



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 1

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

22nd July 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

Tuesday 26th
Grandparents Day Liturgy
2:15pm

Friday 29th
Year 2 Mass 9:15am

AUGUST

Tuesday 2nd
Multicultural Day

Friday 5th
Hot Dog Fundraising Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

On July 11th, it was the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Saint Oliver Plunkett. Saint Oliver Plunkett (1st November 1625 - 1st July 1681) was the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

Saint Oliver Plunkett was born in Ireland in 1625. He became a Catholic priest in the 1650s. At that time, Catholics were persecuted for their faith and many were evicted from their homes and forbidden from attending mass. Priests, themselves, were hunted down and particularly punished if they were caught. Many priests fled to Rome to study for the priesthood, as did Oliver.

Oliver Plunkett returned to Ireland a few years later and established himself as a man of peace and set about visiting his people, establishing schools, ordaining priests and confirming thousands of lay people.

In 1673, bishops were banned once again and Archbishop Plunkett went into hiding and suffered a great deal. He tried desperately to continue his work among the people. In 1679, Archbishop Plunkett was arrested and falsely charged with treason. He was found guilty and sentenced to death.

Archbishop Plunkett, accepted his fate and publicly forgave all those responsible for his impending death. Oliver Plunkett was beatified in 1920 and canonised in 1975, the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years. In 1997, he was deemed Ireland's patron saint for **peace and reconciliation**.

False accusations, prejudice, anti-Catholic sentiments are still an active reality today. Let us pray for peace and justice in our world.

"And with God's grace, I shall give others the good example not to fear death."

- Saint Oliver Plunkett

In prayer,
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.

MULTICULTURAL DAY at St. Oliver's



In Week 3 we will celebrate Multicultural Day at St. Oliver's. It is a time for us to celebrate our cultural differences. St. Oliver's is a multicultural school and we strive to celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Let's come together with friends and family and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It's what makes our school a great place to be.

We are inviting all families to share elements of their culture with other members of the school community through storytelling, food, dance, arts and many other things that make cultures unique.

Through this celebration we aim to foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures. It is also a great tool to help unite and educate us and by understanding others perspectives, to broaden our own, and to fully experience and educate ourselves.

Mrs Kareena Starr
Assistant Principal

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 OLIVER'S IS NOW USING COMPASS

All notes will now be sent on Compass via email and sms.

Skoolbag is no longer used.

We encourage all parents to download the Compass App and access the Compass Portal so you can:

- Receive all school news, notes and events
- See Academic Reports
- Book Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Enter all absence notes
- Receive absence notifications. You can click directly on the link in the sms to respond to the absence. All absences must be accounted for.

How Do I access Compass?

Compass Web Access

1. Compass is accessible on your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) and/or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. To access the parent portal, you can go to our school's website and click the Compass link on their homepage. Alternatively, you can go to <https://schools.compass.education/> where you can search for our school's direct URL. You can access information about your child here as well as put in Absence notes.

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details have been provided to you by our school by email (please check your emails). Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by our school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

Compass App

2. To download the app, please go to the App store on your device and search for Compass School Manager in the store. You will receive all messages from the school and also absence notifications.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

For men and women who grieve the death of their spouse or partner



This seven session program is aimed at men and women whose spouse or partner have died. It will help to further understand and come to terms with the many ways in which grief impacts on their lives after the death of their loved one.

It's an opportunity to ask questions, explore and be supported by others in similar circumstances while learning about how grief unfolds and how best to deal with the unsuspecting challenges and difficulties of this painful journey.

When we are listened to with empathy, We are consoled in our grief, Our loneliness is alleviated and connections are created amongst us.

Topics for each Session

Session 1: Physical Effects of Grief

Session 5: Tasks of Grieving

Session 2: Images and Frameworks for the Grieving Process

Session 6: Is it Grief or Depression?

Session 3: Dealing with Intense Emotions

Session 7: Continuing Bonds and Closing Ritual

Session 4: Social Effects of Grief

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Please contact: Rita Chater
Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains PH: 8843 2500
Email: rita.chater@ccss.org.au



VENUE: St. Bernadette's Parish
367 Old Northern Road
Castle Hill NSW, 2154

DATE: 7 Weekly sessions on Thursdays from
11th August - 22nd September 2022

TIME: 10am - 12pm

Webinar

Understanding the Process of Annulment within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains
and the Tribunal of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Parramatta

Date: Wednesday 03rd August 2022

Time: 7pm - 9pm

This Information Webinar is a free presentation via Zoom
Presenters: Tribunal of the Catholic Church—Diocese of Parramatta

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Webinar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.



REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

Contact

The Tribunal of the
Catholic Church
Diocese of Parramatta

Ph: 8838 3480
or
Email
tribunal@parracatholic.org

When registered you will be
provided with a link to join the
Webinar



Sustainability and Stewardship at St Olivers!

Did you know?

*Australian's throw away about 7,150 recyclable plastic bags a minute or 429 000 per hour! **

And this figure doesn't include the countless bread bags, frozen vegetable bags, pasta bags, biscuit packets and sachets consumers bring home from the supermarket every time they shop.

Plastic bags and packaging can't be collected by most local councils as part of their kerbside pick up. Instead, they typically end up in landfill or as litter, harming wildlife and the environment.

*Clean up Australia

At St Oliver's we will be taking part in an initiative to help promote stewardship of our Earth.

This program is called **REDcycle**. This program is a soft plastic recycling scheme. Students will be asked to put appropriate soft plastics into special recycling tubs at school. These plastics will be taken to a **REDcycle** drop off depot and made into amazing new products.



This is just the start! We are also looking into participating in the bottle and can recycling initiative as well.

You might be interested in taking part in this initiative at home. For more information on the REDcycle program see: <https://redcycle.net.au/>



Soft Plastics Recycling

Make sure plastics are:

- Shaken free of all crumbs
- Washed free from oily or sticky residue
- 100% dry

Check packaging for either 'Return to Store' or 'Store Drop Off' symbols (find out more about these at <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/art/>) OR the REDcycle logo.

bread bags	biscuit packets, wrappers only	paper goods packaging
pasta & rice bags	frozen food & veggie bags	confectionery bags
plastic bags	old green bags	cereal box liners

Basic 'no' list:

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic containers
- Chairs
- Take away coffee or food containers
- Any rigid plastic such as meat or biscuit trays, or strawberry punnets
- Tin cans
- Food waste
- Rubbish

Check our website for the comprehensive 'yes' and 'no' list <https://redcycle.net.au/>



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