



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 4 Week 6

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

18th November 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 22nd
Kindergarten Transition
for 2023 students
9.30 - 10.45am

Friday 25th
Showbag and sweet
Treat Yr 6 Fundraiser

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st
Year 6 Graduation
Liturgy 1.30 - 3pm

**Friday 5th Dec -
Tuesday 13th Dec**
Swimming Program

Friday 9th
Christmas Concert
Time TBC

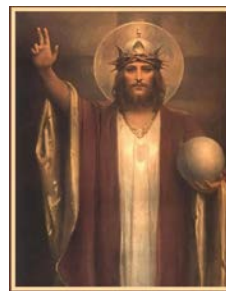
Thursday 15th
Whole School
Thanksgiving Mass
9.30 - 10.30am

Friday 16th
Last Day of Term 4 for
students



On Sunday the 20th of November we will celebrate the Solemn Feast of Jesus Christ the Universal King. This is the feast of celebrating Jesus who triumphs over sin and death to be the glorious and eternal king. Through all the trials and difficulties of life, Jesus shows us the power of goodness and trust in the Father. This Feast also marks the end of the liturgical year. We have journeyed this church year reflecting on the many aspects of Christ's life on Earth. December begins the new liturgical year with Advent and the celebration of Christmas.

As we approach the end of the school year here at St. Olivers, we also acknowledge the year we have had. Trusting in God and working cooperatively with each other, we have triumphed together to reach the end of another school year. Jesus Christ teaches us the importance of working together to achieve more. A big thank you for continuing to trust the St. Oliver's school community with the education of your children. We give thanks to God for the school year and hope for more blessings to come.



Prayer to Christ the King

O Lord our God, you alone are the most holy king and ruler of all nations. We pray to you, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from you, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray most faithful one. We trust in your great mercy. O most awe-inspiring king, we bow before you and pray; May your reign, your kingdom, be recognised on earth.

Amen

Mrs Karenna Starr

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel

[Lk 20:27-38](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.



Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’ Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.’

REFLECTION

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means ‘righteous ones’ were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today’s gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario. The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

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ROSARY

On Monday, October 31st, we came together as a school community to pray and celebrate the month of the Rosary. Students and teachers from our school community recited the Our Father and Hail Mary in different languages.



Sacraments at St Oliver's

This term we have some students in Stage 3 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they begin this journey.



PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: Vigil 5.30 pm. Sunday: 8.00 am & 10.00 am.

OFFICE HOURS : Tuesday & Friday 9.00 am - 2.00 pm, Wednesday 8.00 am - 1.0 pm.

Swimming Program

The St Oliver's School Swimming Program will be held from

Monday, 5th December (week 9) to Tuesday, 13th December 2022 (week 10).



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday 1st December - Year 6 Graduation Liturgy 1.30 - 3pm

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Friday 9th December - Christmas Concert, time TBC

Thursday 15th December - Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 - 10.30am

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Starting Dates for 2023

Week 1 - Friday 27th January - Staff Development Day (Staff Only)

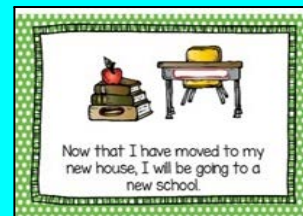
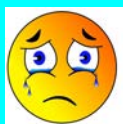
Week 2 - Monday 30th January - Staff Development Day - MAI testing for Students in Years 1 - 6

Week 2 - Tuesday 31st January - Students in Years 1 - 6 Commence / MAI testing for Kindergarten students

Week 2 - Wednesday 1st February - Kindergarten Day 1

ARE YOU LEAVING ST OLIVER'S?

If your family is not returning to St Oliver's next year, please let the office know so that appropriate paperwork can be completed.
Thank you.



Lost Property

There is a lost property box in the office which has jackets, jumpers, hats and water bottles. All of these items are not labelled. Please check in case your child has lost any items.

Second Hand Uniforms

We have a number of well cared for second hand uniforms available in the office. Please feel free to come and have a look.



Canteen News

Apple A Day online lunch orders
next order delivery date is
Monday 21st November.

Cut off time Sunday 20th November at
9:30pm

Check out the menu on the
Spriggy Schools App under St Olivers

No minimum order amount



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Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00 am -9:30 am and 2:30 pm -4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

Apply today

Applications close Sunday 20th November 2022

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 80000** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Manisha Bains
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A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner every day

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta