



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 5

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4th November 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

**Friday 5th**  
Socktober -  
Crazy Sock Day

**Tuesday 9th**  
Kindergarten  
Transition  
Program

**Tuesday 16th**  
Kindergarten  
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Program



Sunday's Gospel marked the final questioning series.

Over the course of the last several weeks you have heard Jesus answer a series of questions. On Sunday a scribe asked Jesus, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?'

The answer is powerful and simple to understand, BUT is it easy to live?

***Jesus tells us that loving God completely, loving our neighbours, and loving ourselves are our highest commandments.***

### **St Oliver's Mass Celebrations**

On Friday our S1 welcomed the opportunity to celebrate mass in the St Oliver's Church. While still operating under restrictions, the students were able to use their hands to share the message of hope.

Fr Chris de Souza helped share the message of HOPE and reminded the students that hope is your best wish for someone.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

St Oliver's has 21 candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for these students as they prepare to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and armed to move into their next stage of their journey in faith, hope and love.



Tomorrow will mark the end of Mission Month focus at St Oliver's. Celebrating this with SOCK IT FOR POVERTY.

# SOCKTOBER - CRAZY SOCK DAY

NEXT FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

This month has been Mission Month. Last Sunday we celebrated Mission Sunday. To conclude mission month next Friday, 5th November we invite the students to wear CRAZY SOCKS (with their sports uniform) for SOCKTOBER and donate a gold coin. Parents can send in coins or donate via our new cashless app Qkr (details to download the app and how to pay via Qkr are below).



This event will be a fundraiser for Catholic Mission.

## ST OLIVER'S IS GOING CASHLESS!

All schools across the Diocese are now going **Cashless**. For St Oliver's this means that we will also be going cashless. We will have a phase in period this year, but as of next year, no more cash will be accepted by our school. Payments can still be made by Eftpos (this is available over the phone), (COVID restrictions apply) or parents can use our new cashless app Qkr.



### Qkr Mobile Phone Payment App

St Oliver's are offering a new easy online payment service through Qkr by Mastercard. Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') is a mobile phone application and is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.

Please click on this link for easy instructions for how to download Qkr to your phone [How to use](#)

[the Qkr App](#)

Our Socktober fundraiser is already listed ready for parents to donate!

Events, excursions, fundraisers etc will be set up in Qkr by the school for easy access for parents. Information will be sent home to parents as events or fundraisers happen. The service is not available for school fee payments.

## As per COVID guidelines

Parents will not be permitted on our school site



# BRING JOY, HOPE & LOVE THIS ADVENT

St Oliver's is collecting donations for families and individuals who have lost employment, cannot leave the country and do not have access to ongoing Federal Government support.



## Food

These are the items we need most:

- Basmati Rice (1kg bags)
- Cooking Oil (750ml, 1L, 2L)
- Longlife Milk (1L)
- Snacks - biscuits and muesli bars (particularly snacks for school lunches)
- Toiletries - toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Nappies - sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 are most needed right now



## Gift Cards

JRS is asking for **gift cards** that will allow our families to shop for gifts, food, or other items for their children. \$50 gift cards would be the most useful, but we'd also be very happy with \$20 & \$30. As with last year, Coles/Myers cards are the most useful.

Please ask your children to bring the items to the school office. Please don't send anything glass or breakable.

Items need to be dropped at school by Wednesday, 1st December.

PBS4L - Focus - We are safe



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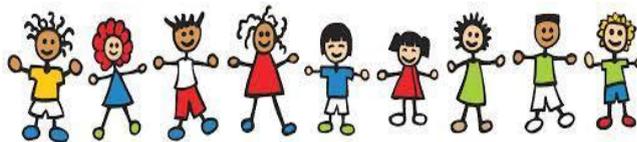
**40% OFF**  
SALE on school uniforms

### ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS IN ONE PLACE...

- 40% off selected uniforms for St. Oliver's Primary
- Grosby school shoes – 30% off second pair (equal or lesser value)
- Boys shirts and shorts
- Girls dresses, slacks, blouses and skirts

Only small sizes available

# Focus On Learning



## Semester 2 news

How lovely it is to see all the students back in their learning spaces reconnecting with their teachers and friends. The teachers have been concentrating on the well-being of the students and re-establishing routines and expectations to ensure that the children are feeling calm and safe, and have an optimum learning environment. I know there have been a few anxious members of the community which is understandable after their long lockdown and remote learning, but they all seem to be settling in well now.

The teachers have started to collect data through assessment which will help contribute to the Semester 2 reports. These reports will look very different this time round due to the long stint of remote learning that has happened. Semester 2 reports will focus on *Religious Education, English* and *Mathematics* (as they did in Semester 1 last year due to similar conditions). All students will get a statement for these key learning areas outlining what was covered throughout the semester and then a goal will be set for English and Mathematics based on the data collected through assessment. There will be no A-E reporting for this report.

## School Uniforms

Now that we have had a few weeks back at school we have been noticing that many students are not wearing the correct school uniform. It is important that the students follow the guidelines set out to ensure that they show a sense of pride in their school. Of particular concern are the socks that the children are wearing. Socks must be **above the ankle**, not the ones cut under the ankle. Also, sports shoes are only to be worn on Monday and Friday- on other days the shoes must be black **LEATHER** shoes. If you are planning on buying the students new sports shoes over the holidays, e.g. for Christmas, please ensure that they are predominantly white if you are intending them to wear them to school.

The full school uniform is as follows:

<b>BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM</b>	<b>GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM</b>
Shirt: blue short sleeve	Dress: check princess style
Shorts: navy blue 1/2 elastic back	Jacket: navy blue crested jacket
Jacket: navy blue crested jacket	Socks: white above the ankle style
Socks: navy with sky/red/sky stripes Or navy with sky/white/sky stripes	Shoes: black leather
Shoes: black leather lace up style	Hair ties: navy or red

<b>BOYS SPORT UNIFORM</b>	<b>GIRLS SPORT UNIFORM</b>
Sport shorts: Navy blue	Sport shorts: Navy blue
T-shirt: Navy blue with red insert and white piping with crest	T-shirt: Navy blue with red insert and white piping with crest
Shoes: predominantly white joggers	Shoes: predominantly white joggers
Socks: all white sport socks (showing above the ankle)	Socks: all white sport socks (showing above the ankle)

Thank you,  
Mrs Newman  
*Assistant Principal*