



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 8

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

25th November 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 26th
Stage 3
Leadership
Afternoon

December

Friday 10th
Christmas
Celebration

Wednesday 15th
St Oliver's
Thanksgiving
Celebration

Wednesday 15th
Last day of Term



Dear St Oliver's Parents and Carers,

As the stores reopened post-lockdown we were welcomed with Christmas carols and the sale of Christmas decorations (in October!!). Many are talking about putting up their Christmas tree in preparation for December 1st. But as Christians there is a special season that precedes Christmas, Advent.

This Sunday 28th November marks the start of Advent. It is a season of joy and hope and when thinking about the last six months, each of us have much to hope for. We must be careful not to lose sight of the true meaning of the season as the world around us hustles to buy and sell, to have parties and plan vacations. Advent is a time to renew our life in Christ and to thank God for saving us in Jesus; it is a season for asking God to save all people and for praying for peace in the world.

Advent, from Latin Adventus, means coming. During Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord – to wait in joyful hope for his return in glory at the end of time and to prepare for the annual celebration of his birth.

So this Advent Season let us prepare our hearts and homes with the following suggestions:

Advent wreath. A wreath of evergreens with four candles is prepared. One candle is lit on the first Sunday, and one more on each of the following Sundays.

Jesse tree. A branch or large plant is decorated with symbols of Christ's ancestors. As each is prepared and hung, the story of this person is told.

Advent calendar. A special calendar to mark the days as we move gradually to the celebration of our Saviour's coming.

Cards. When buying and sending Christmas cards, let us ensure that they reflect the meaning of the feast. It is the birth of Christ that we are celebrating.

Gifts. Instead of being caught up in a whirl of spending, consider giving a book that will lead a person to reflect a little more. Make a donation to a worthy cause in someone's name. Write, call or visit someone who is sick or shut-in.

I wish to invite all St Oliver's families to attend mass this Sunday to mark the start of this special liturgical season in our church, Advent.

God Bless,

Pascale Joseph





When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God.

The ways of Jesus are different. He is a 'king' of nonviolence, forgiveness, unconditional love and service.

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On Sunday, 20 young people from the community were Confirmed. This rite bears witness to people's intention to express their royal priesthood, prophet and king. In this Sacrament, it is not to claim a position of power and authority, but rather express their Baptism promises to be Kings of love and service. Strengthened by their sponsors who are supporting these young people we join together in congratulating our newly confirmed members of our community.

Confirmation Name		Confirmation Name	
Francis	Francis of Assisi	Matylda Anna	Helena
Jordan	Joseph	Keith Sebastian	Sebastian
Jarrold	Mark	Kalden	Nicholas
Nye	John Ogilvie	Ella louise	Louise de Marillac
Kaitlyn Amelie	Therese	Erin Claire	Clare of Assisi
Jamie Sean	James	Aiko-Jayne	Joan of Arc
Olivia	Jude	Megan	Rose Venerini
Jillian Kelly	Cecilia	Stefan	Stephen
Maria-Kayla	Therese of Lisieux		
Mikaela-Kirsten	Catherine Laboure		
Nelson	Joseph		
Nina Marie			

St Oliver's Christmas Celebration

SAVE THE DATE

December 10th
6pm

Join us for a live streamed event!
(On-site or via zoom yet to be determined)
More details to come...

"Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming
what is not even imaginable."

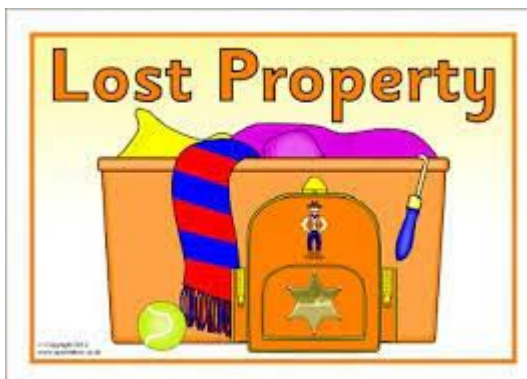
-Pope Francis

FAQ Christmas Hybrid Concert

- 1) Is my child required at school the night of Friday 10th December? NO
- 2) Is the concert live? Yes - but we are streaming pre recorded presentations
- 3) What part of the concert is live ? Studio M.C.
- 4) How can I watch the concert? Live streaming - this is yet to be confirmed.

Lost Property

Unlabelled clothing is being handed into lost property on a daily basis. Please ensure your child's clothing is properly labelled, otherwise we have no way of returning it to them. If any clothing is handed into lost property that cannot be identified it will automatically be placed into our second hand clothing pool for purchase.



2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2022 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One & Two in 2022. **Students in Year 4 in 2022 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.**

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that **MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT** or in particular sports demonstrate **REPRESENTATIVE** playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.

To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:.

TEAM SPORTS

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports to select Parramatta Diocesan teams:

- ☐ **AFL** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Basketball** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Cricket** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Hockey** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Football** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Hockey** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Netball** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Rugby League (U11's)** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Rugby League (U12's)** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Rugby Union** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Softball** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Tennis** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Touch Football** - Boys and Girls team

The following sports will be held at the MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:.

- ☐ **AFL Girls**
- ☐ **Diving** - Boys and Girls team

*Springboard: 8 Years, 9 Years, 10 Years, 11 Years, 12/13 Years - Girls & Boys

*Platform: Open Girls & Open Boys

- ☐ **Golf** - Boys and Girls team - 18 Hole Competition Students must have a golf link number and handicap.
- ☐ **Rugby Girls 7's**

All Team Sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2022..

ELIGIBILITY - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM OPEN 23rd November

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Access the information using any below:

1. Registration (Expression of Interest) link
[2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form \(Expression of Interest\) - Sport Trials](#)
2. Primary Sport Parramatta WEBSITE link
www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au
3. FACEBOOK link
[Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

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Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and MUST be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

More detailed information can be located in the **2022 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents COVID19 information sheet**.

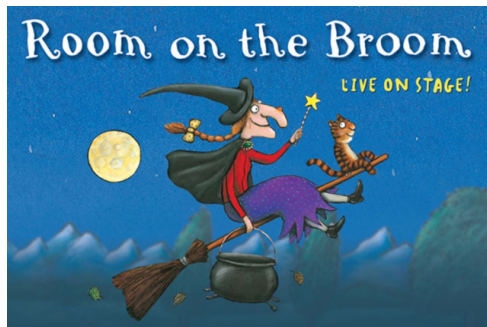
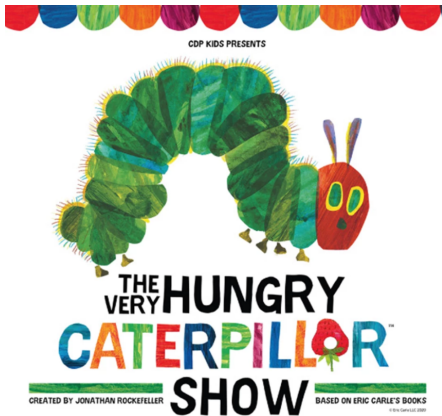
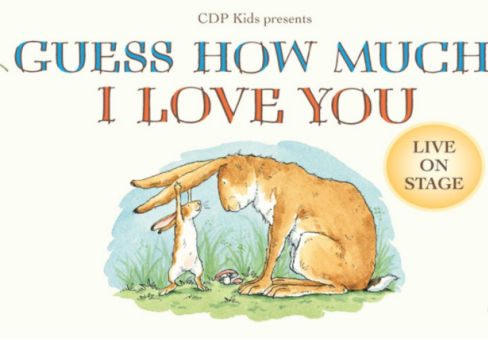


InfoZone

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

GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Click on the images to see some great children's shows of well-known books that are on in the school holidays. Book now to avoid disappointment. Some may accept Creative Kids vouchers.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021-2022



[ENTER HERE!](#)

[GUIDE TO SORA - animated video](#)

Students are excited to discover how easy it is to borrow an eBook or an audio book.

KEEP READING!

Our school eLibrary is always available!

[St Oliver's Library](#)

BOOK FAIR CANCELLED

Sadly our Scholastic Book Fair has been cancelled due to Covid regulations. We look forward to having a Book Fair next year.