



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 3

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

28th October 2022

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

#### **Monday 31st**

Whole School Rosary -  
2.30pm

### NOVEMBER

#### **Tuesday 1st Nov**

Kindergarten Transition  
for 2023 students  
9.30 - 10.45am

All Saints Day Liturgy  
12 - 1pm

#### **Wednesday 2nd Nov**

Year 5 Reconciliation -  
9.15am

All Souls Day Class  
Liturgy 12 - 1pm

#### **Tuesday 8th Nov**

Kindergarten Transition  
for 2023 students  
9.30 - 10.45am

#### **Wednesday 9th Nov**

Sacrament of  
Reconciliation Session 4  
5 - 6pm

#### **Friday 11th**

Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free Day  
No School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week, Indian members of our community celebrated **Diwali** or **Deepavali**. Also known as the festival of lights, Diwali is a five day festival which commenced on October 24th this year. Many people of other faiths also join in the celebration, lighting their homes with lights, although traditionally oil lamps called diyas were used to commemorate the victory of light over darkness and of good over evil. As part of the celebration, gifts and sweets are exchanged among relatives, neighbours and in friendship. Children set off noisy fireworks. It is believed that the light and sounds of fireworks drive away evil spirits.

The Hindu festival recalls the night when Lord Rama returned to his palace in Ayodhya with his wife Sita, who had been kidnapped by the rival king Ravana and brother Laxman after a 14-year exile, due to the plotting of his evil stepmother. Diwali is celebrated because it is a victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. In fellowship with our Indian community we too as Catholics can recognise and wish that the light of love, justice and truthfulness permeate our country, our homes and our school. We recognise that light is a very important part of Christianity. We light candles in all our ceremonies, including Baptism, Communion and Easter.

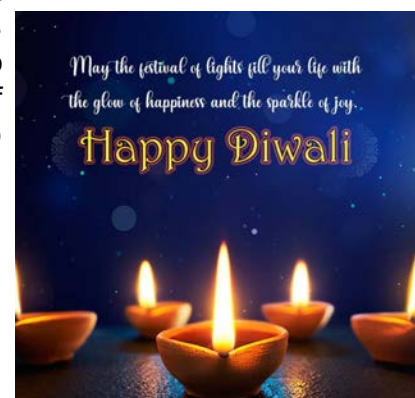
The Vatican too, as it does every year, extended its greetings to Hindus around the world this Diwali. This year it urged Hindus to work with Christians for sustainable development.

Each of us is a beacon of light. Jesus has taught us: *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.* (Matthew 5:16) May this Diwali be an occasion for all of us to light up our inner lamps of truth, justice and peace. May we effuse the light of wisdom, understanding and tolerance. May our hearts kindled with the fire of God's love assist the poor and marginalised, the weak and the afflicted, so that those who are less privileged may feel joy. This festival is a good opportunity for us as Catholics to reflect on our strengths and to carry out works of goodwill not just this week but in the few months to Christmas.

*"If light can come out of darkness, then alone can love emerge from hatred".*

-Mahatma Gandhi

In prayer,  
Pascale Joseph



## FAREWELL

**Mrs Anna Small** from our school office is leaving the St Oliver's community at the end of next week, after almost ten years of service. We thank Mrs Small for her dedication and commitment and wish her well in her new school. She is moving to Christ the King, North Rocks, commencing Monday 7th November 2022.

At the end of 2022 we will also be saying farewell to **Ms Lyndall Conley** who has been a classroom teacher and leader at St Oliver's for 6 years. We will acknowledge her service, hard work and commitment to our students in the coming weeks. Ms Conley is moving to St Anthony's, Girraween, commencing in 2023.



### Problem Solving, developing a growth mindset and building resilience in children

We face problems we need to solve everyday and, whether we realise it or not, we are modelling:

- how we handle mistakes
- how we solve problems
- how we deal with frustrations
- how we ask for help.

Everybody needs to solve problems every day. But we're not born with the skills we need to do this – we have to develop them. It is important that we teach children how to solve problems and to be problem solvers.

When you're solving problems, it's good to be able to:

- [listen](#) and think calmly
- consider options and respect other people's opinions and needs
- negotiate and work towards compromises.

These are skills for life – they're highly valued in both social and work situations. Click [here](#) for a great article about teaching children to problem solve.

Modelling a growth mindset is also a great way to encourage children to solve problems. Click [here](#) for more information about how you can encourage your child to have a growth mindset. This is a good video to watch about building resilience in children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOvj9J51XuY>

Mrs Kareena Starr  
Assistant Principal

## **Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd**

*From the beginning of 2023, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will have a new name, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd. The organisation will also have a new governance framework. It is not expected that these changes will have an impact on the day-to-day operation of schools, or upon students, parents and carers, and parishes. Further information is available [here](#).*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

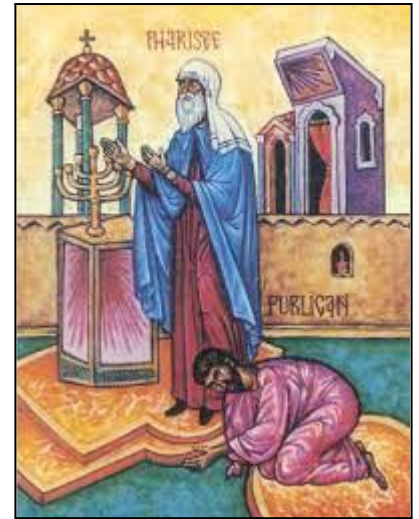
### *Gospel*

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



### REFLECTION

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgement on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

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### SOCKTOBER 2022

*Supporting vulnerable children facing malnutrition and food insecurity in Ethiopia.*

Thank you to our generous families for your donations to Catholic Mission in supporting vulnerable children in Ethiopia. We raised \$344.00 for Catholic Mission.

For more information visit [socktober.org.au](http://socktober.org.au)



November 1<sup>st</sup>



## *Prayer for the Solemnity of All Saints*

God of glory, You have blessed the world with many saints. May the lives of these holy women and men who truly loved You above all things inspire my heart. Let their courage renew my commitment to the Gospel. Let their example of discipleship strengthen my resolve to follow Christ. Let their undying devotion take root in my soul. And may the eternal glory they share with You be my light of hope. Amen.



#StJudePrayforUs  
National Shrine of St. Jude  
[www.shrineofstjude.org](http://www.shrineofstjude.org)

## Prayer for all Souls Day

*Merciful Father,  
hear our prayer and console us.  
As we renew  
our faith in Your Son,  
whom You raised from the dead,  
strengthen our hope  
that all our departed brothers and  
sisters will share in His resurrection,  
who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



**ShareCatholic**  
[www.ShareCatholic.com](http://www.ShareCatholic.com)

## PARISH NEWS

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5:30 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Friday 11th November** - Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day - No School

**Friday 25th November - Showbag and Sweet Treat** - Yr 6 Fundraiser - \$9 payable on Qkr (Last day for ordering on Qkr (Thursday 3rd November)

## LIBRARY BORROWING

Library borrowing is every **Monday**. All students need a cloth Library bag. St Oliver's Library bags are available for \$12 in the School Office. However, other cloth Library bags may be used



## SHOWBAG AND SWEET TREAT

The Year 6 PRC is holding a **Showbag and Sweet Treat Fundraiser**

**When: FRIDAY 25th November**

**What:** Students will receive a choice of show bag plus a sweet treat

(The contents of the show bags will be advertised at school and details put on Compass)

**How much:** \$9

Please return the tear off slip on the note sent home and make your payment on Qkr. Please make payment by Thursday night 3rd November 11pm. **PLEASE FILL OUT ONE NOTE FOR EACH CHILD IN THE FAMILY**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

every learner  
every day

Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta



## Canteen News

Apple A Day will be operating an online lunch order delivery service to parents and staff at St Olivers.

**Orders can be placed through Spriggy School**

Next Delivery Date Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Order Cut off 9:30pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Every second Monday until end of term  
Cut off times apply.

Please follow us on Facebook Aappleaday

Please contact Fiona on 0435 720 413  
Email address [fiona@appleaday.com.au](mailto:fiona@appleaday.com.au)



## Canteen News

### Juice Bombs \$3.00

5 star sparkling juice



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Place your canteen orders online with Spriggy Schools. Spriggy Schools will make lunch orders more convenient for both families and the canteen. Steps to get started:

1. Go to [www.spriggyschools.com.au](http://www.spriggyschools.com.au) to register and download the app.
2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select St Olivers and your child's class.
3. Start placing lunch orders! You can place orders up to 2 weeks in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Spriggy Schools via their website.

Spriggy Schools is backed by Spriggy.com.au, a digital pocket money app designed to help parents improve the financial literacy skills of their children.

Spriggy Schools

## The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

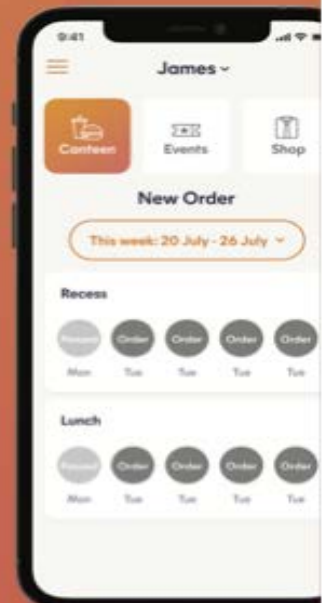
### Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

### Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time

Download the app now!



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