINDOWS AND MAC LAPTOPS

These both have all the features of a Chromebook plus inbuilt software and local storage. They can have sophisticated video-editing software. They are considerably more expensive than a Chromebook.

HOLIDAY READING

Our eLibrary is always available! [St Oliver's Library](#)
Parramatta Library [Parramatta e-resources](#)



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HAS NOW CLOSED

Congratulations to everyone who accepted and completed the Challenge! Your certificates from the NSW Premier will be awarded when they become available towards the end of next Term. A new Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge will be announced by CEDP soon.

HAVE YOU APPLIED?

Parents are reminded that they are eligible for two Active Kids vouchers and one Creative Kids voucher per school age child. These vouchers are worth \$100 each. Even in lockdown there are many uses for these vouchers.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Mrs Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian