

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 8

http://www.stoliversharrispark.catholic.edu.au/home

20th June 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Friday 21st June

Citizen Awareness night/ Homelessness

Wednesday 26th June Soccer Gala Day Stage 2 Boys and Girls

JULY

Tuesday 2nd July Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Wednesday 3rd July
Parent/Teacher/Student
Conferences

Wednesday 3rd July School Photos

Thursday 4th July Last day of Term 2

Friday 5th July Staff Development Day/ Pupil Free day



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Student learning reports will be going home shortly. Some of you will also receive a personalised plan for your child. You will have a chance to read your child's report and personalised plan and discuss these with the teacher at the student-parent-teacher conference at the end of this term.

In every classroom, teachers adjust the teaching and learning to cater for the different needs of their students. This is the quality, differentiated teaching that happens every day. This is the case at St Oliver's.

When a teacher/teachers provide extra support and/or strategies for a student, these are formally recorded in a personalised plan. These plans are written and reviewed at least twice a year by a learning team from our school and reviewed by the learning support team from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Under legislation all students requiring adjustments, that go above and beyond regular classroom adjustments, to fully access and participate in their learning on the same basis as other students are required to have a Personalised Plan. These adjustments may be in the areas of curriculum, communication, social, mobility, safety, personal care.

To do this planning, the Catholic Education Commission has provided a resource for us to use that will allow us to write a Personalised Plan (PP) for your child.

In regards to the Personalised Plan it should be noted that having a 'disability can mean many things to people. Disability does not require a formal diagnosis or even acknowledgment of its existence by the student or their parents or carers to be covered by the Discrimination Disability Act and the Standards.' (University of Canberra; Understanding Disability) Therefore, for the purpose of writing the Personalised Plan the Catholic Education Commission requires us to possibly use the language 'Learning Disability' on these Plans.

A Personalised Plan assists educators to meet the individual educational needs resulting from the student's needs. The plan is used to record personalised:

- Outcomes for the student that may be different from those of their peers
- Adjustments required which are beyond those made for other class members
- Learning and Transitional Goals to indicate progress and achievement



Barbara Young Principal

Healthy Lunch Box Website

A website to help you with promoting healthy eating habits for your children

About Healthy Lunch Box

This website, developed in partnership with OUTRUN CANCER, is an interactive tool for parents to use with their children to plan and pack a healthy lunch box.

We know 1 in 3 cancers can be prevented by adopting a healthy lifestyle, which includes eating well. But 93% of children don't eat enough vegetables and adults aren't eating enough either.

At Cancer Council NSW we're passionate about helping families eat better. This website will save you time and money, and our clever tips and tricks for adding fruit and vegetables to the lunch box will help set your child on a path of lifelong healthy eating to reduce their cancer risk. It seeks to make life easier for parents by providing an easy, accessible source of evidence-based healthy eating information. Children are more likely to eat healthy items if they have chosen them and don't forget parent role modelling sets a great example too!

At Cancer Council NSW we make our dietary recommendations according to the Australian Dietary Guidelines as they are based on evidence reviews. As such, we recommend everyone eat a balanced diet from across the five food groups including breads & cereals, vegetables & salads, fruit, meat & alternatives and dairy. As many schools ask that lunch boxes are nut free, all our recipes do not include nuts.

Link to Healthy Lunch Box website

https://healthylunchbox.com.au

Joke of the week

Why was the mobile phone scared to go to the dentist?

He didn't want him to remove his bluetooth

School Fundraising

We have vouchers available in the school office for \$8 each
The school receives \$3 for
each voucher sold.

You can purchase them today from the school office with cash or EFTPOS is available.

Great value for the upcoming school holidays



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: Wednesday 3 July 2019

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

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Scripture

Spinning Top of Love; Holy Trinity places this in our heart to spread to all (Ref. Rev Fr Christopher de Souza Sunday 16th June 2019 address at Mass of Solemnity Holy Trinity)

The Holy Trinity

John's Gospel shows the relationship between the Father, Jesus and the Spirit by relating all three to the teaching of Jesus. What we find here are only seeds of Trinitarian theology that will come to fruition at another time. Jesus states that his disciples will not understand his teaching until they are taught by the Spirit of truth. It will be through the Spirit's unfolding of the depths of the mysteries which Jesus and reveal him to be the chosen or



proclaimed, that this same Spirit will glorify Jesus and reveal him to be the chosen one of God. This Spirit is sent from the Father to bring these teachings to fruition. The Spirit glorifies Jesus by bringing to light the deeper truth of his teaching, teaching that also belongs to God.

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Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of 'Father' and 'Son' and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptised 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves or others.

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who received their First Eucharist on Sunday. This year St Oliver's has had 21 students participate in this sacrament. May you all be continually nourished by this blessed sacrament.

Congratulations to these students	
Kaitlyn Nye Keith Elie Sophie Erik Erin Ella Eleanor Jamie	Jillian Kalden Aiko Mya Hani Sofia Miguel Zaq Olivia Nelson Nina

JRS Picnic - Refugee Week 2019

The refugee picnic was an experience of a lifetime! We arrived at 11am on Saturday the 15th of June. We were full of excitement to lead the St Oliver's arts and crafts stand where we were able to engage with the local community and refugee families. On the day there was also face painting which Kayley in Year 6 engaged in. There was also lots of food, photography and art all held by volunteers. It was a great day where we were all able to *stand with refugees* and support them. Overall it was an unforgettable experience. By Karen

School Captain









Citizen Awareness Night 2019 - Everybody deserves a home.

Not long now to what is looking to be a very special night. St Oliver's joins with Citizen Action Penrith for Affordable Housing as we strive for a mercy mission to love. 6:30pm start.

Sacrament of Confirmation

St Oliver's Parish Harris Park invites you to enrol your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation as the final step for completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. This will take place through a Parish Based and Family Centred process. That means, that it is you who do the preparation with your child,

but we help you with this through a process of guided reflection. To be eligible for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time, your child must be 10 years of age by 30th of June 2019 and have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist. While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptized as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community.

It is important for you to discern if your child is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time. Please note that preparation is held in conjunction with St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

For further information about registration and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Meg Gale, sacramental coordinator for Parramatta. Please email her at sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

Please note the first parent session will be held: Tuesday 23rd July at the Cathedral Hall starting 7:30pm.

PBS4L Star Class

Congratulations Year 1

Fortnightly Focus





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

SCREEN TIME AND CHILDREN

https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/fact-sheets/screen-time-and-children

What is screen time?

Screen time is a term used to describe the amount of time spent looking at a screen. Screens include TVs, computers, smartphones, tablets, and video consoles.

Screens are used for work, education, communication and leisure. Due to their many uses, it is often difficult to control the amount of time children spend using screens, instead of taking part in other important childhood activities.

Small amounts of screen time can be useful and enjoyable for families. They can offer time for children to connect with others, be creative and learn. Screen time can keep children entertained, or distracted, and are used in educational settings by teachers.

Screen time guidelines



It is important to focus on modelling the preferred behaviour to your children and involving older children in the decision-making process. Monitor what they are accessing and use the opportunity to start conversations and learning, making sure that screens are used in family/shared areas, and not in bedrooms.