



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 3

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

5 August 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Wednesday 10th

Incursion - Book Week Performance

Friday 12th

Stage 3 Mass 9.15am

Friday 19th

Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 31st

Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year on July 26th, the church venerates the memory of St Anne and St Joachim. St Anne and Joachim prayed to God because they had no children. Angels appeared to St Anne in her garden and to Joachim while he was in the desert, promising them that they would give birth to a special daughter, Mary, who would be known throughout the world. Anne and Joachim ran to greet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate and rejoiced in God's promise to them.

St Anne and St Joachim performed their parenting responsibilities with great grace. Mary was raised in a Jewish family home faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

Last Tuesday we had the opportunity of acknowledging the Feast Day of St Joachim and Anne, as well as to celebrate the gift of grandparents in our lives. Grandparents are a valuable and vital resource in our communities. They provide children with a stability and sense of generational continuity. Many grandparents are also significant carers in the lives of their grandchildren. The purpose of our liturgy was to affirm and encourage family life and the transmission of faith through the generations.

In July 2009, following the Angelus, Pope Benedict spoke about Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. The Pope then asked the faithful to pray for grandparents, "who in families are often the witnesses of the fundamental values of life.

A Prayer for Grandparents:

Dear God,

Please bless our grandparents.

Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life. Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family and friends who were able to join us for this special celebration. Thank you for the gift of life, faith and wisdom that you continue to pass on to the next generation.

"Surely, two of the most satisfying experiences in life must be those of being a grandchild or a grandparent."

- Donald A. Norberg

In prayer,
Pascale Joseph



Last week Miss Vuljanic and I were privileged to attend a conference led by Dr. Michael McDowell who is a well known educator from California. McDowell has authored bestselling books, presented keynotes and workshops, and provided practical tools and resources for thousands of teachers and leaders on almost every continent around the world. His conference was all about increasing authenticity in the classroom. Michael also gave us strategies for setting up rigorous expectations with students, explaining the criteria for successful learning at the surface, deep, and transfer levels which puts students in a better position to meet their full potential. Ms Vuljanic and I are excited to put our learning into action.

Ms Vuljanic & Mrs Starr

Arriving On Time For School



Why is being on time for school important?

Arriving at school and class on time

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities that are scheduled in the morning
- Helps students learn the importance of maintaining a routine and being punctual
- Give students time to have a good start to the day by greeting their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

How can Parents and Carers help students be on time:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and having a good routine
- ensuring your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance

Mrs Starr

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

REFLECTION

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday 6th August

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ

**God has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light.**

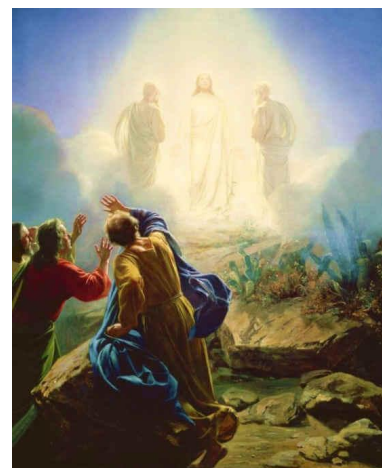
Arise, shine, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For though darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the nations,
the Lord will rise upon you

and his glory will be seen upon you.

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2022 Enrolment

Please go to the link below if you wish to enrol your child in the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be eligible for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time your child should be 10 years of age by the 30th June, 2022.

Please note that this registration will close on Friday 26th August 2022.

<https://forms.gle/3Nh1mzjfxK1Sgr9K7>

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.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

A big thank you to all involved in making our Multicultural Day Celebrations a huge success. It was wonderful to see parents, teachers and students dressed in their traditional cultural dress. Thank you to our generous families for providing the food and for helping set up and serve. Lookout for our next newsletter for lots of photos taken during the course of the day.



Book Week Celebrations Week 6 (22 - 26 August, 2022)

SAVE THE DATE! The theme this year is "Dreaming with eyes open". In keeping with the theme we ask children to come dressed in a costume representing their dream job. If they could be anything when they grow up, what would it be? An astronaut, an explorer, a mad scientist, a ringmaster in the circus, a clown, a doctor?

Maybe they are dreaming about becoming a character from a book, for example the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland or Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or even the caterpillar from The Very Hungry Caterpillar?

Try to use your imagination and dream with your eyes wide open and let your creativity shine brightly. It would be great to start having conversations together with your child about their dream job and how to make it a reality through their costume.





Parents Representative Council

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Help your boys become respectful men



Our guest speaker for the PRC parent engagement event is:

Register here to attend



Dr Andrew Fuller

Andrew is a clinical psychologist and family therapist who works to create resilience in families, communities and schools. He specialises in how children learn and how their educational outcomes can be improved. He is the author of many parenting and wellbeing books.



Andrew will talk about how we create an awareness in boys of their power to become wonderful young men who can make a difference in the world through building healthy relationships, having a sense of meaning and purpose and creating a great life for themselves.

Our Presentation Partners



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
'Dominus Lux Mea' The Lord Is My Light




Monday 15 August 2022

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to guest speaker)

St Dominic's, 54-94 Gascoigne St, Kingswood, NSW 2747

Check out our Facebook site  @prcparra

Light supper and refreshments will be provided,
and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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