



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 9

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14th September 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 15th - Friday

16th September
Stage 3 Canberra
Excursion

Wednesday 21st

Last Day Term 2

Zooper Dooper & Jelly Day

Dance Fever Showcase
2pm

Thursday 22nd

Public Holiday
No School

Friday 23rd

Staff Development Day -
Pupil Free Day
No School

Term 4

OCTOBER

Monday 10th

Staff Development Day -
Pupil Free Day
No School

Tuesday 11th

Term 4 Starts
1st Day of School for All
Students-Summer Uniform



Dear Parents, Carers and Children

This is the final school newsletter for Term 3. How quickly the term has gone!

Firstly, thank you for the lovely welcome to the St Oliver's School community. I greatly appreciate the warmth and hospitality shown to me during my brief stay. The school has a beautiful atmosphere and it's a credit to all of you in creating this. The students have been very friendly and happy, and when visiting the classrooms, engaged in their work. The students have shown a great maturity in their actions within the classroom and playground. They have shown great confidence when speaking in a variety of situations. I had the great privilege of listening to all of Year 5's speeches and was astounded with their preparation and the way they delivered their speeches with poise and confidence. My stay at St Oliver's has been a wonderful experience made easier by your kind hearts.

I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers for their dedication to the children's learning during this term. The education of your children is in good hands. St Oliver's is also very lucky to have such great ancillary staff - office staff, teacher assistants, cleaners and our groundsman who perform their roles with great dedication every day.

The students have worked very hard this term under sometimes difficult circumstances. I congratulate the students on their resilience and the progress they have made in their learning this term.

Parents, I thank you for your support this term. Your efforts to work with the school have been outstanding and greatly appreciated. It is only in partnership that we can provide a holistic education for the students that enable them to flourish to the best of their ability.

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and refreshing break. If you do not have holidays, I hope you enjoy the break from the usual routines of lunches, uniforms, homework, drop offs and pickups.

God Bless
John Tomczyk
Acting Principal

A new NSW school curriculum - The K-2 English Syllabus

This term staff have been exploring the new curriculum through learning modules focused on the new curriculum. **New** English and Mathematics **K-2** syllabuses must be taught in all schools in 2023. Reform recommendations have shaped the new syllabuses, and have identified priorities for the early years of schooling. This is essential in building strong foundations for future learning.

English K–2 overview

Students develop an understanding of how language use is determined by different contexts, audiences and purposes. They establish their foundational literacy skills, including knowledge of the alphabetic principle. Students build understanding about the contexts in which they can purposefully communicate their ideas. They learn that there are similarities and differences between oral and written language and learn the different codes and conventions of language use. Students gain knowledge and understanding of the following areas:

- Oral language and communication
- Vocabulary
- Phonological awareness
- Print conventions
- Phonic knowledge
- Reading fluency
- Reading comprehension
- Creating written texts
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Understanding and responding to literature.

Parents and carers: what you need to know about curriculum reform

Every student prepared and ready for their future

The new curriculum will give students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts.

It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life and work in a complex and fast-changing world.

What is an overview of new English and Mathematics K–2 syllabuses?

The new syllabuses emphasise key concepts, identify essential knowledge and skills, and include new outcomes to clearly show what is essential. They remove ambiguity for all users.

Clearer. Clear and concise language in the outcomes and content help you to understand the learning expectations for building foundational skills in English and Mathematics.

Easy to navigate. The new Digital Curriculum means the syllabuses will be easier to access and navigate, so users can find information more efficiently.

Accessible. Access content points are provided to indicate content that students with significant intellectual disability may access.

Samples and resources. Teaching samples and examples are easy to find and use. Teaching advice is a supporting guide that was refined through engagement and consultation activities with teachers.

If you would like further information on the new NSW school curriculum **click the link below**

<https://nswcurriculumreform.nesa.nsw.edu.au/home/siteAreaContent/15b6d3f3-d5f5-4d5d-a99d-80f1541246d0>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

[Lk 15:1-10](#)



There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

REFLECTION

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target. Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

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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.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Tomorrow, Stage 3 set off on their Canberra excursion attending such places as Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy, the Electoral Education Centre, and the Australian War Memorial. There is a great air of excitement amongst the children and teachers. This excursion allows students to contextualise what they have learnt at school by linking this information to the real-life experience making learning more real and understandable. Not only is it a great opportunity to visit the important places and engage with various personnel but it allows the students to engage with their friends in a different setting, building independence and responsibility.

For many, this will be the first time that they have been away from family. Many thanks to the teachers going on the excursion. It is a great commitment of themselves, and their families and I am greatly appreciative of their time and effort to afford the students this great opportunity.

PACER (Parliament and Civics Education Rebate)

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This makes the excursion more affordable for families. We thank the Australian Government for their support.

Dance Showcase

Dear parents and caregivers,

This term, we have been busily learning a number of different dances in our Dance Fever lessons.

We would like to invite you to our 'Dance Showcase' where each stage will present a dance.

When: Wednesday, 21st September (Week 10)

Where: St Oliver's school playground

Time: 2pm start

All are welcome!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

DANCE FEVER MultiSport



ZOOPER DOOPER AND JELLY CUP DAY

The Year 6 PRC is holding a Zooper Dooper and Jelly Cup Day on

WEDNESDAY 21st September

Students may purchase:

Zooper Doopers - \$1 Jelly Cups - \$1

All orders to be made via the Qkr app.

(Qkr will close on Sunday 18th September at 11.59pm)

Please place your order before Sunday 18th September.



SUMMER UNIFORM

Dear Parents

As the weather has started to warm up, we are happy for students to begin the transition to summer uniform from Monday 19th September (the last week of Term 3). Please note that students must wear either full summer or full winter uniform and NOT a combination.

All students will be required to be in Summer Uniform upon the return to school for Term 4.

Thank you.

NAPLAN

Earlier this year, students in Year 3 and Year 5 engaged in NAPLAN. The national assessment covered the Key Learning Areas of English and Mathematics. I am delighted to inform the St Oliver's community that as cohorts, the children's results in both English and Mathematics placed the school above the national average. Congratulations to all students who participated. The hard work and commitment of all these students over the years at school has been well rewarded and should be commended. Importantly, thank you to all the teachers for their tireless effort in their teaching that affords growth in student learning.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dear Parents

Please make note of the following important dates.

Wednesday 21st September

Last day Term 2

Thursday 22nd September

National Day of Mourning

Public Holiday

For Queen Elizabeth II declared
by Australian Government

No School

Friday 23rd September

Staff Development Day

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(Pupil Free Day) granted by
Catholic Education Diocese
of Parramatta (CEDP)

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for all students

Recycling News

Here at St Oliver's we are being fantastic ECO WARRIORS. Our initiative to recycle soft plastics is now well underway.

Students who have been recycling their soft plastics now receive an ECO WARRIOR reward card. This card is being placed in a green bucket in the classroom.

The class with the most reward cards will be announced at Monday morning assembly every fortnight.

We have a mascot for our ECO WARRIOR campaign however she doesn't have a name yet. In St Oliver's tradition, our mascot will be an owl. On Monday, 19th September (Week 10), we are going to have the students suggest ideas for her name. We encourage everyone to think of a great name for our Eco Warrior mascot.

Thank you everyone for looking after our environment and being stewards of God's creation.



Voice of Youth

In Week 5, Year 6 travelled to Mother Teresa Primary School, Westmead to participate in the cluster final of the Voice of Youth competition. Our school representatives were Keith and Jillian. Our reserve speaker was Jordan.

Keith spoke about looking after our planet and Jillian let us know how to overcome shyness. They both spoke with confidence and poise. Both students were awarded a medal for making it into the final and Keith also won the Social Justice award.

We are very proud of their achievements. Well done.



Oh what Fun!!

COMING SOON

INTERESTED?
1300 00 7874

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN CAMP

SEPT 29TH / OCT 6TH
9am - 2pm

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- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

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Applications close Sunday 18th September 2022

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