



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 6

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

3rd March 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Catholic Schools Week
6th - 12th March

Tuesday 8th March
Catholic Schools Week
Liturgy - 9.30am

Open Classrooms
After the Liturgy until
morning tea.

**Picnic Morning tea with
parents/carers.**
11.00am - 11.30am

**Monday 7th March and
Tuesday 8th March**
New Enrolments Open
Day Tours.
Monday - 9.30am
Tuesday 2.00pm

Monday 14th March
Athletics Country and
Cross Country - Holroyd
Sportsground



Dear St Oliver's Parents and Carers,

After a challenging start to the school year with staggered Recess and Lunch, restrictions on visitors and no mixing of cohorts, last week the NSW Government announced the easing of restrictions in the school setting. We are so excited to be able to announce that in the coming weeks the school will be hosting and inviting families to a number of community events.

Research has shown time and time again that family involvement in schools improves student achievement, with better grades, attendance, attitude and behaviour. Rest assured parents that your role in building a safer and stronger community has not been overlooked.

The relationship between home and school is worth celebrating. As we reflect on what we have accomplished despite the obstacles and the resilience of our entire school community, we look forward to welcoming parents to the following events:

- **Week 7 - Catholic Schools Week (CSW):** We will be hosting tours for new families who may want to enrol their child at St Oliver's next year. We will also be coming together as a school community for our CSW Liturgy next Tuesday 8 March at 9:30am. This will be followed by Open Classrooms and picnic Recess.
- **Week 9 - Whole School Assembly** - Friday 25 March 2:30pm
- **Week 10 - Finger Foods Friday** (instead of Welcome BBQ) - Friday 1 April 3:30 - 5:30pm

These events are a great opportunity for parents, students and staff to come together and interact. Where possible we have tried to take into account parents' varying work situations (shift work, work-from-home, etc.) by offering a variety of times for these events. We sincerely hope that you can join us in the coming weeks.

I look forward to meeting many of you for the first time and reconnecting with familiar faces.

Warm regards,
Pascale Joseph

Reading with your child at home

Please see the attached pdf file from NSW Government ideas about Reading with your child at home. [NSW Government Ideas about reading with your child at home](#)

Every minute counts

Every minute counts towards your child's learning at school. DON'T BE LATE! School begins at 9:00am.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years



School Uniform

Thank you to all parents and carers for the wonderful way that you have sent your children to school. Students are wearing their school uniform with pride and this has created a positive atmosphere at St. Oliver's. We would appreciate your support and cooperation in ensuring that the students continue to wear the uniform with pride.

Kiss n Go

For the safety of everyone in our community please ensure you are following the rules for Kiss n Go.

- Please have the student's name card ready so that the student can be called quickly.
- Please park only where the cones are set up (No more than 6 cars at one time)
- If there are more than 6 cars already lined up, please drive around the block and come back when there is a car space.
- Please wait patiently while the students' names are called and until they get into the cars.
- Please don't pull out in between cars as this is dangerous and puts everyone's safety at risk.
- Wait until the car in front of you has gone to drive away.
- Please don't bypass the cars already parked and park ahead of anyone.
- Remember it is our responsibility to care for the safety of everyone.
- Most importantly, please remember to be examples of patience and respect to the students in our care.

Kind regards,
Kareena Starr

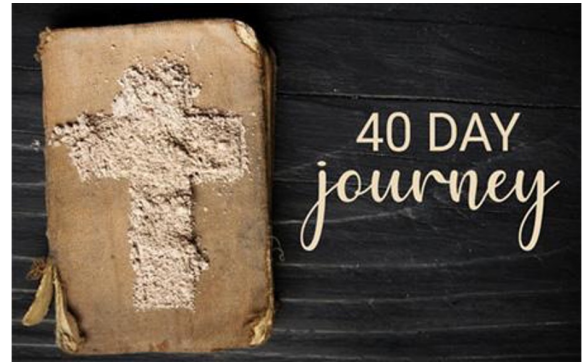
DELANY COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Wednesday March 9 from 1.00pm until 5.30pm.
All welcome.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Lent

Lent prepares us for the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church's calendar. By praying, fasting and giving alms, we are reminded of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus brought the promise of hope to all people so that we may "Have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10) As we live into that fullness, may we also be challenged to act with love and hope, *now* and for all future generations.



This year, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion theme is 'For All Future Generations'.

It comes from one of the great moments in Scripture: after the flood has receded in the book of Genesis, God puts a rainbow in the sky as a sign that the earth will never again suffer in such a way. God makes a promise with the human family and the whole of creation "for all future generations". This theme challenges us to venture into a new experience of compassion: one full of hope in God's promise.

PRAYER

Loving God,
We thank you for the gift of our lives and
for the life of every person, both near to us
and far away.
We thank you for the wonder of all your creation.
Through fasting, almsgiving and prayer
may this Lent draw us deeper
into the warmth and light of God's love.
May we see the world more clearly,
Especially those who are often overlooked.
May we come closer to your heart,
Which you showed through the cross of Jesus.
May we be full of hope for all future generations.
We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen.

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Sacraments of Reconciliation

Please pray for our children who are beginning their journey next week in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Term.

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

Mrs Jaquelin Dib

Religious Education Coordinator (Acting)

PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE

St Oliver's is now Cash free. All payments should be paid by EFTPOS at the school office or over the phone. We have an app for making payments 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Schools Week - 6th - 12th March

- Catholic Schools Week Liturgy - Tuesday 8 March at 9:30am.
- Followed by Open Classrooms - approximately 10.15am - 11.00am
- Picnic Recess with parents and carers - 11.00am - 11.30am

School Cross Country and Athletics Carnival

Monday 14th March at Holroyd Sportsground

Whole School Assembly

Friday 25th March - 2.30pm

Finger Foods Friday (instead of Welcome BBQ)

Friday 1st April 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Explanation of Absences

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using *[Skool Bag App / Parent Portal]*
2. Email: the school at stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. Telephone: the school office 8633 8300
4. Note sent with your child
5. Complete absence note at the school office

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

ST OLIVER'S IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Dear Parents

Throughout our school we have a number of children with **allergies** to various forms of food.

In order to care for these students we appeal to all parents to assist us by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's recess and lunch.

We ask parents and carers not to send peanut and tree nut products into the school.



ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2023. If you have a child who turns 5 before 31st July 2023, they are eligible to enrol. Please let any family or friends know that enrolments have commenced.

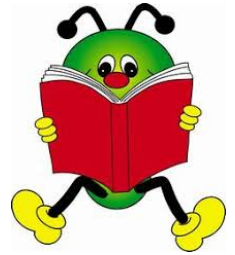


InfoZone

Welcome to the Library and Technology section of the St Oliver's Newsletter!

LIBRARY BORROWING - KINDERGARTEN

Students are enjoying borrowing their books. We hope parents are enjoying their stories too! Next week, Monday of Week 7, the students will be allowed to borrow two books. Please help them keep track of their books and remember to bring back two books the following week.



ST OLIVERS ELIBRARY

Our Library may be accessed in a number of ways. To access via the school website please click [St Oliver's Primary: Catholic Primary Schools](#) You will find our **Library** under the **Learning** tab. Scroll down to select [Access our eLibrary](#).

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All the booklists are available at this link: [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021 : Home](#)

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2022 Premier's Reading Challenge

Visit the Student Site!

Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. If you need help using the website and the answer cannot be found on the [PRC Support site](#), please contact us at prc@det.nsw.edu.au

2022 Challenge dates

- Challenge opens: Monday 28 February 2022



Just look for these stickers on library books, both at school and in local libraries - red for K-2, green for 3-4 and purple for 5-6.

Students may read and add books from a higher level if appropriate and add them to their list. However books from a lower level may not be included.

Students in Years 3 - 6 may add 5 personal choice books.

All passwords for new students will be available next week.

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian

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asthma first aid

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step 1

Sit the student upright, remain calm and provide reassurance.
Do not leave the student alone.



step 2

Give 4 puffs of a reliever puffer (Alomit, Asmol, Epag or Ventolin), one puff at a time, preferably through a spacer device.
Ask the student to take 4 breaths from the spacer after each puff.
*If no spacer is available, use a reliever puffer on its own.



step 3

Wait 4 minutes.



step 4

If there is little or no improvement, repeat steps 2 and 3.



If there is still little or no improvement, the student's condition suddenly deteriorates, or you become concerned, call an ambulance immediately (Dial 000).
Continue to repeat steps 2 and 3 while waiting for the ambulance.

What if it is a first attack of asthma?

If a student has difficulty breathing and is not known to have asthma, call an ambulance immediately and follow the Asthma First Aid Plan. No harm is likely to result from giving a reliever puffer to someone without asthma. A Bricanyl or Symbicort Turbuhaler may be used in first aid treatment if a puffer and spacer are unavailable.

For more information about asthma, contact your local Asthma Foundation on 1800 645 130

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