



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 2, Week 1
2018

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

2nd May

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

3rd

Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Farm
Mother's Day wrapping

4th

Stage 2 @ Parish Mass

7th

Stage 1 - Street walk

9th

Mother's Day Stall - please send money with your child to purchase a gift for Mother's Day.

10th

Mother's Day Breakfast/Liturgy/Open classrooms

11th

Mackillop Rugby League Trials
Antonious and Mana attending

14th

Stage 1 - Rosella Park
Children change into their winter uniform from today.

15th - 16th -17th
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17th

Family Day from 12:30pm

18th

Stage 1 @ Parish Mass

22nd

Coffee n Chat 9am - Literacy

25th

Stage 3 @ Parish Mass
Whole School assembly

28th

Athletics Carnival

29th

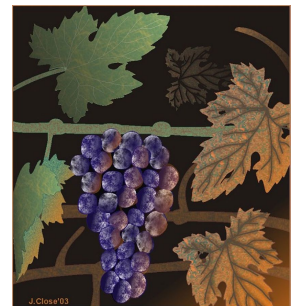
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Sunday 29th April, 2018 – GOSPEL Jn 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



GOSPEL UNPACKED – REFLECTION BY FR. MICHAEL TATE

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Abide in me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine;

Neither can you, unless you abide in me.





Prayer of the Week

Dear God, Thank you for a lovely home and school. Help the sick and homeless. Help the people who need you. Amen **Louella Year 1**



Winter Uniform - Students can come dressed in their full summer or full winter uniform at the beginning of Term 2. Our official change over is **Monday, 14th May 2018**. Our uniform is available at Merrylands West School & Workwear Centre or Lowes at Parramatta. For more information contact the school office.

Mother's Day – Mums, grandmas, aunts, carers.

Thursday 10th May 2018

8am- Breakfast provided

Coffee van on site (EFTPOS accepted)

9:15am – Liturgy in the school hall

10am- Open classrooms



SAVE THE DATE
Monday, 28th May 2018
Athletics Carnival
DETAILS TO FOLLOW



The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Wednesday 13th June

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: St Oliver's Primary School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- 🍷 Save time and money making healthy meals
- 🍷 Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- 🍷 Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **11/6/18** by:

Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at cancercouncil.com.au (search 'Eat It To Beat It for parents').

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Family Day ALL WELCOME

Thursday 17th May 2018

12:30pm- Liturgy in the school hall – all welcome

1:00pm- BYO Lunch with your children

1:30pm- Whole school Olympathon led by year 6 and their parents.



Focus On Learning



Getting the screentime balance right after a relaxing holiday by Martine Oglethorpe

Here's the thing. I don't believe there is a magic number of hours a child should be 'allowed' or 'not allowed' screen time. There are many other more pertinent questions we should be asking about our kids' screen time, aside from simply 'how much?'.

What are they doing on the screens? Are they safe? Are they engaging in positive interactions? Is their self-esteem intact, or are they comparing themselves to everyone else online who is (in their mind) smarter, prettier, skinnier or has more friends? Are they creating things or merely consuming? Are they in control? Are they able to put away a device without a tantrum?

These are just some of the things we should be looking at when it comes to our kids' use of their screens.

Which is not to say that the amount of time spent on screens is irrelevant. It is still valid to be concerned about how much time screens are consuming of your children's days.

To help alleviate some of the concerns you may have, and to put some strategies in place, here are two things you can focus on when it comes to your kids and screen time.

Are your child's needs being met?

- Sleep time, active time, socialising time

- *Use this as a guide and aim to fit the many key experiences our kids need into each day, we are much more likely to ensure our kids grow up with a healthy respect for their screens and a healthy respect for the many areas of their life that need to be nurtured.*

- Look at each individual child;

- *A boundary that works for one child may not work for another. Is your child in control of their screen use? Are they coming to the dinner table without a fight? Are they sleeping, eating, keeping up with friends?*

<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/schools/insight/getting-screentime-balance-right/>

Mr Anthony Matthews
Acting Assistant Principal

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.