



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 1 Week 11

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

11th April 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April

**12th**  
Stage 3 Parish  
Mass 9.15am -  
10am

Last day of Term  
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### Term 2 April

**29th**  
Staff Development  
Day-No school

**30th**  
School  
commences

ANZAC Day  
Memorial

Easter Hat Parade  
2.15pm

### May

**8th**  
Mother's Day Stall

**9th**  
Mother's Day  
Breakfast &  
Liturgy



## Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

## Spiritual Sense of Scripture

This story revolves around Jesus in two striking ways. First, though He is without sin, thus fulfilling his own criterion, He is not, as a man, a witness to the crime and so could not condemn her in a human court. Second, though as God He is a witness, and together with the Father fulfils the criterion of two just witnesses in the heavenly court, He does not condemn her.

**Rev Dr Barry Craig - Liturgia Homily Help - Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C**

**ANZAC Day Memorial at St Oliver's** Tuesday, 30th April @ 10.30am

- A member of parramatta Sub Branch will be joining the service
- Yr 6 Parent body will be selling ANZAC cookies

**Easter Hat Parade** Tuesday, 30th April @ 2:15pm

We will celebrate as a community with our renewed faith with a Easter Hat Parade on the school playground. You are warmly welcome to join us.



## Student Prayers

Dear GOD,

I thank you for my family, teachers, friends and school.

Please help the poor, sick and needy people.

I ask you to help me become a good, friendly and kind person.

Amen (Mithra Yr 2)



**PBS4L Star Class**

**Congratulations 3**



## School Fees

School fees are now overdue. Thank you to all those families who have paid.

Reminder letters will be sent home this week.

Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Anna Small or Ms Barbara Young if you are experiencing any difficulty.

## **Tuckshop2U**

Dear Parents and Carers

From Term 2, this year, Tuckshop2U will cease providing the recess and lunch service to schools. This is due to a change in business direction. They were very easy to deal with and their thank you is below:

*'It has been a pleasure servicing your school and we sincerely thank everyone for your support over the years'. Tuckshop2U Team*

We are currently exploring other options for next term.



## **Write4fun competition**

What a lot of writing has been happening at St Oliver's with around 40 students participating in the Write4fun writing competition. Congratulations to all the children who entered. We encourage all students to write every day over the school holidays.



# Seminar

## Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains)  
and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

**Date: Tuesday 7th May 2019**

**Time: 7pm –9pm**

**Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall**  
**Cnr Marist Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd)**  
**Parramatta**

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all concerned.

The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as ...

What is the basis for an annulment?

How does an annulment differ from a divorce?

How long does it take?

Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.



### PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office  
Parramatta

### REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

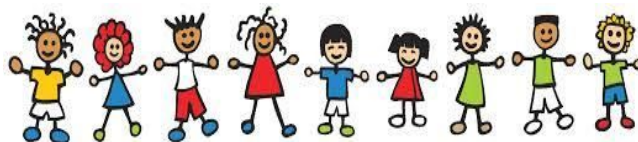
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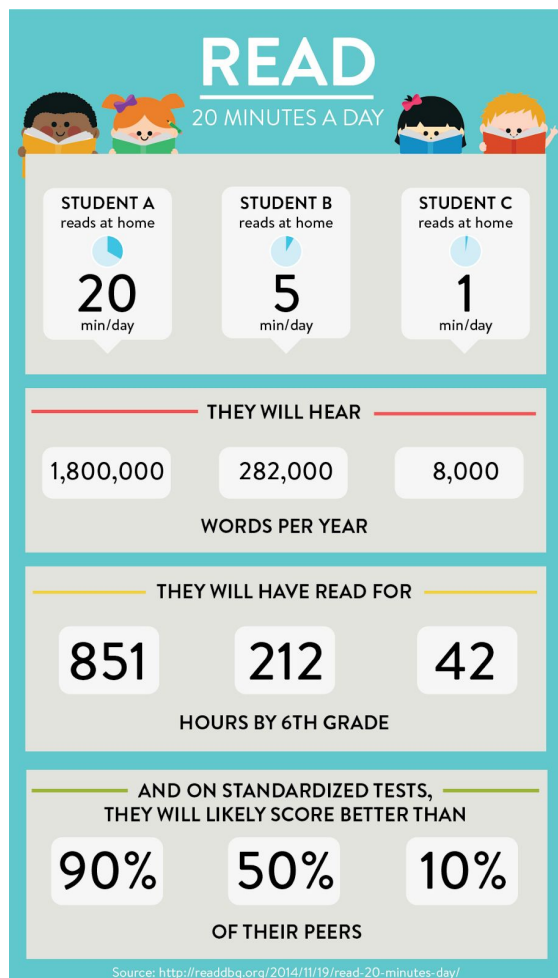




# Focus On Learning



## How reading 20 minutes a day benefits your child



At St Oliver's we place a great deal of emphasis on reading. The infographic highlights the difference just 20 minutes of reading each day can make over the course of a child's primary school years.

Reading at home can take many forms and should ideally include time for your child to read to you as well as time when you read to your child.

### Reading:

- ❖ Helps in language development
- ❖ Promotes brain development
- ❖ Aids in understanding of a world outside our own
- ❖ Strengthens family relationships
- ❖ Provides endless possibilities
- ❖ Improves concentration
- ❖ Improves listening skills

In our increasingly busy lives it is sometimes tempting to overlook **daily** reading. We sometimes fail to give this time the value it deserves. However, as the infographic highlights, in doing so we are significantly shortchanging our children and denying them valuable opportunities to learn.

## The Big Vegetable Crunch



Last Thursday the whole school came together for the 'Big Veggie Crunch' where we all enjoyed our Sip and Crunch on the playground together. All children, and teachers, were munching on vegetables to celebrate Vegetable week. 'The Big Veggie Crunch' is an attempt by NSW primary school students to break the record for the highest number of children eating vegetables simultaneously – and to get kids excited about vegetables! Congratulations to all children who contributed to helping to break this record!

