



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 2 Week 6

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3rd June 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Thursday 9th June
MUFTI DAY
DISCO 1.30 - 2.30pm

Friday 10th June
STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 17th June
PYJAMA DAY - Whole
School. Vinnies Winter
Appeal Donations

Friday 17th June
WINTER SLEEPOUT
Years 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 22nd June
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 23rd June
School Photos

Monday 27th June
Athletics Carnival

Friday 1st July
TERM 2 CONCLUDES



Dear Parents and Carers,

The St Vincent de Paul Society started when a 20 year old man decided to do something about the poverty he saw in his community.

Today, Vinnies works with young people across Australia to continue this legacy, and to continue the fight for a more just and compassionate society. As a way of assisting those who are less fortunate in our community, St Oliver's students, alongside hundreds of young people across Australia, will be raising awareness and contributing goods to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal in coming weeks.

On Friday 17th June we will be hosting a Pyjama Day, as well as a Winter Sleepout (for students in Years 4-6). The Winter Sleepout is intended to give students a glimpse into the realities of homelessness by 'sleeping rough' for a night to raise awareness for Vinnies homelessness services. The Vinnies Winter Appeal will provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Over 105,000 Australians experience homelessness each night. Half of these people are women and a quarter are young people under the age of 18.

As a Catholic community our vision and mission is to help those who are vulnerable and less fortunate. Our intention in hosting these two events is to bring social justice issues to our children's awareness. Let us remind them that everyone can make a difference and that collectively we can have an impact and help rebuild lives.

On our Pyjama Day students and staff will take this opportunity to learn, reflect and take action. We encourage all families to take part in this conversation in your homes.

"...be the change, make a difference and help..."

I have added information in today's Newsletter about how complaints are handled at our school.

Warm regards,
Pascale Joseph

Complaints Procedures

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) exists to provide quality Catholic schooling. Its strategic intent is to improve learning outcomes for all students and to promote a professional and rewarding working life for its staff. Policies, procedures or guidelines support the achievement of this strategic intent. The CEDP has a 'Managing Complaints Policy'.

St Oliver's has a number of school-based policies and procedures that govern various aspects of our school life. The CEDP [Managing Complaints Policy](#) is intended to ensure that complaints are handled fairly, efficiently and effectively.

The following procedure has been adopted from the above policy to increase community understanding of how complaints are handled at St Oliver's.

Addressing Complaints - Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel.

It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents or their children with the intention of resolving issues. The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the child's class teacher.
2. If you are not satisfied, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the Co-ordinator, REC, Assistant Principal or Principal to discuss the issue further.
3. If the matter is not resolved by the school leadership team, you can contact the Catholic Education Office.

Parents are reminded that there are two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to your children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

Complaints assessed as relevant to a particular school or CEDP procedure will be handled in accordance with the relevant procedures, for example student management procedures, child protection procedures.

Complaints that do not relate to a particular school or CEDP procedure will be addressed as follows:

- The complaint is recorded.
- Clarification of what resolution is sought.
- Person/s against whom the complaint has been made advised of the concern and provided with the opportunity to respond.
- Relevant information obtained from witnesses.
- Matter resolved

Appeal - A person who is not satisfied that the matter has been resolved appropriately may choose to appeal to the Principal of the school if the Principal has not been involved in investigating or examining the complaint, or is not the person named as the source of the grievance.

Alternatively, an appeal may be made to the Director of School Services of the relevant school who may be contacted at the Catholic Education Office. For the Catholic Education Office matters, an appeal may be made to the Director of the relevant department. In the final instance, an appeal may be made to the Executive Director of Schools.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Dear Parents & Carers,

Next week, every Diocesan school will be inviting students from Years 4 to 6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of their school using an online “**Tell Them From Me**” survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We value the role of all stakeholders within our school community and greatly appreciate the feedback. The information survey participants provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership, to further improve student learning and wellbeing. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact Mrs Starr.



Dear Parents & Carers,

Just a reminder that all students should be coming to school in their full Winter Uniform.

BOYS WINTER UNIFORM	GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM
Shirt: blue long sleeve	Dress: check regulation style tunic
Trousers: navy blue 1/2 elastic back	Shirt: blouse sky blue-Peter Pan collar
Jacket: navy blue crested jacket	Jacket: navy blue crested jacket
Tie: check regulation style	Tab: red tab
Socks: same as summer	Socks: same as summer or navy tights
Shoes: black as per summer	Shoes: black as per summer
SCARVES, BEANIES and GLOVES: navy blue	

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.

Mrs Kareena Starr
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.



'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy, and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

REFLECTION

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Amen

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.

ST OLIVERS PARISH MORNING TEA

Calling the St Olivers Parish Family to a Community Morning Tea every 1st Sunday of the Month after the 10am Mass. Stick around after mass, enjoy a coffee and some friendly conversation. We start Sunday 5th June. We will also celebrate the Birthdays of each month. (Invitation from Seminarian Menard)

FEAST DAY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

We will be holding a Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 24th June 2022 at 10:00am in the Church. All are welcome to join.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We have a number of students who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 19th June 2022. Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue their preparations.

Mrs Jaquelin Dib

Religious Education Coordinator

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL AND PYJAMA DAY FRIDAY 17TH JUNE WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS AND BRING IN AN ITEM FOR THE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL - PYJAMA DAY

This year St Oliver's is supporting the St Vincent De Paul society by raising awareness about homelessness through our **Winter Sleepout on Friday 17th June** (for students in Years 4 - 6). As well as this, we are calling for your help to donate items to the Harris Park Vincent De Paul society chapter.

Please make sure that all items are new and not pre-owned or used and send all items in to school by **Friday, 17th June**.

We have provided a list below of items that Vinnies would like donated this year. Each stage is being asked to provide different items. Please follow the list below.

Thank you in advance for your kind contributions to this very worthy cause.

<u>KINDERGARTEN</u> Jams Pasta Sauce Tinned fruit Vegemite Nut-free muesli bars Jatz biscuits Chips	<u>STAGE 1 (Years 1 and 2)</u> Honey Rice Chicken/beef Noodles Tea Milo Juice Handkerchiefs Hand sanitiser
<u>STAGE 2 (Years 3 and 4)</u> Coffee (small) Sugar (small) Long life milk Assorted biscuits Jatz/Sao biscuits Cleaning spray Single and double fitted sheets	<u>STAGE 3 (Years 5 and 6)</u> Cooking oil Toothpaste Tooth brush Deodorant Razors Conditioner Shampoo Soap/Body wash (men, woman and children)

LIFTED LIVE EVENT

On Thursday, 19th May 2022, our Year 6 Mission Leaders participated in the Junior Lifted Live Event. This event gathered primary schools across the diocese to come together through music, testimony, discussion and prayer.

The Year 6 Mission Leaders have shared some of their experiences from the day.

The Lifted Live Jnr is not only an event for fun but also for learning about new things related to the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). It also helps us work with new people and to go out of our comfort zone. It explains a moral which is faith in God, Unity and the Kingdom of Heaven. We would also encourage you to go there with your family and friends, it's a lot of fun.

Maansi

Attending the Lifted Live Concert was an amazing experience, we sang along, jumped around and learned about the Holy Spirit. We also went into groups from different school communities and played fun games, like "who wants to be a millionaire" but without the millionaire part. We hope you have an opportunity to attend an event similar to this, so you can learn as much as we did.

Jillian

During this concert, not only was it fun but there was also a lesson that we learned, that was the Holy Spirit. We all loved the music and had the best time of our lives. We sang and participated in the interactions, played who wants to be a millionaire and underrated and overrated and made new friends. The lead singer Gen Bryant and her friend John make new religious songs, which have stuck in my head now. We enjoyed this experience and hope you can attend this wonderful concert in the future.

Ella

The Lifted Live Concert taught us so much about the Holy Spirit, Pentecost and the impact that it made on others. We made new friends, danced and sang. We played games such as "who wants to be a millionaire" and underrated and overrated. We had such a spectacular experience.

Olivia

We had so much fun! We didn't expect so many schools to arrive. The hosts taught us so much about the Holy Spirit. There was so much energy and happiness in the air. Screaming, laughter, singing and more screaming. So many interactions were had with the other schools. I'd be happy to do this again.

Kaitlyn

When we were on our way to the concert, I was thinking that we would just talk but it was really fun. There were lots of songs that were very catchy, and we also got a sandwich. This was a really fun day and I hope you will have a chance to experience this too.

Hani



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 9th June Disco 1.30 - 2.30pm

Friday 10th June - Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day

Friday 17th June - Pyjama Day - Whole School

Friday 17th June - Winter Sleepout Years 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 22nd June -Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 23rd June - School Photos

Monday 27th June - Athletics Carnival



**SCHOOL DISCO AND
MUFTI DAY
THURSDAY 9TH JUNE
\$5 ENTRY FEE
INCLUDES A DRINK AND CHIPS
Pay on the Qkr app!
No cash to be sent to school**



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY, 10TH JUNE PUPIL FREE DAY

There will be no school for the students on Friday 10th June. Staff will be involved in a Spirituality day.

St Oliver's School Photography Date: 23/06/2022

Envelopes for ordering school photos will be going home next week. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below or by returning the order envelope with your payment to our photographer on school photo day.

NEW

Advancedlife now offers Latitude Pay! To take advantage of LatitudePay and split the cost of your order into 10 small easy payments, simply order your school photos online as usual, set up a Latitude Pay account in just a few clicks and pay no interest or fees when you pay according to your payment schedule; it's that easy.

3 easy ways to purchase:

1. LatitudePay – Click on the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time
2. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
3. Cash – complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day

[Order school photos here](#)

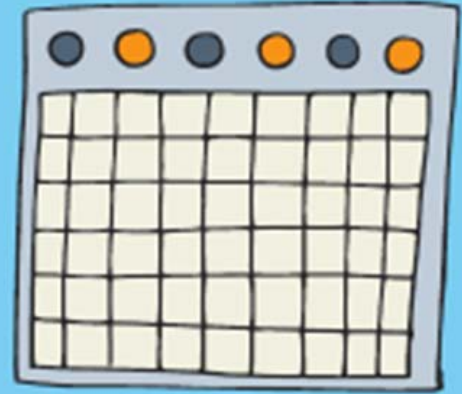
Congratulations to Kindergarten who are our Oli Star Class for Week 5.



ATTENDANCE

A student is considered to be in attendance at school when they:

- attend the school site while the school is open for instruction
- participate in a school approved activity or
- participate in an offsite flexible learning pathway/ program approved by the Principal.



STUDENT ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL - Please notify the school if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Compass now sends an SMS to all families of absent students at 9.30am each day and parents can easily respond to the text. Otherwise a phone call or email to the school on the day is expected. Thank you for your ongoing support.

USING THE COMPASS APP

PARENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT ABSENCES

Each day at 9.30am text messages are sent to all families who have children absent on the day. Please click on the link in the text message and type in the reason for the absence. You must have the Compass App to receive the text.

If you do not have the Compass App yet, please go to the app store and search for Compass School Manager. Learn more about Compass using our parent guide [available here](#)

