



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 1 Week 2

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

4th February 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Thursday 10th

Stage 3 Mass

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd

Ash Wednesday



Dear St Oliver's Parents and Carers,

A warm and heartfelt welcome to the 2022 school year. We are excited to have the students back after the holidays and to have our newest family members, Kindergarten, join our community. The smiles and energy among students has been electric!!

Whilst the year is starting in an unusual climate, I can assure you that we are doing everything possible to provide a healthy and supportive learning environment for all our students. At present we are:

- Providing Rapid Antigen tests for all students
- Ensuring that classrooms are well ventilated. The school now has Air Purifiers in each learning space, which are monitoring the air quality
- Providing sanitiser for the students
- Ensuring that shared surfaces are frequently cleaned and wiped down
- Continuing to have the staggered dismissal and using split Recess and Lunch breaks to keep students in their cohorts

We appreciate your support of our COVID-Safe measures at school and will continue to keep you updated with information. We thank you for your trust and confidence in our decision making at this time.

Although limited by NSW Health guidelines, rest assured that the teachers continue to plan exciting and engaging experiences for the students. Where possible we are looking for new ways to bring events to fruition.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff to St Oliver's. Mrs **Kareena Starr** is our newly appointed Assistant Principal who has joined us from the Sydney Diocese. Mrs **Maria La Rocca** is our Reading Recovery and Stage 1 Diversity teacher. Miss **Emilie Cangy** is our Wellbeing Coordinator. Miss **Siluni Fernando** is our IT trainee. Joining the school leadership team this year is **Mrs Jaqueline Dib** who has been appointed as our **Acting Religious Education Coordinator**.

The team at St Oliver's look forward to seeing you on zoom next week through our Meet and Greet opportunity.

Warm regards,
Pascale Joseph

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the 2022 school year! I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our students, and in particular, our Kindergarten students who have settled in so well to school. I am very excited to have joined the faith and learning community of St. Oliver's. I consider myself blessed to be working in this school where the sense of community is truly alive. I am looking forward to working with you to create a vibrant community based on respectful relationships, inclusivity and sense of belonging. Together we can build a community built on trust, mutual respect and understanding. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you and your children during the course of the year.

Prayer for the start of the year

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart;

At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, parents and staff of St. Oliver's, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus.

Please ensure the students come to school in the correct uniform.

ST OLIVER'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

BOYS SUMMER UNIFORM	GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM
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 ankle style
Socks: navy with sky/red/sky stripes or navy/sky stripes (new style)	Shoes: black leather
Shoes: black leather lace up style	Hair ties: navy or red
HATS: navy blue AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL for girls and boys	

BOYS SPORT UNIFORM	GIRLS SPORT UNIFORM
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 (above ankle)	Socks: all white sport socks (above ankle)

JEWELLERY AND HAIR

In the interests of safety, students are to wear sleepers or studs only to school. No other jewellery is permitted.

No nail polish is permitted.

Hair cuts are to be suitable for school. Hair below the collar or covering the eyes must be tied back. Hair ties, headbands and scrunchies are to be navy blue.

SCHOOL HAT

The school hat is compulsory. If student's do not bring their hat to school, they must sit in the shade and not participate in play. The school hat is available from the school office.

SCHOOL BAG

The school bag is compulsory and is available from the school office.

Kind regards,
Kareena Starr

Religious Education News Week 2

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [Lk 4:21-30](#)

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.



Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Reflection

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

Dianne Bergant CSA

Prayer

At the start of each day, help us to recognise you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us the wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new. Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. We ask for your grace to cover our lives this day.

Amen.

Debbie McDaniel

St Oliver's Parish Masses

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Tuesday to Friday: *7:00 a.m.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *For the 7 a.m. mass, the front door of the church will be open.

Sacraments at St Oliver's

Families who have a child in Year 2 or above and who intend to enrol their child/ren into the Sacraments of (Reconciliation and Eucharist), please go to the following link

<https://forms.gle/sr4mqwpKAN5Tfwup7>

This information has also been shared via Skoolbag.

Please contact Mrs Jaquelin Dib if you have any/ require further information.

Jaquelin Dib (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening School Mass

On Thursday 10th February, Fr Chris will celebrate Mass and commission and bless our new student leaders for 2022. Traditionally the whole school would join together, however, this year in 2022 due to covid restrictions and capacity limits only Stage 3 students will participate in the Mass..

We will be live streaming this Mass via zoom for all our families. A zoom link will be shared via skoolbag early next week.

We would love for our Year 6 parents to watch it live.

Ash Wednesday

Lent marks a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The beginning of Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. In 2022 Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday March 2nd (T1 Wk 6).

Due to covid restrictions and capacity limits students will participate and engage in a Liturgy in their classes and receive the ashes.

Due to the COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship we are restricted to a capacity of 75 in our church building.

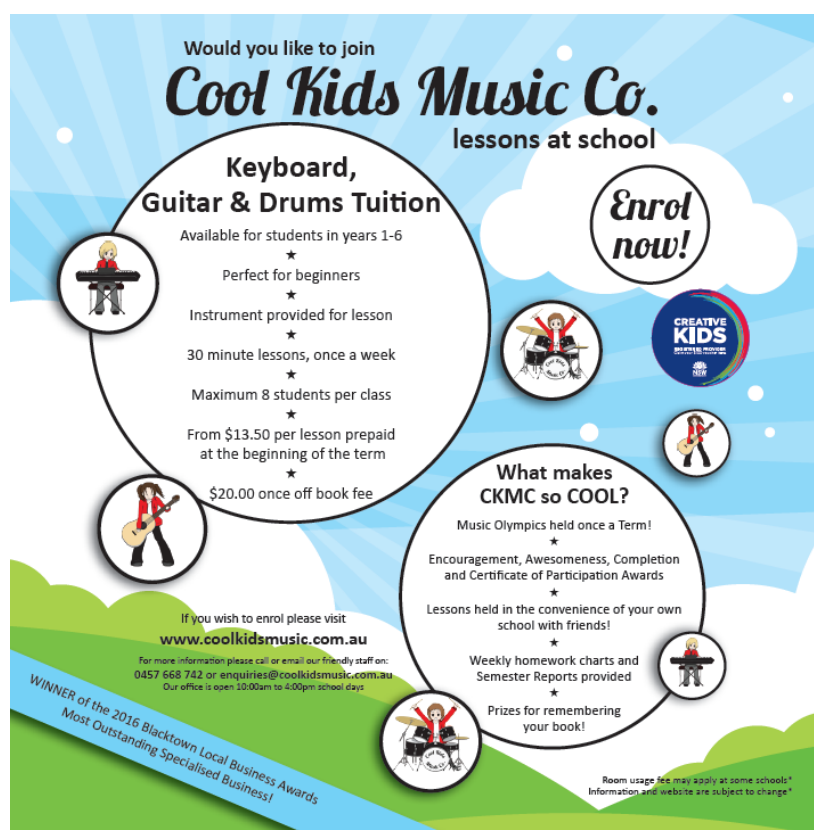
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Room usage fee may apply at some schools*
Information and website are subject to change*

PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

 <p>STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED within the direction of arrows at any time or during the time indicated.</p> <p>DO NOT set-down/pick-up passengers.</p> <p><i>Penalty exceeds \$337 and demerit points apply.</i></p>	 <p>You CAN stop to set-down / pick-up passengers / goods within a 'No Parking' restriction for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum stay of 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle <p>Holders of a Mobility Parking Scheme permit are able to stay for 5 minutes.</p> <p><i>Penalty exceeds \$187 and demerit points apply.</i></p>	 <p>STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON OR WITHIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing <p><i>Penalty exceeds \$448 and demerit points apply.</i></p>	 <p>STOPPING OR PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED within the direction of the arrows at any time or during the time indicated unless you are driving a bus.</p> <p><i>Penalty exceeds \$337 and demerit points apply.</i></p>	 <p>A driver must NOT STOP on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time.</p> <p>Passengers should not leave a vehicle that is double parked.</p> <p>Drop your child and passengers to the kerb only.</p> <p><i>Penalty exceeds \$337 and demerit points apply.</i></p>
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CITY OF PARRAMATTA SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM

QUESTION: Can I park near double centre linemarking?

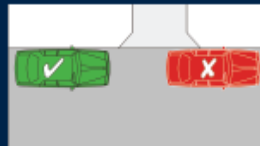
Please note that in accordance with the Road Rules 2014 (No.208 Part 6) it is illegal to park a vehicle within 3 metres of a double centre line marking or dividing strip.



**Penalty \$263 or \$337 and Demerit Points in a School Zone*

QUESTION: Can I stop on or across a driveway?

A driver must NOT stop on a road in a position that obstructs access by vehicles or pedestrians to or from a footpath ramp or a similar way of access to a footpath, or a bicycle path or passageway.



**Penalty \$263 or \$337 and Demerit Points in a School Zone*

QUESTION: Can I stop on a path or nature strip?

A driver must NOT stop on a driveway, bicycle path, footpath, shared path, dividing strip or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area.



**Penalty \$263 or \$337 and Demerit Points in a School Zone*

QUESTION: Can I park near an intersection?

The Road Rules 2014 (Rule 170 part 3) states: 'A driver must not stop on a road within 10 metres from the nearest point of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights...'

**Penalty \$337 & Demerit Points or \$448 & Demerit Points in a School Zone*



**Note penalty subject to change*



Road Safety Around Schools

When travelling to or from school



1. Follow the Road Rules and signs

They are there to help provide a safe environment. No one is exempt from following the Road Rules.

2. Do not expect to park close to your school

Set-down and pick-up times at schools are busy. Quite often, simply taking away the expectation of parking as close as possible to your school will bring you immediate stress relief and less anxiety.

Plan on parking slightly further away from the school and walking to the classroom. Use this time to talk about the day with your child. It is advised to hold your child's hand up to the age of at least 8 years old and closely supervise until at least the age of 10.

3. Know the Parking Restrictions around your school

Go to your school during a quiet time of the day or a weekend. Take your time to walk around and look at the road signs that are around your school. Become familiar as to where you are legally able to stop and park. This may also show you other alternative parking spaces that you can choose during busy set-down and pick-up times at your school.

Remember:







Road safety is the responsibility of all road users. Look out for your fellow road users, take your time and don't rush. Don't put others at risk by performing illegal turns or by parking illegally.


Remind your child when crossing the road to always: STOP! one step back from the kerb LOOK! continuously both ways LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic THINK! it is safe to cross.



St Oliver's - Digital Communications

At St Oliver's we use a variety of digital platforms to communicate between teachers, parents and students. Below is an outline of the purpose of each of these as well as a guide to provide some protocols around their usage.

Name of platform	How it can be used by...		
	Students	Parents	Teachers
Seesaw Kinder-Year 6 	Celebrating student learning and achievements	Comment on your child's learning that has been shared To request a meeting with a teacher in the private messaging feature Platform to share with relatives who may be overseas	Comment on student work Advise parents of changes in grade routine Upload photos of class activities
Google classroom  Google Classroom (Stage appropriate)	Digital exercise book to allow students to access activities that can be completed in class or at home	If parent email addresses have been entered, they receive a "weekly digest" email of work their student has been assigned or work that is due.	Effective tool for assigning tasks and sharing learning resources with students.
Skoolbag download via app store - Skoolbag St Oliver's Primary 	N/A	Easy digital point of reference for immediate checking of dates and events and ability to receive push notifications about whole school events Student attendance notifications Volunteer or RSVP for events	Whole school information like newsletters, important dates or changes at a whole school level will be communicated
Email stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au 	N/A	Use the school email address and in the subject bar you can write ATTENTION followed by the teacher's name. Office staff will pass this on to the teacher with the utmost confidentiality	Receive messages from office re: parent calls and emails
Phone call Ph: 8633 8300 	N/A	Personal issues or issues regarding your child	Making a meeting time regarding your child or following up from a seesaw request
School Website 	N/A	Whole school information regarding enrolment, annual report, announcements, newsletter links and photographs of special events. SUBSCRIBE to St Oliver's school newsletter. To subscribe, go to our school website, click on 'Links' on the bottom right corner. Click on 'Newsletter' and fill in your details.	

<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL NEWSLETTER</p> <p>The newsletter is uploaded to our website and the skoolbag app every second Thursday. You can register on our website to have the newsletter emailed to you automatically each week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SKOOLBAG APP</p> <p>Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parents' smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. The Skoolbag app is free to download. Keep up to date. Download it today.</p> <p>Search St Oliver's Primary skoolbag in your app store on your phone</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SICK BAY/MEDICATIONS</p> <p>If your child/children are required to take medication throughout the day you must complete a medication request form. These are available in the office. Please send a note to your child's class teacher to make sure they are sent to the office at the allocated time for medicine. All children must come to the office to receive medication. <i>Asthma puffers can be kept in the child's bag. We do have spare puffers in the office in case of emergencies</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CRUNCH and SIP</p> <p>Crunch and Sip will be held between 9-11am each morning in class time. Please make sure you pack some fresh fruit or vegetables each day. Small pieces make it easier for the children to eat. Please do not pack anything that requires a spoon. Please pack these separately to morning tea and lunch so the children know which is their Crunch and Sip</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE</p> <p>St Oliver's is now Cash free. All payments must be made by EFTPOS at the school office or over the phone. We have an app for making payment as well called QKR. This can be downloaded onto your smartphone. As events arise these will be loaded by the school onto QKR. This is a very easy way for parents to make payments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STUDENT SAFETY</p> <p><i>The front gate will be opened on school days at 8:30am</i>, with teacher supervision.. If you need your child/children supervised before this time, COSHC is available for your convenience. <i>The contact phone number for COSHC is: 0427 665 715</i> COSHC workers are only permitted to open the school gate for families enrolled in COSHC.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNICATIONS WITH CLASS TEACHER</p> <p>When you have any questions concerning your child, please contact the office or send a note to the teacher. Your child's classroom teacher will get back to you as soon as is practical. The classroom teacher is always your first contact.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>Due to work health and safety regulations we are unable to celebrate with cakes etc. During morning assembly your child will be called to the front and asked their name and age and will be given a sticker and bookmark. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STAGE ASSEMBLIES</p> <p>Assemblies are held on a Friday afternoon commencing at 2:30pm. For 2022 we will have two assemblies each term. These dates will be advertised in our school Newsletter and on Skoolbag. All parents/carers are welcome.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPORT DAYS</p> <p>All Students in all grades are to wear their sport uniform on Monday and Friday every week.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Due to many of our children suffering from severe allergies we are a <i>nut free school</i>. Please refrain from sending any food containing nuts to school with your child. This includes peanut butter, nutella, muesli bars with nuts and any food containing nuts or traces of nuts. Please read the packaging carefully. Thank you for your understanding.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL UNIFORM</p> <p>Our school uniform is available at Lowes, Parramatta Westfield. We also have some second hand uniforms available for purchase in the office. <i>Our school bag, hat and library bag are available for purchase from the school office.</i></p>