



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 2

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

7th February 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

8th

- Welcoming Mass-9.15am
- Welcoming BBQ-5-7pm

13th

- Zone Swimming Carnival Mt Druitt Pool
- Meet and Greet-Parent and Teacher meetings

14th

- Yr 6 Reconciliation-9.15am

15th

- Parish Mass - Yr 3 and 4

20th

- Stage 1 excursion-Rouse Hill Farm and House

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome Message

Dear Families of St. Oliver's,

Welcome back to a new school year. I pray you all had a joyful Christmas, followed by a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

I look forward to 2019 with great optimism and enthusiasm. We once again have a highly professional and passionate team of educators working with the children this year.

We welcome Mrs Myers to St Oliver's. Mrs Myers will be working with Mrs Small in our front office.

We have had a very positive start to the new school year! The children have settled well into their new classes and are pleased to be back at school. As I have moved around to each of the classes this week I have been inspired by the positive attitude to learning the children are demonstrating. It is a truly wonderful thing!

As parents, you are the first educators of your children and they look to you to form their attitudes, opinions and values. Your child's education can be greatly enhanced by your involvement at home and in school activities. It is a parent's enthusiasm and support that can inspire a child to do their best. If children sense that parents consider their child's education to be a high priority, they are likely to view it in a positive manner themselves.

At the beginning of a new school year we extend an extra special welcome to our new students and families. Last Friday we welcomed our new Kinders. They have had a great start to their journey here at St. Oliver's. The following children also started in other grades in our school. We welcome them as members of our faith and learning community; Suhanna G (Year 1), Rayansh A (Year 1), Mann S (Year 3) and Tanvi G (Year 5).

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children for returning to school looking very smart in their full school uniform, with positive attitudes and respectful manners.

God bless,

Barbara Young
Principal

Religious Education News - Term 1 Week 2, 2019

As we embark on the education journey of 2019 at the beginning of another school year, let us also reflect on what Pope Francis asks us to do - 'Receive and carry God's consolation: the mission is urgent' (Pope Francis, October 2016). Our mission in 2019 is to carry God's Mercy mission - to love one another.

As God is love, he sent us Christ to always be in our hearts, calling us to stand up and knock on each other's hearts. Let us, in 2019 demonstrate our mercy mission to love one another, by knocking on the door of each other's hearts.

I wish everyone a blessed 2019.



Opening School Mass

Please join us in our Opening School Mass on Friday, 8th February.

Arrival 9:00 am After mass, Fr Chris will commission our new school leaders and welcome all our new community members.



Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be held in the classrooms in 2019 for Years 3-6. Year 6 will participate in Reconciliation on Thursday, 14th February. Classes to follow intermittently throughout Term 1 and following terms.

Madonna and Child Statue.

Thanks to all the fundraising and contributions from St Oliver's community last year, our Year 6 class of 2018 donated the beautiful statue of Mary and Child at our thanksgiving liturgy in December. This has now been installed at our front gate. While still needing some gardening around it, I know we are all humbled by the Marian presence at the entrance of the school.



Mr Anthony Matthews

Religious Education Coordinator

Welcome BBQ: Friday, 8th February at 5pm in the school grounds.

- Sausage sizzle provided free of charge
- Drinks on sale for \$1

All families are welcome to come and join us.



WHAT DID WE ACHIEVE WITH OUR 2018 FUNDRAISING?

A big thank you to all our families and friends for a great effort with our fundraising last year. Listed below are all the things we bought with our funds.

- PBS4L signage for the playground and learning spaces
- New blackout blinds for Stage 3
- New technology for learning spaces
- Guided reading books
- Maths equipment
- Furniture for learning spaces

GOOD NEWS MESSAGE

We have had builders refurbishing our Stage 3 learning space. Two of the builders made a point of speaking to me about the teachers and the learning.

The first builder commented that the teachers are very dedicated and he noticed that they are constantly moving around the space to speak to every child while they are learning. He added that he wished that his children could have had such dedicated teachers.

The second builder added that he could see why Catholic education is so important and that he could see the difference this type of education makes.

What a great compliment for our school!



WE WELCOME KINDERGARTEN TO OUR ST OLIVER'S COMMUNITY



ALREADY HARD AT WORK!

SCHOOL CENSUS - Friday 18th February 2019

The Census of Catholic Schools is on Monday, 18th February 2019. We ask that all children come to school on this day if possible. If your child is sick, we understand that they would need to stay at home, but please send in a note on the following day explaining the absence. The easiest way to advise us of your child's absence on the day is to submit an absentee form on the skoolbag app via **eforms**. **It is important that you quote the date of absence on your letter.** Thank you.

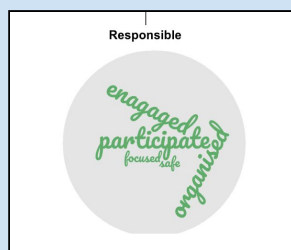
<p style="text-align: center;">NEW CROSSING SUPERVISOR</p> <p>We welcome Mr Suri our new crossing supervisor this year.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL NEWSLETTER</p> <p>The newsletter is uploaded to our website, to the skoolbag app and a hard copy will be sent home to the eldest child in the family on a Thursday. Alternatively you can register on our website to have the newsletter emailed to you.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SKOOLBAG APP</p> <p>Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parents smartphones. It allows the school to keep you up to date with the latest news, notices, alerts, newsletters etc. The Skoolbag app is free to download. Keep up to date. Download it today.</p> <p>Search St Oliver's Primary skoolbag in your app store on your phone.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SICK BAY/MEDICATIONS</p> <p>If your child/children are required to take medication throughout the day you must complete a medication request form. These are available in the office. Please send a note to your child's class teacher to make sure they are sent to the office at the allocated time for medicine. All children must come to the office to receive medication. <i>Asthma puffers can be kept in the child's bag. We do have spare puffers in the office in case of emergencies.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE</p> <p>If you are sending payments to the office for school fees, excursions etc, through your child please make sure all money is in a securely sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on it. EFTPOS is available in the office for your convenience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>Due to work health and safety regulations we are unable to celebrate with cakes etc. During morning assembly your child will be called to the front and asked their name and age and will be given a sticker and birthday card. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNICATIONS WITH CLASS TEACHER</p> <p>When you have any questions concerning your child, please contact the office or send a note to the teacher. Your child's classroom teacher will get back to you as soon as is practical. The classroom teacher is always your first contact.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TERM 1 SPORT DAYS</p> <p>Students are to wear their sport uniform on the following days. Kindergarten - Monday Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) - Monday and Thursday Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Tuesday Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) - Monday</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STAGE ASSEMBLIES</p> <p>Assemblies are held on a Friday afternoon commencing at 2:30pm. For 2019 we will have two assemblies each term. These dates will be advertised in our school newsletter and on Skoolbag. All parents/carers are welcome.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CRUNCH and SIP</p> <p>Crunch and Sip will be held between 9-11am each morning in class time. Please make sure you pack some fresh fruit or vegetables each day. Small pieces make it easier for the children to eat. Please do not pack anything that requires a spoon. Please pack these separately to morning tea and lunch so the children know which is their Crunch and Sip.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT</p>  <p>Due to many of our children suffering from severe allergies we are a <i>nut free school</i>. Please refrain from sending any food containing nuts to school with your child. This includes peanut butter, nutella, muesli bars with nuts and any food containing nuts or traces of nuts. Please read packaging carefully. Thank you for your understanding.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL UNIFORM</p> <p>Our school uniform is available at Lowes, Parramatta Westfield and is also available at <i>Merrylands West School and Workwear Centre, 455-457 Merrylands Road MERRYLANDS</i>. We also have some second hand uniforms available for purchase in the office. <i>Our school bag, hat and library bag are available for purchase from the school office.</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">PARENT VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>We need and value your assistance. Please consider volunteering your time to the children. You must have done the online training module to be able to help. Use this link to the child protection training.</p> <p>www.childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers</p> <p>Step 1: Volunteer Form Step 2: Online training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH BOX ITEMS</p> <p>St Oliver's is a 'Healthy Schools' Community. Please monitor the kinds of food you are putting in your child's lunchbox. We also have Tuckshop2U deliver fresh healthy lunches daily. Visit their website https://tuckshop2u.com.au/ for the menu and how to order.</p> <p>Crunch and Sip is held at a suitable time by each class during the morning (between 9-11am).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STUDENT SAFETY</p> <p><i>The front gate will be opened on school days at 8:15am.</i> Teacher supervision of children begins at 8:30am every school day.</p> <p>If you need your child/children supervised before this time, COSHC is available for your convenience. <i>The contact phone number for COSHC is: 0427 665 715</i></p> <p>COSHC workers are only permitted to open the school gate for families enrolled in COSHC.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EXTENDED LEAVE and ILLNESS</p> <p>If you are planning any extended leave throughout the year (5 days or more), an Application for Extended Leave form must be completed before leave is taken. These are available from the school office. The application is sent to the principal for approval.</p> <p>If your child is away for a day or more, a note of explanation to the class teacher is required. You can also use the Skoolbag app to submit an absentee form through eforms.</p>



Oli Owl has been inspiring our learners to be quality responsible learners!!!!

Each fortnight Oli invites us to focus on our school expectations. This week we have been engaging with our learner qualities. To help us Year 5 created a wordle identifying the verbs which help us be quality learners.



Who will be our star class this week?

St Oliver's 2019 Learning Goals

Religious Education

By the end of 2019 students will use the senses to deepen their mercy mission to love.

Literacy

By the end of 2019 students will increase their proficiency in composing a wide variety of complex spoken and written texts.

Numeracy

By the end of 2019 students will improve their reasoning and self assessment skills, within the context of challenging and rich tasks.

Cumberland Zone Swimming

A St Oliver's representative team for Cumberland Zone Swimming has been put together.

Please note that there were qualifying times used for each event. These qualifying times were used to guide the team entries.

A note to all those selected would have gone home today with the student if they have been entered.

This event will take place next Wednesday 13th February at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre.

2019 Team Sport Trials Parramatta Diocese 2019 Information For Parents

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One in 2019. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2019 be invited to attend. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Registrations close today 7th February

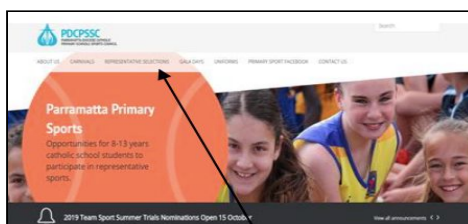
If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials please complete the Team Online Registration Form that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

~ Click on "REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS".

2019 Basketball & Tennis nominations have already closed (Wednesday 31st October 2018). All other sports were open on Monday 19th November and **close Thursday 7th February 2019**.

The following sports are available for registration and consideration:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Basketball	Open boys & girls	20th November 2018	Wednesday 31st October 2018
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Diving	10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2019
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2019
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term Two 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Softball	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
Tennis	Open boys & girls	21st November 2018	Wednesday 31st October 2018
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1st February 2019



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This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly and a **NO-REPLY** email should be received within 24 hours.