



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 3 Week 5

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19 August 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Friday 19th
Cumberland Zone Athletics
Carnival

Thursday 25th
Book Week Parade

Monday 29th
Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 31st
Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala
Day

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2nd
Father's Day Breakfast,
Liturgy and Activities

Term 4

OCTOBER

Monday 10th
Staff Development Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this year, parents were invited to take part in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey. The survey is designed to gauge student engagement and wellbeing, teacher input and parent feedback. TTFM can provide a basis to inform school improvement, taking into account key drivers of student outcomes and applying them to the unique context of our school.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to provide their feedback. The leadership team and I are currently in discussions as to how some of this can be adopted for whole school improvement. Please see a snapshot of the data gathered from the parent survey on the next page.

The parent perspective is based primarily on fostering positive relationships between school and the community. It is pleasing to note that we have produced better results than the region mean.

Our strengths:

School supports positive behaviour - My child is clear about the rules for school behaviour.
Parents feel welcome - Written information from the school is in clear, plain language.
Safety at school - My child feels safe going to and from school.

Areas for improvement:

Parents support learning at home - Ask about any challenges your child might have at school.
Parents are informed - I am informed about opportunities concerning my child's future.

In your words:

"I am really proud and satisfied that my daughter is a student of St.Oliver's primary. She is so happy and involved in the activities and important events. Thanks for the opportunities to explore our thoughts."

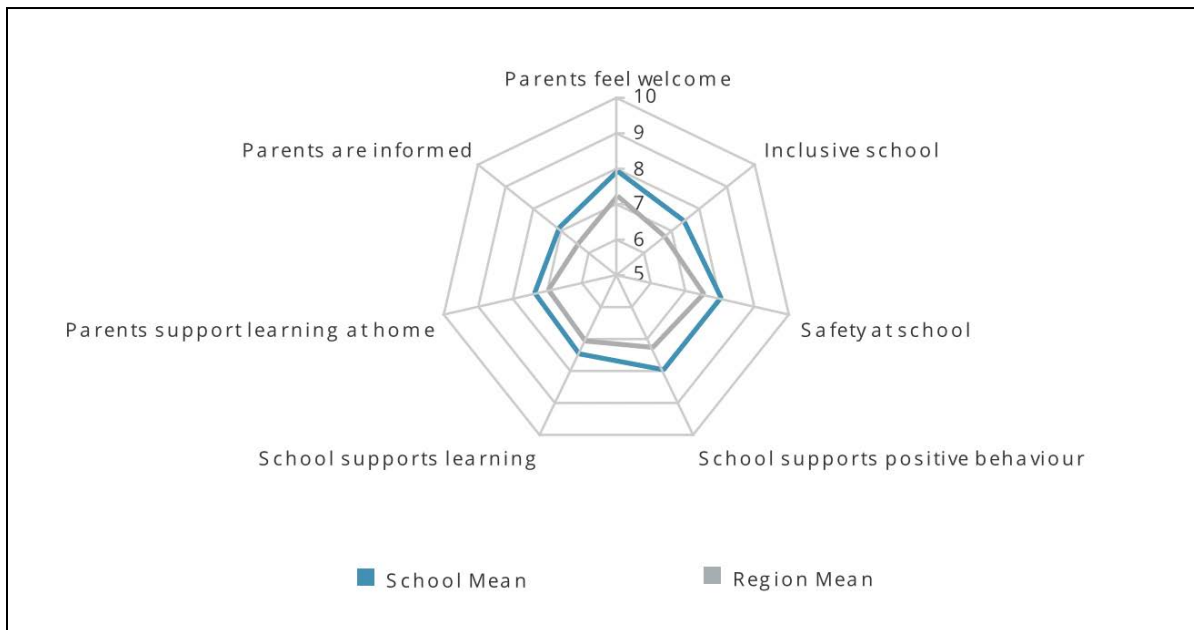
"COMMUNICATION still seems to be an issue with the school. Notifying parents of events are still announced at very short notice."

"The kids feel it's a family environment. As a parent I would like to know more about the curriculum and what are my kids doing in the class. Also to have more challenging homework."

"Introduce extracurricular activities- debating, writers club, library at lunch, maths club, coding club, skipping group. Regain the social skills, community spirit and extend the kids."

"I really like how my children understand the stories about Jesus and how they can learn from it and be a good person in the community."

In prayer,
Pascale Joseph



MULTICULTURAL DAY At ST OLIVER'S



On Tuesday 2nd August we celebrated Multicultural Day at St. Oliver's. It was a day where we celebrated our school's diverse customs and cultures. This was a very important celebration as we live by the Gospel values of tolerance and respect at our school. The school celebrated its multicultural community, which is articulated in the school motto: **Unity in Diversity**. The school crest and the school logo depict the Risen Christ. The centre represents the cross, the doves symbolise peace, and the various sized and coloured circles are symbolic of our diversity in cultures and needs.

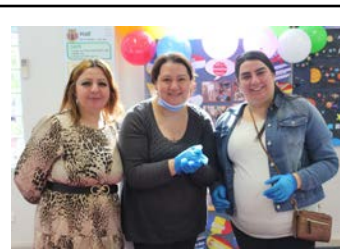
The day began with a Liturgy which included students praying in different languages. We had our Parish Priest Fr Chris deSouza speak to the students about being united in faith and accepting others. We then had students engaged in activities that involved learning about other cultures and reading books about people from another country. This was followed by activities led by our parents. The students were entertained with Lebanese drums, they learnt the Arabic alphabet, practised a yoga move as well as immersed themselves in Indian dance and listened to a Korean story. To end the day we had a feast of Multicultural foods which was sampled and shared by everyone including our parents. It was great to have the entire St Oliver's Community join in and celebrate as one.

We are one in our faith,
 we are one in our God
 We are one in God's love,
 St Oliver's we are
 We are one on the journey,
 our hands joined in peace
 With hope in our eyes,
 and love in our heart

MULTICULTURAL DAY At ST OLIVER'S

Thank you to all the parents who helped us to celebrate Multicultural Day and St Oliver's Feast day. Thank you from the bottom of our heart to the parents who came along to share their talents with the students and helped set up and serve our shared lunch. What a wonderful day was had by all.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'



Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

REFLECTION

A mother carries her child in her womb, giving that child a share in her own life. What if a child were able to share its life with its mother? This is what we believe happened between our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that our Lord nourishes Mary with His Resurrection life, meaning that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with His Divine glory.

She grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect. This is what we mean by 'The Assumption'.

This has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the church. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950? I think because in the first half of the 20th century tens of millions were killed in wars, death camps and in the Russian and China Communist dictatorships.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we may share in the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

© Fr Michael Tate;

The Assumption of Mary- August 15th

Prayer

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2022 Enrolment - REMINDER

Please go to the link below if you wish to enrol your child in the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time your child should be 10 years of age by the 30th June, 2022.

Please note that this registration will close on Friday 26th August 2022.

<https://forms.gle/3Nh1mzjfxK1Sgr9K7>

PARISH NEWS

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.

OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BOOK WEEK PARADE Thursday 25th August 9.00am ALL WELCOME

The theme this year is "Dreaming with eyes open".

We ask children to come dressed as:

What they would like to be when they grow up.

If they could be anything, what would it be? An astronaut, an explorer, a scientist, a doctor?

OR

A character from a book, for example Alice in Wonderland or Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Use your imagination and dream with your eyes open!



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Monday 29th August

All gifts \$5 or \$10

All payable on the Qkr app



FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

Breakfast from 8.00am - 9.00am

Bring Dad along for breakfast!



FATHER'S DAY LITURGY

9.00am - 9.30am

ACTIVITIES WITH DADS

9.40am - 11.00am



Come along and spend some time with your child's class and join in an activity.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Great prizes to be won. Buy your tickets on the Qkr App.

Don't miss out!

Drawn on Friday 2nd September

Father's Day Raffle

Prizes range from:

- Bunnings Pack & vouchers
- Food Hamper
- Portable Charcoal BBQ
- Dad & Kids Gardening Pack
- Scratchie Pack

and more prizes....

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Father's Day Photos

Send in photos of your child/ren with their father, grandfather or significant other to the school email address stolivers@parra.catholi.edu.au for display at the Father's Liturgy, Friday 2nd September.

Book Week Performance - 'The Imagineer'

All students took part in an incursion based on the book 'The Imagineer' by Christopher Cheung and Lucia Masciullo. The Imagineer was awarded the 2022 CBCA Notable Picture Book of the Year. It is a beautiful story about an inquisitive little girl called Penny whose imagination is sparked by the things around her. It also highlights the value in spending time with a grandparent and learning from their lived experience.

On Wednesday, 10th August, we watched a spectacular, comical and delightful performance. There were numerous vibrant lights and animations. During the performance Tony Bones (the performer) transitioned from one character and voice to another. His puppet, Penny was the vital character. Penny and Tony Bones sang an emotional song and dazzling songs.

Alice & Julia Yr 4.

On Wednesday, the whole school watched a show about a book called The Imagineer by Christopher Cheng. The show was played by a man called Tony Bones. The play was about a little girl called Penny. Penny explored everything. One day Penny went to her grandfather's house. In the book at her grandfather's house she found so many old things like a handheld push lawn mower, a butter churner, a milk jar, a potato slicer and an old typewriter. Penny always first draws things before she makes it, she measures it and works everything out.

Georgia Yr 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 25th August - Book Week Parade 9am

Thursday 25th August - Sweet Treat Stall

Monday 29th August - Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 31st August - Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

Friday 2nd September - Father's Day Breakfast - 8am-9am
Father's Day Liturgy - 9am-9.30am
Father's Day Activities 9.40am-11am

Term 4 Day 1

Monday 10th October - Staff Development Day



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