



St Oliver's Primary School

# Newsletter

33 Wigram Street, Harris Park  
Email: [stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Tel: 8633 8300  
Website: [www.stoliversharrisparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stoliversharrisparra.catholic.edu.au)

*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 4

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

21st February 2019

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

22nd

Whole school assembly led by Stage 3 at 2.30pm

28th

Stage 2 excursion to Burrumatta Lands along the Parramatta River

### MARCH

5th

Catholic Schools Week Celebrations



***It's all about the learning - Part 1*** How do we, at St Oliver's, cater for our students' learning? Below is an outline of the many and varied ways we cater for each student's learning journey.

### ***Extra Personnel Support***

**Extra teachers** are used in the learning spaces to predominantly support literacy acquisition.

**Teacher's aides** work in all learning spaces, under the guidance of teachers, to enhance the learning of those who need extra support.

**Specialist intervention teachers** are trained to implement intervention programs.

### ***Intervention Programs***

**Reading Recovery**- Identified Year One students participate in Reading Recovery for a period of 12-20 weeks. This supplements quality classroom literacy instruction.

**R3**- This program provides at risk Stage 3 students with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to achieve Stage 3 literacy outcomes in reading.

**EMU**- Identified Year One students participate in an Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) intervention program. Students are involved in a range of activities to promote their mathematical thinking.

**EMU Middle Years**- Identified Year 3 or Year 4 students participate in an Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) intervention program. Students are involved in a range of activities to promote their mathematical thinking.

**Case Management**- Weekly team meetings to discuss the next steps in learning of a teacher nominated student.

**Learning Support**- Weekly team meetings to discuss the next steps in learning of students who have personalised plans.

**Personalised Plans**- Personalised plans are intervention plans written for students who receive support that is above and beyond quality teaching.

Barbara Young  
Principal

## Catholic Schools Week 2019

You are invited to join us  
Tuesday, 5th March 2019



**CSW liturgy @ 9:15**  
**Open Classrooms @ 10am**  
**BYO Morning Tea with your children @ 11am**

### *TRANSFORMING LEARNING: Curiosity to Clarity* **Catholic Schools Week**

Dear Parents/Carers

This year from 4 - 8 March 2019 St Oliver's will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us at St Oliver's on Tuesday, 5 March to celebrate with our school and parish community during Catholic Schools Week.

Our school will celebrate by holding a liturgy, followed by open classrooms and then a picnic morning tea. This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of St Oliver's and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Oliver's and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you on Tuesday, 5 March.

## **St Oliver's Primary School Open Day for new enrolments**



**Thursday, 7th March 2018**

**from 9:30am to 11am**

**Expressions of interest for enrolment for 2020.**

## Gospel Reflection

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!



## Literal Sense – Message for all

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

© Greg Sunter

**Spiritual Sense** - Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

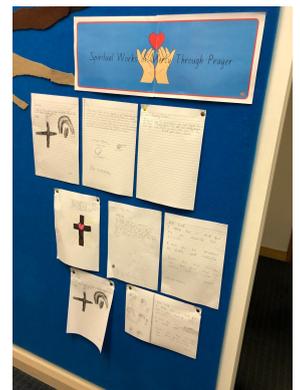
© Dianne Bergant CSA

## Student Prayers

Dear Lord, I pray for a good year for my family and friends.  
I ask you to protect my family and friends.  
Thank you for all you have done for my family and friends. Amen  
(Gloria and Josephine)

Dear God, Thank you for my family, friends and shelter. Please help me to become a better person. Amen  
(Erik)

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful school we call St Oliver's. Please help us all to be more kind and loving in our life and help us to have continued happy days. Amen  
(Angel)



## Photography

Please note that we don't encourage any photography during Masses in our St Oliver's church.

We ask if you could please refrain from doing so.

## Sacrament of Eucharist

Currently, we have several families planning for the First Eucharist.

Let us keep all these families in our prayers.

## Reconciliation

Reconciliation has started in the classroom learning spaces.

Each Fr Chris and Fr John will visit the learning spaces for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We thank God for our gift of new life in this Sacrament.

## PBS4L News

### Oli Star Class - Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for showing our Learner Qualities in Week 3.



**Week 4 Focus** - We are Safe by Keeping our hands and feet to yourself.



We walk safely in passive areas.  
If we are safe nobody will get hurt and we will stay  
a safe school.