



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 4 Week 1

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

7 October 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER



## A TIME OF TRANSITION

Dear St Oliver's Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to Term 4!! I hope that you had the opportunity to enjoy the holidays, spectacular weather and some outdoor activities over this holiday period.

As lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted to varying degrees, we are entering a time of change, transition and adjustment. The impact of COVID 19 has varied for different members of our community. My heart goes out to those who have been affected.

Whilst there is still some uncertainty ahead of us, we are preparing for the return to face-to-face teaching for our students. Some are very excited about the prospect of being back with friends and their teacher, whilst others may be experiencing mixed emotions. Reactions will differ for our students depending on how well they adjust to change and stress.

Keeping check on your child's mental health and wellbeing as they adjust to the coming changes and routines will be vitally important. We strongly encourage you to start the conversations with your child now so that they can begin to prepare mentally and emotionally for their transition back to school. Find out what excites them about returning to school and what they are looking forward to. Focus on the positives but also acknowledge any emotions of anxiety that they may be experiencing.

More information will be shared with families as our return to face-to-face teaching date approaches. The children have worked extremely hard to adjust and work through these challenging times in Term 3. I am proud of the resilience and determination they have shown. Thank you again for your ongoing support to our school.

I personally really look forward to having a full school present. I look forward to getting to know more students and families in the coming weeks.

Keep safe,  
Pascale Joseph

## Plenary Council

As Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB opened the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, he said Catholics “must become, even more than we are already, a community of true disciples”.

The Plenary Council, the first such gathering in Australia since 1937, is being celebrated across nine months, bookended by assemblies from October 3-10 and in July 2022.

Bishop Vincent has said :

*It is providential that the Plenary Council begins on the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Let us pray that as a community of disciples, we once again take up the call issued to us as once to him: “Go and rebuild my Church that is falling into ruins”. May the Holy Spirit guide and bring to fruition our dream for the Church that will convey the freshness of the Gospel to our culture.*

Let us also keep Fr Chris de Souza in our prayers as he is a member of the Diocesan team for the Plenary Council.

***Want to watch the assembly, masses and live streams?***

Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

The feedback from the Diocese of Parramatta which was shared with the Members on the 16th September, 2021 can be found [here](#).

Find details on the Plenary Council, [our Diocese's response](#) and further resources including the [Diocesan prayer](#) for the Plenary Council [here](#).

**Watch Bishop Vincent celebrating the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Plenary Council**

▶ 3 Oct 2021- Opening Mass of the Plenary Council, St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta Live stream

## Upcoming Events

### **Mission Month - October is Mission Month**

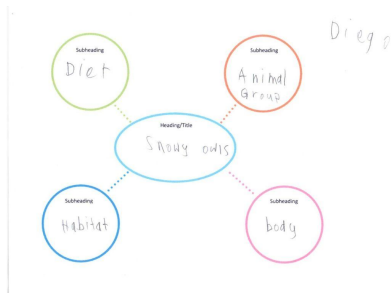
Over the course of the next two weeks students will begin entering into contemplation on ‘What is Hope?’.

**Pope Francis describes hope beautifully here:** *We are people of the Resurrection, called to a love that propels us to a living hope. A hope so great that love becomes the purpose of our being.*

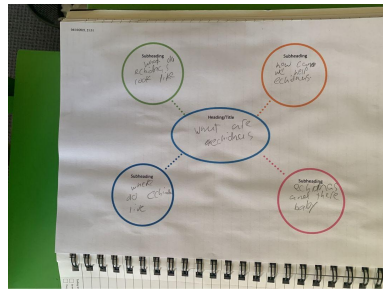
**October - Month of the Rosary** - This month each class will experience and lead a mystery in the Rosary. When we pray the Rosary, we contemplate with Mary the life events of Jesus marked out in the Scriptures.



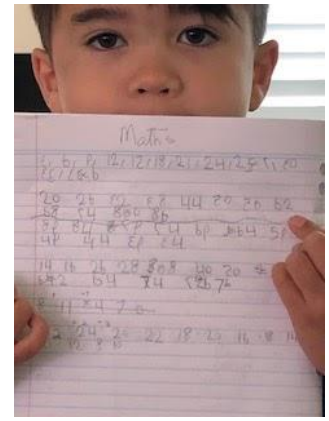
## SOME GREAT REMOTE LEARNING PHOTOS



Diego, Y2 Writing



Louis, Y2 Writing



Carson, Y2 Maths

Once you have read through the passage, answer the following questions below.

What are the words or phrases that stood out to me?

Strong, neighbors, Christ, endurance, scriptures, encouragement, hope, attitude, Jesus Christ, God, father, lord, accept, servant, Jews, patriarch, promises, gentiles, mercy, glorify, praise, rejoice, extol, root, jesse, Isaiah, arise, rule, nations, joy, peace, trust, overflow, power and Holy spirit.

What questions do I have about this passage?

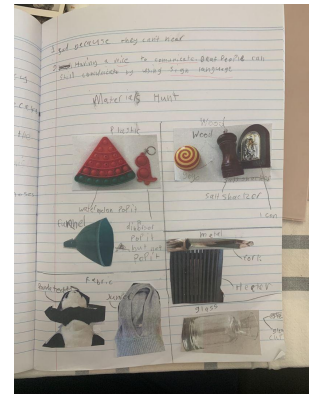
## How do we please our neighbors?

God speaks to me through this scripture. How does this scripture speak to me?

Each of us should please our neighbors for their good. The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me, one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read through the passage again. Is there anything new that stood out?

Spring, fill



Stefania, Y2 Science

## STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY

