



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 4 Week 4

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

7th November 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

Friday 8th

Stage 1 and ES1 Mass 9.15am

Whole school assembly - 2.30pm

Friday 15th

Stage 3 Mass 9.15am

December

Friday 6th

Twilight Christmas Fair and Concert

Monday 9th - Friday 13th

School swimming program

Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th

School swimming program

Wednesday 18th

Thanksgiving Liturgy 12.30pm



Sunday's Gospel

Today's gospel (Luke 19:1-10) features not a fictitious tax collector in a parable but a real one, named Zacchaeus, who we are told is a wealthy man. Luke also tells us he was little.

This is given as a reason for Zacchaeus' doing two things considered unseemly for a man of his social stature as he sought to see who Jesus was: he ran, and he climbed a tree.

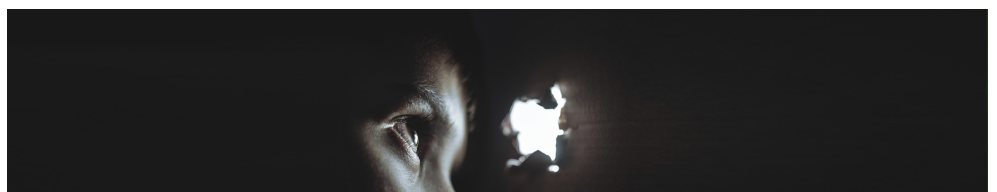
Zacchaeus, declared equally to be a "son of Abraham", and here too is the fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy in Luke 1:68-79, for salvation has come to his house. (Rev Dr Barry Craig)

The story of Zacchaeus demonstrates once again the mission of Jesus to seek and to save what is lost.

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus and climb the tree from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus (Greg Sunter).

Q. What might Zacchaeus have hoped to achieve by just catching a glimpse of Jesus?

Anthony Matthews
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PBS4L News

Move Safely

Year 1 positively presented on Monday how we keep our hands and feet to self while moving safely at St Oliver's.

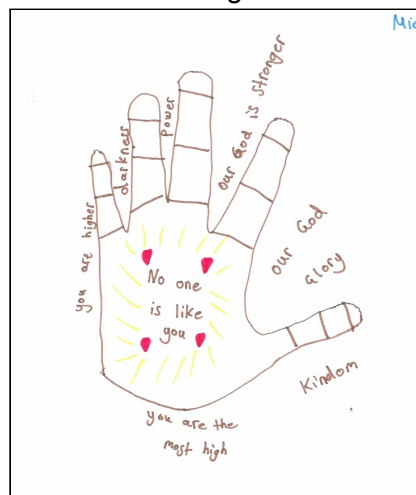


Star Class Week 3

Congratulations Year 2 for being resilient students.

Mercy Hearts

On Wednesday the Mercy hearts learnt a new way of prayer. The students listened to a song and used this song to generate thoughts and feelings. They then thought about how God is listening to them.



LOWES

Shop & save for Christmas
EXCLUSIVE TO ZERO & REWARDS
CARD HOLDERS

INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Excludes gift card, all suit packages & Schoolwear laybys. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEST) 14/11/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive the discount.



ICAS Competition Certificates

There has been a delay in the certificates, dispatch is still in progress and should be completed in the next week.

Save the Date:

St Oliver's Christmas Carols. Friday 6th December.

Thanksgiving Liturgy - Wednesday 18th December

11: 30am - Family Picnic

12:30pm - Thanksgiving Liturgy

1:30pm - Year 6 Graduation

2019-2020 Sports Trials for Parramatta Diocesan Selection

2020 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN.

ALL 2020 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS registrations close (for these sports only) on Monday 11th November as these trials will be held in November 2019.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2020.

Any Primary students enrolled in **Year 5 and 6 in 2020** are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials.

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 2020 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed below via Parramatta Diocese sports web page.

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

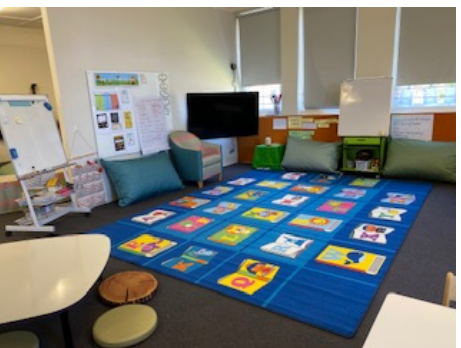
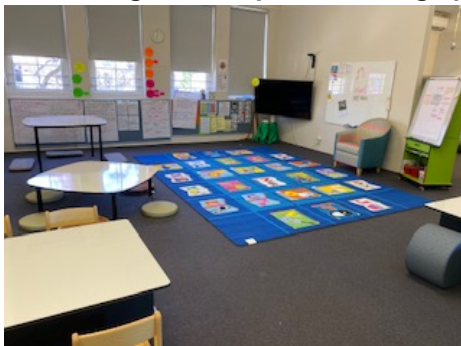
(instructions Click on **"REP SELECTIONS"** tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the **"REGISTER"** button below the heading **"PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form"**. Each sport has a different registration criteria.)

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria, therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event, this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports, only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.



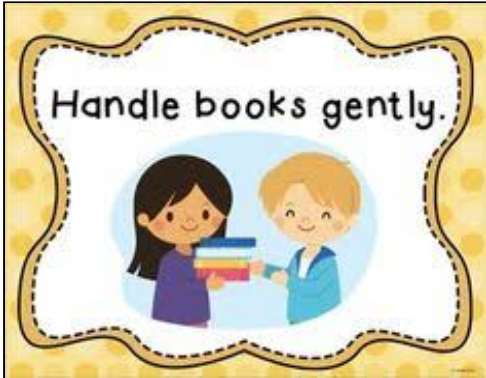
We have new furniture in Stage 1 which has brightened up the learning space!



InfoZone

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

CARE OF BOOKS



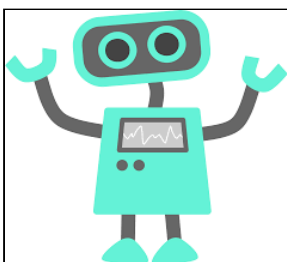
- Please look after our Library books and Home Readers so everyone can enjoy them.
- Have clean hands and a clean area to use the book.
- Keep food and drink away. Recently we have had a number of water-damaged books due to children not putting the lid on their drink bottle correctly. Please check children can do this correctly.
- Remove your book from the Library shelf by the middle of the spine. Never pull your book out of a bookshelf by the top of the spine, which can crack or tear over time.
- Instead, gently push back the two books surrounding it and grab the middle of its spine to remove it. If the book is stuck tightly between other books, gently push it from behind to help remove it
- Use a bookmark. Do not turn over page corners or use a thick object.
- Please leave any book repairs for the Library staff. Do not use self-adhesive tape for repairs; this can damage the book further.
- Damaged or lost books must be paid for.

BOOKS MAKE GREAT PRESENTS!



Give books the children want to read - perhaps another book by the author they love, another book in a series, a book you'd love to read to them, a "how to" book, a non-fiction book. Recreational reading is the best indicator of future reading success - so let them enjoy it! If they talk about a book or series they are interested, let that be your guide - especially for holiday reading. If children say, "I have nothing to do" - that's a perfect time to pull out that book you have bought!

TECHNOLOGY



The children at St Oliver's use iPads, Chromebooks, Windows and Macbook Pros as technology tools for their learning. Our Learning Management system includes Google Classroom and Google Drive. These are introduced in stages according to the learning needs. They can be easily accessed through the students' CEDP accounts.