



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 8

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2nd December 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

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

Friday 9th
Christmas Concert 6pm
Sausage Sizzle 5pm

Thursday 15th
Whole School
Thanksgiving Mass
9.30 - 10.30am

Friday 16th
Last Day of Term 4 for
students



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are in the season of Advent where as Catholics we are able to enjoy the richness of our faith which helps us to prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating the coming of the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. We celebrate God, our mighty Creator, who became a human. He did not just arrive on earth fully grown instead He humbled Himself to be born as a baby, and grow up just like we do. God, in His infinite wisdom, love, and humility, became a man for our sake. He did not have to do this, but He chose to. This is a great act of love. Let us pray for each other as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A couple of weeks ago we had our last week of transition to Kindergarten.. The "new" Kindy children and their parents participated in our sessions for a period of 3 weeks. It was delightful to see the new little students trying to experience a little bit of 'big school' with enthusiasm and excitement. We do hope our new students and their parents felt that they are part of the family here at St Oliver's. We are inspired by our motto "Unity in Diversity" and we acknowledge that here at St Oliver's, we are a multicultural community who share and receive from each other.

Next week, as you know, is the start of the swimming program. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn to swim and to improve their techniques. The children are looking forward to these sessions very much. Also, we also have our Christmas Concert on Friday December 9. Please join us for a sausage sizzle in the evening. We have organised a Christmas raffle which will be drawn on the night of the Christmas concert. As you can see these last weeks of term are very busy with lots of exciting and fun things happening. We look forward to sharing the end of year events with you over the next couple weeks.

At the end of 2022 we will be saying farewell to **Ms Jeanette Dib** who has been a classroom teacher at St Oliver's for 4 years. We will acknowledge her service, hard work and commitment to our students in the coming weeks. Ms Dib is moving to St Patrick's Parramatta, commencing in 2023. We wish her all the best.

Kind regards,
Mrs Kareena Starr
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

REFLECTION

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrimage people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

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Confirmation

Congratulations to the 8 children who made their Confirmation on the Feast of Christ the King. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their faith journey.



Thanksgiving Mass

On Thursday 15th December, we will be having our Whole School Thanksgiving Mass in the Church at 9:30am.

All are welcome to attend.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

St. Oliver's
Carols by Candlelight
& Christmas Concert

Friday 9 Dec, 2022 / 6:00pm
Sausage Sizzle from 5:00 pm

**Christmas Raffle will be drawn
on the night.**



Swimming

Just a reminder that swimming will begin next Monday 5th December.

Children are to wear their swimming costume to school each day, underneath their school or sports uniform.

Remember to bring:

- Towel
- Thongs or slip on sandals to wear to and from the pool
- Goggles
- Clean underwear to change into once back at school
- Hair brush/deodorant or other necessary toiletries (For older students)

Make sure all items are labelled with your child's name.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5th December (week 9) - **Tuesday 13th December** (week 10) Swimming Program

Friday 9th December - Christmas Concert, 6pm, Sausage Sizzle from 5pm

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

Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Starting Dates for 2023

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

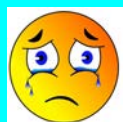
Week 2 - Monday 30th January - Staff Development Day - MAI testing for Students in Years 1 - 6

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.

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