



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 7

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26 August 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 2nd**  
Father's Day  
Liturgy

**Thursday 16th**  
Last Day of Term  
for students

**Friday 17th**  
Staff  
Development  
Day



## Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday, 29th August will be 'Social Justice Sunday'. Each year on Social Justice Sunday, the Australian Bishops launch the annual social justice statement.

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

To read more please click on the link below

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>



Why must we listen to the cry of the earth?

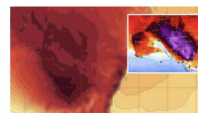
### Western Sydney

January 4th 2020,

Penrith was the hottest place on Earth at 48.9°C (halfway to boiling point) 2019

Parramatta sweltered through 47 days with temperatures over 35°C."

Climate Council 16



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Anthony Matthews REC

## Kindergarten sharing their stories of Mercy



Kindergarten have been learning how we can learn from Jesus' teachings to love one another. Last week students listened to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. The students then recreated examples with Lego the action of compassion and hospitality.

I have made a food shelter. It is for people that are hungry and don't have any food. It is a safe place for them.

## Father's Day 2021

This year is the 'Year of St Joseph'. Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.



On **Thursday, 2nd September @ 2:00pm**, just before Father's Day, we will be holding a liturgy via zoom, which will give us the opportunity to honour father figures in our lives.

To help prepare for this afternoon, Mr Matthews is inviting families to honour their father figures.

You are invited to complete the following task and please **EMAIL Attn: Mr Matthews\_Father's Day** to [stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au)

'My dad (or appropriate name) is \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_'. You might like to record this, or take a picture and send the words.

## TEACHER ILLNESS

Please be advised that due to the lockdown we are unable to replace staff when they are sick or have family members that require care. As such, should teachers call in sick, we will endeavour to notify parents either through Google Classroom or Seesaw. Please note that there will be no teacher activity on these platforms when the teacher is unwell. The preset work that has been set should still be attended to by the students on such days. Thank you for your understanding.



## SOME GREAT REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS

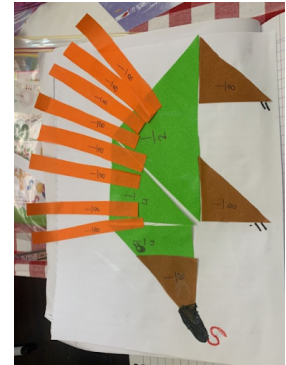


Victor Year 2, Mindfulness

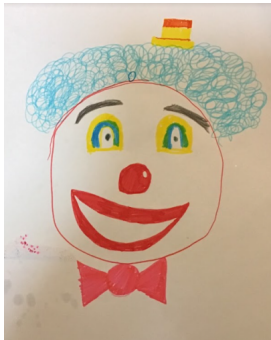
1. Look out for each other.
2. Be grateful for what you have.
3. Be nice to each other.
4. Listen to God with respect.
5. Always try to pray every night.
6. Read the bible everyday.
7. Spread the word of the lord.
8. Remember Jesus's sacrifice.
9. Help each other.
10. Love God with all your heart.

Rene year 4

Rene Y4, Commandments



Stefania Y2, Fraction echidna



Myra Year 4, Kooky clown



Karan, Y3



Diego Y2, prototype design



Alexander Y1, construction



Aarohi, Y1, Fraction echidna



Olivia, K, Mercy



Erin Y6, drawing of Van Gogh  
"The Bedroom"

What I know about Printing	What I now know about the art technique of Printing
I know that printmaking is about discovery.	How they do it.
A type of art that transfers ink onto paper.	What's the best technique to do and how to do the best technique.
A set of prints is called an edition.	We need to know the history and how it was first made and who first did it.
I know that ink is a tool.	We need to know the tools so we can do it well and what we will need to do it.
It became very popular in Europe	We need to know the steps.

David Y5, Printing



Aiden, K, Good Samaritan

### PBS4L Focus

Week 7 - At St Oliver's we are learners by using our learner qualities

# Focus On Learning



## How reading 20 minutes a day benefits your child

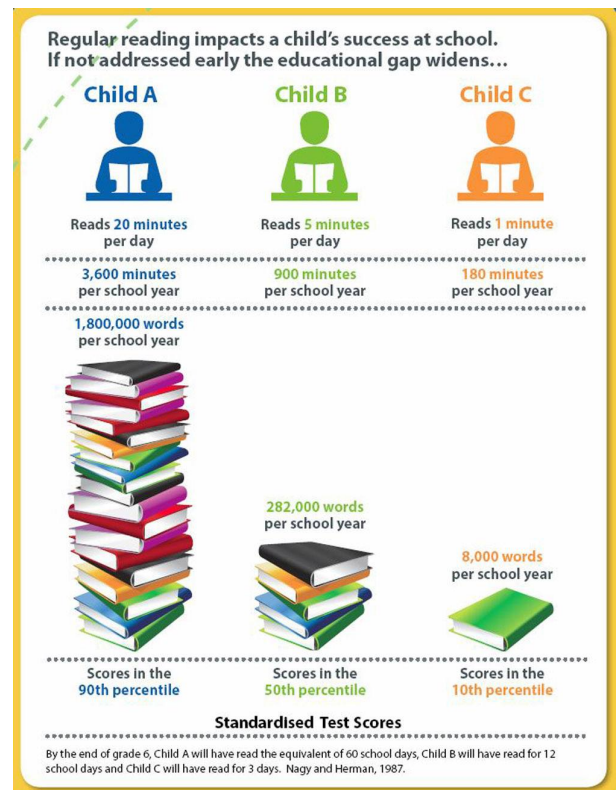
In our increasingly busy lives it is sometimes tempting to overlook **daily** reading. We sometimes fail to give this reading time the value it deserves. However in doing so we are significantly shortchanging our children and denying them valuable opportunities to learn.

At St Oliver's we place a great deal of emphasis on reading. Just minutes of reading each day can make an incredible impact over the course of a child's primary school years.

Reading at home can take many forms and should ideally include time for your child to read to you, as well as time when you read to your child.

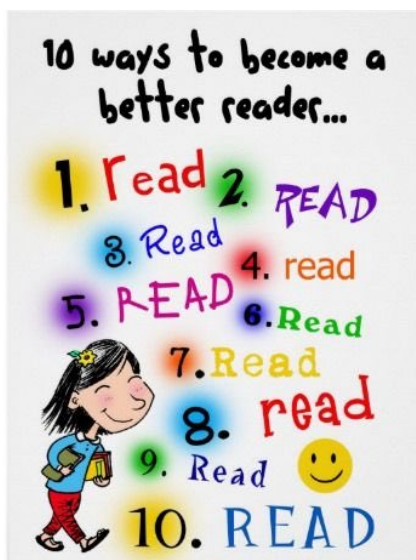
### Reading:

- ❖ Helps in language development
- ❖ Promotes brain development
- ❖ Aids in understanding of a world outside our own
- ❖ Strengthens family relationships
- ❖ Provides endless possibilities
- ❖ Improves concentration
- ❖ Improves listening skills



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It is important to have your child read regularly every day rather than in sporadic bursts. Reading as little as 20 minutes per day is far more beneficial than reading 20 books in one day and then not reading again for a week. Children must read regularly so as to practise and consolidate their skills. As you can see by the diagram included, reading for 20 minutes each day makes an incredible difference!



During remote learning Kinder- Year 2 students have access to the PM ecollection with access to many books at their level. Books are also available for all students on the St Oliver's elibrary and other websites such as Sora. Mrs Quinn, our teacher librarian, has provided links to many websites with instructions to help with access. Please ask your child's teacher or email [stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au) if you require assistance.

Stay safe!

Mrs Newman

Assistant Principal