



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 4

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

16th August 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

16th

Stage 2 excursion to Chinese Gardens, Darling Harbour

17th

Stage 3 @ Parish Mass

Whole School Assembly presented by Stage 3

21st

Year 6 - Meal Deal fundraiser

22nd

Stage 1 excursion to the city

23rd

Book Parade @ 9:15am
Diocesan Athletics

24th

Stage 2 @ Parish Mass

28th

Netball Gala Day

31st

Father's Day
Breakfast/Mass from 8am

SEPTEMBER

2nd

Father's Day

Building Teacher Capacity

In our diocese, teachers are invited to train as Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) specialist teachers. Identified Year One students participate in an intervention program. Students are involved in a range of activities to promote their mathematical thinking. Ms Conley undertook this training last year. On Tuesday, Ms Conley was invited to do a demonstration lesson for the new group of training teachers from our diocese. I had the opportunity to witness Ms Conley work with these students. It was obvious that Ms Conley knew these students well and was able to guide them to work from what they know to solve new problems and create new learnings.



Peer Review

Peer Review is a key part of the School Compliance audit process which allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum presented by the school being reviewed. The process of Peer Review enables all schools to ensure that they are fully compliant according to NESA and CEDP requirements. A sampling approach is used to target specific Key Learning Areas and stages of learning and examine these in close detail to ensure that they are meeting syllabus requirements and overall NESA specifications.

Yesterday, our Stage 2 teachers (Ms Sarina and Mrs Bessounian) were called to Peer Review with two of our neighbouring schools. Ms Sarina and Mrs Bessounian received many commendations for their work. Some of the commendations included; the ability to meet the students' needs, providing differentiation in learning, clearly set out programs and using a variety of assessment strategies.

St Oliver's is privileged to have such dedicated and professional teachers as Ms Conley, Ms Sarina and Mrs Bessounian.

Ms Barbara Young
Principal



Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord, I pray for the homeless and hungry people. I ask you to give them shelter and food to eat. Thank you for my family because I feel so much love and care. Amen **Zavier - Year 1**

Lifted Live Event

The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) and Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) offered our Stage 3 students a free sponsored event **Lifted Live Jnr** on **Friday the 10th August, at Rooty Hill RSL**.

Students from FIAT (Faith in Action) Primary Schools in our diocese celebrated the Year of Youth by attending this event. This exciting event offered a combination of music, testimony, discussion and prayer with **Genevieve Bryant** who is a highly acclaimed young Catholic singer, songwriter and performer from Melbourne.



Seeing the students standing together with love and joy in their eyes was awe inspiring.

Student Achievement - Voice of Youth

Each year students in Year 6 are engaged in public speaking presenting a wide range of topics.

Yesterday two students from Year 6 represented St Oliver's as contestants in the Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition;

Veronica with her speech titled “**Levelling the playing field**”

Serena with her speech titled “**It's unfair for refugees**”

Congratulations to both these speakers.

Serena was also given an honorable mention receiving the Social Justice award for her speech “It's unfair for refugees”.



Attendance

School attendance rate target is 90% or greater.	95%	This figure indicates the average attendance rate for all our children.
School attendance level target is 90% or greater.	84.3%	This figure indicates the percentage of our children who attend school 90% to 100% of the time.
School attendance level - winning class	Year 5 at 100%	No other class was above the 90%

Crunch and Sip A reminder to parents to please pack enough crunch and sip, recess and lunch for your children. It has come to our attention that children are eating their recess at crunch and sip time. We do not provide food for the children. Thank you for attending to this matter.

World Youth Day Raffle Thank you to everyone who has returned their raffle tickets. Please return any sold or unsold tickets to the school office as soon as possible. We need to return them all to the WYD Fundraising Committee by 31st August 2018. Thank you for your support of this Diocesan appeal.

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday St Olivers sent a squad of 30 athletes to the Zone Athletics Carnival - one of St Oliver's largest team to go to Zone. What champions as they cheered and strived for excellence.

The below students placed in the top 4 in events which has earned them the opportunity to represent St Oliver's at the Diocesan meet. Good luck to our athletes. Congratulations:

Akeem

- 1st 8yrs 100m Record broken
- 3rd Junior 200m

Efe

- 3rd Junior 200m

Mana

- 3rd 11yrs Discus

Antonious

- 4th 200m, Snr Boys relay

Dallo

- 4th 800m, 4th 100m, 1st Long Jump, 4th Snr Boys Relay

Tsepiso

- 4th Snr Boys Relay

Olivier

- 4th Snr Boys Relay

On the 7th of August many people from all over the Diocese competed in the zone athletics carnival including some St Oliver's students. They all had to travel to the Cumberland track which was where they would race to try and make it to the next level. A lot of people succeeded in doing that some from St Olivers. They succeeded in a lot of events such as 100 metre 200 metre, discus, long jump and 800 metre all around it was a great day for St Oliver's and I really enjoyed it.

Dallo - Year 6



Eddy Emu Task 5 – CROSS COUNTRY

We have completed our fifth 'Work out with Eddy Emu' task

Eddy's Star Class

The class who completed the most work outs this task was...

YEAR 2

Eddy's Star performers

The students who showed FANTASTIC working out and reasoning were... K – Anish
Year 1 – Sachin and Nova Year 2 – Kripa and Kalden Year 3 – Gracey
Year 5 – Karen and Nithin Year 6 – Sebastian

Well done everyone! Keep exercising your brain!



**PRC - Parents Representative Council
GUEST SPEAKER - Dr Justin Coulson
'10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know'
Monday 27 August 2018**

**At Corpus Christi Catholic Primary,
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook NSW
Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.0pm start**

Register FREE now:

www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Father's Day Celebrations



You are invited to join us on

***Friday, 31st August 2018
from 8am - 10am***

***Breakfast BBQ followed by
Whole School Mass***

***Raffle will be drawn at 2:30pm in
the hall***

Father's Day Raffle Prizes include:
Bunnings Gift Voucher
Peter Wynn Voucher
80cm HD LCD TV
BBQ and Picnic kit

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

A reading from the gospel according to John

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me

unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father,

and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,

except the one who comes from God:

he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert

and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,

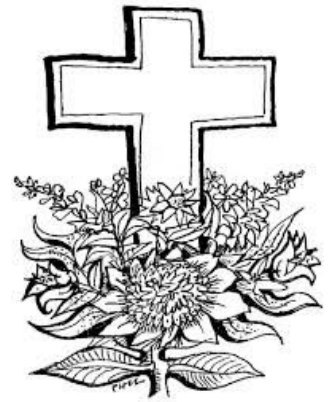
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



Literal Sense – The Jews

It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with 'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus'. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of 'the Jews'? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.

Scriptural context – Who is Jesus?

One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the 'great' images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.

Application in the Eucharist – Living Bread

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

InfoZone

Welcome to the Library and Technology section of the St Oliver's Newsletter!

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION TIMETABLE

WEEK	EVENT	DETAILS
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We loved the "Treasure Hunt Show"!• Colouring competitions close Thursday 16th August..• Videos emailed to St Oliver's have been received - they may also be shown/delivered to the Library.
5	 BOOK WEEK Theme: FIND YOUR TREASURE Book Parade on Thursday 23rd August 9.15 - 10.30am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We celebrate Australian children's literature!• Children should wear their Book Character outfit to school; they will remain in the outfit for the day.• Parents are most welcome!• St Oliver's Competition Winners announced
7	BOOK FAIR 	Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 3rd September and Tuesday, 4th September in the Library. Parents may purchase Monday 3pm – 4pm and Tuesday 8.00am – 9am. Children may purchase in Borrowing time on Monday and at lunchtime.

VOICE OF YOUTH

Congratulations to our wonderful representatives in this speaking competition. Veronica presented a thought-provoking speech, "Levelling the Playing Field". Serena's speech, "It's Unfair on Refugees" won the Social Justice prize. Thank you to Charisse and Ishani who were excellent MCs of the event.

DELANY DEBATING

All Year 5 children are participating in a Debating programme. Four students have been selected to represent us in the Delany Debating Competition. Congratulations to Karen, Christina, Rohit and Mana!

PRC CHALLENGE CLOSES THIS MONTH!

The Challenge closes on Friday 31st August. Students in Years 3 - 6 should enter their own book details online. If you do not have home internet the Library will enter the details for you. The Library will also enter details for children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. All signed paper copies must be handed in at school by Friday 31st August. The PRC site is not accessible after this date. Further details are available at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.htm>

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian