



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 10

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26th September 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

15th

First day of Term 4

All children are now required to wear their summer uniform

19th

Parish Mass Stg 3
9am - 10am

23rd

Kindergarten Transition
9am - 10:30am

26th

Parish Mass Stg 2
9am - 10am

27th

Bunnings BBQ
9am - 4:30pm

Oli Owl's Star Class

Last week Oli Owl came to visit during morning assembly to announce Oli Owl's star class winners. Every day during assembly, recess and lunch, teachers will be choosing the class who are being safe, respectful, learners. They will receive an Oli token to go towards an extra 15 minutes of play.

Oli Owl's Star Class Winners

Week 9: Year 2

Week 8: Year 4

Week 7: Year 6

I wonder which class will win this week?

Principal's Morning Tea

Each term two children are chosen by their teacher to attend the Principal's Morning Tea. Congratulations to the following children:

Kindergarten: Liv C and Anthony S

Year 1: Louella M and Ryan R

Year 2: Nye HR and Jillian DJ

Year 3: Elie R and Miatta B

Year 4: Christopher N and Gabby V

Year 5: Annette A and Rohit V

Year 6: Dallo S and Mandy C



Thank You

A very big thank you to all the members of the community who have helped this term by donating goods, donating your time to help and purchasing raffle tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A very big thank you to the staff of St Oliver's who always go above and beyond to provide the best learning opportunities for the children.

Barbara Young

Prayers of the Week



Dear God,
Thank you for everything you have given me and for everyone around me. Please help me to do good in my learning and please keep us safe during camp. Amen

By Christina Abood

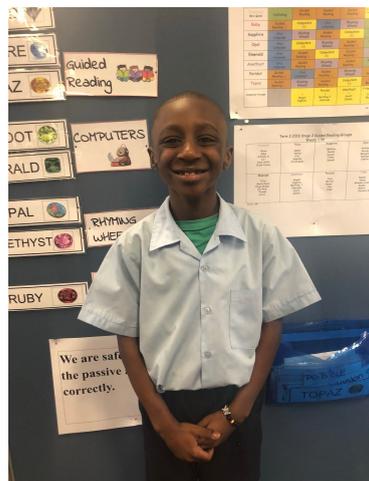
Attendance

School attendance rate target is 90% or greater.	94.8%	This figure indicates the average attendance rate for all our children.
School attendance level target is 90% or greater.	84.9% Unfortunately, this is due to parents choosing to take holidays during the school term.	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%	Well done to Year 1 at 92.3%

Student absence	Attendance rate	Educational risk	Days absent per year	Long term absence (over 10 years of school)
Regular	90% or more	Low	20 days or less (1 day a fortnight)	1 year or less
Emerging	80%- 89%	Medium	Between 20 - 40 (1 day a week)	1 - 2 years
Chronic	70% - 79%	High	Between 40 - 60 (2 days a week)	2 - 3 years
Complex	69% or less	Severe	60 days or more	3 years plus

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Akeem Kamara in Year 3 who competed in the MacKillop athletics carnival. Akeem came first in his heat with a time of 15.75 seconds and fourth in the finals with 15.01 seconds. Well done Akeem!

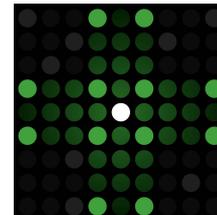


Sunday, 23 Sep 2018: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.



After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Literal Sense

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

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In the world of Jesus' time, neither servants nor children had any legal rights or social status. Jesus turns the social ranking system upside down. Those who hold the highest positions within the community must be willing to take the lowest place and be the servants of all. He offers himself as an example of one who empties himself for the sake of others.

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Application Sense

We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ

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School Disco 2018

As the sun set, students entered into the disco lights to dance and enjoy community last Friday. Thank you to all those families who supported the School Disco 2018. Many thanks to the Year 6 parents for their contributions to the event. The evening was enjoyed by students and teachers.



Pilgrim Journey

We pray for Father Chris D'Souza and Mrs Kathryn Newman as they depart on the Pilgrim Journey to the Holy Land and Rome this week. May your journey be blessed and open new horizons of faith and Joy.

Sacrament of Initiation

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Information session for Sacrament of Initiation on Tuesday night. We pray for the parents and students who are taking on this journey. Key Date: Enrolment Mass at St Oliver's Catholic Church October 21 at 10:00am.

Plenary Council 2020

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. All people are invited to engage in Listening and Dialogue Encounters – which are an open and inclusive experience of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter is an opportunity to get together a group of friends, family or colleagues and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church.

Everyone is invited to respond to the question:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear responses from as many people as possible.

How can all people be involved?

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter can happen in many ways. Currently we are in dialogue with the community to organise ways we can create this encounter in St Oliver's.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 27th October 2018 ... Annual Bunnings BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings North Parramatta. Helpers needed.

Friday, 30th November 2018 ... Christmas Fair and St Oliver's Christmas Concert

Wednesday, 19th December 2018 ... Thanksgiving Liturgy/Year 6 Graduation

Happy Holidays

We wish all our families a happy and safe holiday break.

School resumes 15th October.

InfoZone

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

DELANY DEBATING



Congratulations to our Delany Debating Cup representatives who were presented with their certificates at Delany College last week.

HOLIDAY READING

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WHAT'S ON AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/visit-us/bring-the-kids.html>



These school holidays there are several literature-focussed shows at the Sydney Opera House including: 'The Snow Dragon', "Yo Diddle Diddle" and "Bambert's Book of Lost Stories".

There is also a series of free workshops for children exploring the design principles of architect Jørn Utzon. Participants can make mini models and daring constructions with the whole family.



Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian

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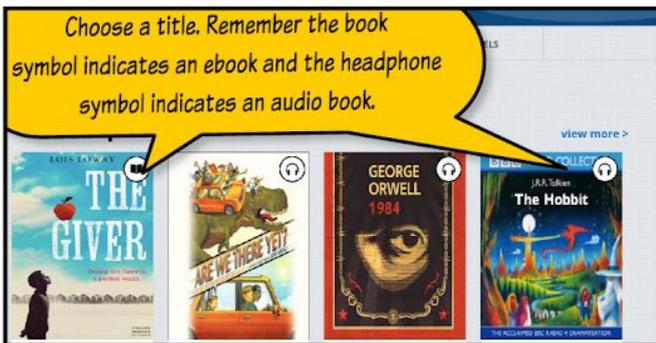
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