



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 5 <http://www.stoliversharrisparra.catholic.edu.au/home>

30th May 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

31st
Coffee N Chat - Christmas Fair @ 9am

JUNE

1st
Stage 2 @ Parish Mass

2nd
Kindy interviews - new families

7th
Kindy interviews - current families

8th
Feast of Sacred Heart - Whole School Mass @ 9:15am

11th
Public Holiday

13th
FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop
@ 2pm presentation by Cancer Council NSW - for parents

15th
Stage 1 and Kindy @ Parish Mass
Stage 3 Vinnies Sleep Out

23rd
Kindy interviews - new families

29th
Stage 2 @ Parish Mass



Sunday, 27 May 2018: The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings.



Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

The mystery of the 'Holy Trinity' is always a challenging concept. Although, there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

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Mr Anthony Matthews / Religious Education Coordinator



*I hope your week is filled
with Smiles and Sunshine!*



First Eucharist

This Sunday 3rd June and next Sunday 10th June St Oliver's students will be making their First Holy Communion.

Let's please keep these students in our prayers as they become one body and one spirit in Christ.



Prayers of the Week

Dear God, Thank you for every moment in my life. Please make every moment in my life be a time of joy. Help me to follow in Jesus' path so I can use gratitude and live in my everyday life. Amen **Angelina Year 6**



Dear Lord, I pray for those needy people who have no food to eat, no place to live and no money to buy clothes. I ask you to help the people who are sick and the world to live in peace. Thank you for giving me this life, family, friends and lovely teachers. Amen **Sachin Sai Year 1**

Eddy Emu Task 3 – TRIATHLON

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

Eddy's Star Class

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

YEAR 1



Eddy's Star performers

The students who showed FANTASTIC working out and reasoning were...

K – Michaela, Year 1 – Mithra, Year 2 – Kalden, Year 3 – Elijah.B, Year 4 – Adya and Year 5 – Karen

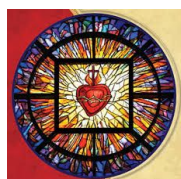
Well done everyone! Keep exercising your brain!

We would like to invite you to complete the **Tell Them From Me (TTFM)** Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Oliver's Harris Park.

The survey is anonymous. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/84387>

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Mass Friday 8th June @ 9:15am

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join the whole school on this Holy Day as we are reminded of Jesus' warm, compassionate and tender love. By staying close to Jesus, we can be warmed by the fire of his love for us.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

To support our Stage 3 students in creating their hampers, we have allocated a few items for each grade to donate, based on the requests from the organisation. Please note: you are not restricted to only donate the allocated items; if you wish, you can donate other items from the list too.

- Kindergarten-** New warm socks, New warm gloves, New warm scarves
- Year 1-** New fleecy jumpers (Kmart/Big W), New small flasks for hot drinks
- Year 2-** New blankets or sleeping bags, New small flasks for hot drinks
- Year 3-** Cereal (Weetbix), Long-life milk, Rice
- Year 4-** Pasta, Noodles, Rice
- Year 5-** Tinned pasta sauce, Tins of tomatoes, Tinned spaghetti
- Year 6-** Tinned fruit, Tinned vegetables, Tinned tuna, Baked beans



Please drop off your donations to the school office by Thursday 14th June, 2018

St Oliver's Athletics Carnival 2018

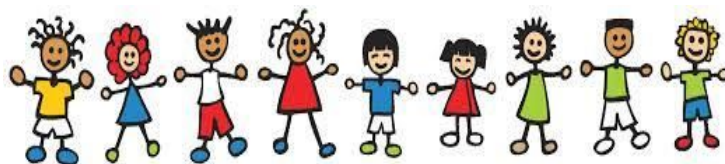
All the students and staff had a wonderful day enjoying the great outdoors!

Thank you to everyone who made the day a big success.

Congratulations to McAuley (Yellow team) who won the overall point score.



Focus On Learning



Help your child achieve By Michael Grose

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child's teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

- 1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve** Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.
- 2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive** Keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.
- 3. Support your teacher's expectations & activities at home** One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.
- 4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time** Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.
- 5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and changes** Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.
- 6. Skill children to work with others** Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.
- 7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties** Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.
- 8. Participate in class & school activities** There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve their learning then take an interest in their learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.
- 9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience** Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.
- 10. Talk up what happens at school** Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on at a time and you'll find that the rest will fall into place.