



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 4

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

19th May 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Friday 20th
Stage 2 Mass

Friday 20th
Whole School Assembly
2.30pm

Monday 23rd
Athletics Carnival
Holroyd Sports Ground

JUNE

Friday 10th June
Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 22nd June
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 23rd June
School Photos



Dear Parents and Carers,

Ask any teacher what is happening for them right now and they will respond with, 'it's report writing time', or something to that effect. As we head into the midpoint of Term 2, teachers are currently collating summative data about student progress and learning.

At St Oliver's a wide range of assessment tools are used to measure student growth and achievement. These assessments allow students, teachers and parents to work together to set individual learning goals and celebrate success.

Report writing is the process whereby teachers communicate information about student achievement and progress gained from the assessment process. The purpose of reporting is to support teaching and learning by providing feedback to students, parents and teachers.

The Semester 1 Report will be a CEDP Compass formatted report focusing on the seven key learning areas (KLAs/subjects) and learning dispositions. We will resume with our A to E scale on student progress and achievement. Kindergarten will use a three point scale to report on student progress. A four-point effort scale will be used across K-6 to report on student effort in all Key Learning Areas.

Our teachers know their students and continue to work with them to help them realise their potential as learners. Our focus continues to be on authentic learning and our assessments ensure that we challenge our students to grow in their learning and achieve their personal best.

Parents are always welcome to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their progress and learning.

Warm regards,
Pascale Joseph

Why is Reading so important?



The **more** that you read, the **more** things you will know. The **more** that you learn, the **more** places you'll go.
Dr. Seuss

Children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

What difference can you make as a parent?

Parents can make a huge difference! You are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – and it's never too early to start reading together.

How can you help them read for enjoyment?

Some of the things you can do:

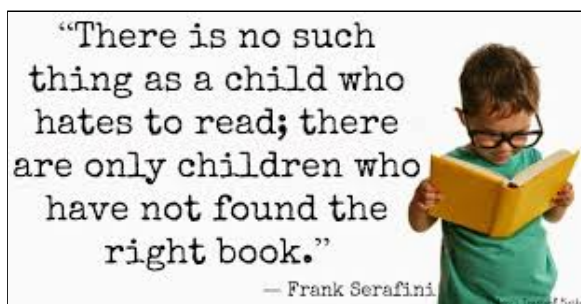
- read aloud to your child, talk about the words and pictures, and share ideas about the book
- read yourself – children who see adults reading, and enjoying it, are much more likely to want to read themselves
- surround your child with books – you don't need a lot of books at home, go to the local library to borrow books, spend time together reading. In this way, reading becomes a habit.

Why is 15 Minutes a Magic Number in Reading?



With 15 minutes of daily reading, your child is reading for 5,475 minutes each year or 91 and a quarter hours!

Children will also gain a love of reading, gain knowledge through the books they read, and create special bonds with those people who take the time to read to them.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel

[Jn 13:31-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

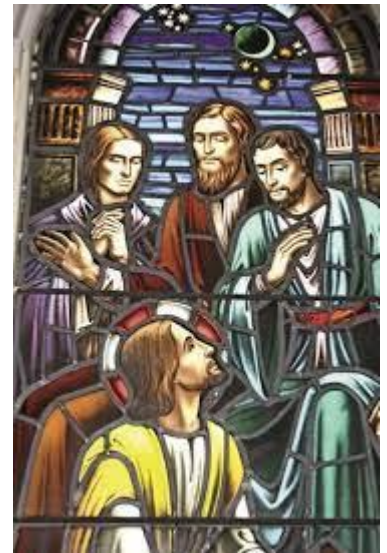
love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



REFLECTION

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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Sacrament of Eucharist

We have a number of students who are in the process of preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

PARISH NEWS

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday to Friday. *7.00am

Weekend mass Times: Saturday - Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday - 8.00am and 10.00am

Office Hours: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am - 2.00pm. Wednesday 8.00am - 1.00pm.

Mrs Jaquelin Dib

Religious Education Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 20th - Walk Safely To School day

Friday 20th - Whole School Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 23rd - Athletics Carnival

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



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2022!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

**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 Primary School- School Photography Date: 23/06/2022

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up soon. 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:

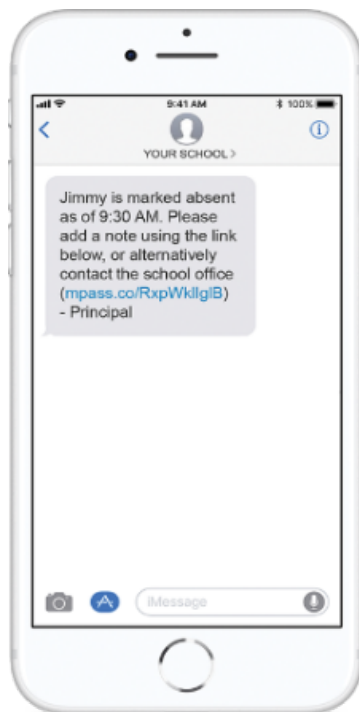
1. LatitudePay – Click on the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time
2. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
3. Cash – complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day

[Order school photos here](#)

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](#)