



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

Term 1

Week 10

2016

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Sunday, 20 March we commenced Holy Week with Jesus' grand entry into Jerusalem where he is welcomed with such enthusiasm by a large crowd, who lay palm branches on the ground before him.

Holy Week is the most sacred time of the year, for it has been the time that we commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. They are the days that lead up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial comes to an end. The greatest focus of the week was the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the events that led up to it.

The highlight of last week was the 'Way of the Cross' liturgy where our focus was on Jesus' journey to the cross and his suffering for us.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday, 26 March marked the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared us. It also marks the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving. Easter is not one day - it is a fifty day celebration, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

On Tuesday we celebrated Easter as a school community. It was the conclusion of the 'Way of the Cross' liturgy with a focus on the risen Lord. This event reflected the celebratory mood of the Easter season.

I thank our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Bonserio and all the teachers for preparing these special prayer celebrations.

Thank you also to the many parents who were able to join us as your presence made it even more special.

Peace and best wishes

Ms Barbara Young
Principal

Dates to Remember

April

3rd	Day Light Saving ends
5th	Principals Morning Tea
6th	Year 6 – Day Out
8th	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Term 2

25th	ANZAC DAY – no school
26th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

May

3rd	Diocesan Cross Country
5th	Mother's Day Stall
8th	Mother's Day
9th	Winter Uniform
10th	After School Sports begin for Infants
16th	Athletics Carnival
30th	Athletics Carnival (Back up)

Community News



JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

WWW.JUNIORSCIENCEACADEMY.COM.AU

The Junior Science Academy aims to encourage children to develop their understanding of how our world works. Supported by science experts at Macquarie University, the activities are designed to suit all primary school aged children.

Children are introduced to science concepts, participate in science based experiments and make friends in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University where they have access to its learning facilities.

Our programs run four times a year in the school holidays and we add and rotate topics each offering.

Drop off 8.30am to 9.30am (children are supervised)
 Activities 9.30am to 4.30pm
 Pick up 4.30pm to 5.30pm (children are supervised)
 Cost \$120 per child per day, including GST

ENROL ONLINE TODAY!
www.juniorscienceacademy.com.au/enrol

CONTACT DETAILS
 Email: juniorscience@mq.edu.au
 Phone: 02 9805 3130



Parramatta City Council – Online Registrations for Council’s holiday programs will open **Tuesday 29 March at 9:30am**. For further information go to: www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/school_holidays

FREE Kids In The Park Events – Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. For more information go to: http://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats_on/kids_in_the_park_events/free_kids_in_the_park_events_school_holiday_activities

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching, Parent Course - The Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta together with St Margaret Mary’s Catholic Primary, Merrylands are pleased to offer parents and carers in our Diocese, the 1 2 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching course. Course Facilitators: Tanya Cosgrave and Veronica Jarrett

The course is 3 sessions and will be run on the following dates:

Session 1	6pm – 8pm	Tuesday 10 th May 2016
Session 2	6pm – 8pm	Tuesday 17 th May 2016
Session 3	6pm – 8pm	Tuesday 24 th May 2016

Cost is \$10 per parent/couple/carer(s) to cover the cost of the parent workbook (only one required per family). This workbook will be available for purchase on the night. **Register by calling St Margaret Mary’s school office on 9637 4600**

School News

School Holidays

Term 1 concludes – **Friday 8th April 2016**

Term 2 begins – **Tuesday 26th April 2016**

School Uniform – Children can continue to wear summer uniform until **Monday 9 May 2016**. If the weather becomes cooler during that time children can wear their winter uniform, but not a combination of both. Uniforms are available at Lowes, Parramatta

Easter Hat Parade 2016



Day Light Saving Ends

Sunday Morning
 3 April 2016.

Don’t forget to put your clocks back an hour.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the families who donated prizes for our Easter raffle and a really big thank you to the parents who gave their time to wrap all the prizes. Our Easter raffle raised \$832.95

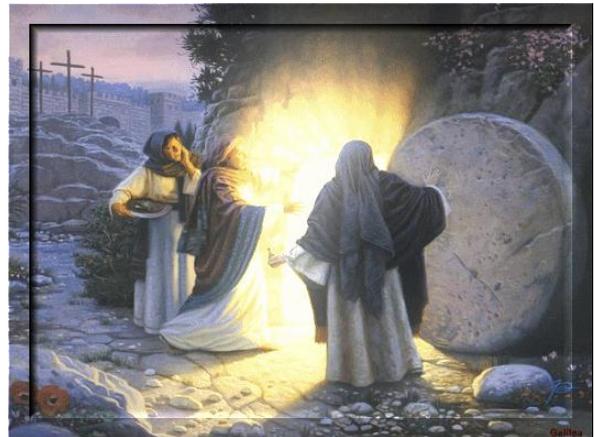
QCS Survey – For those parents, who received a QCS envelope, please return these to the office ASAP. Thank you for your continued support.

St Oliver’s Staff would like to wish you and your family a safe happy holiday

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



IN BRIEF

- If we believe, our sins are forgiven.
- Celebrate! Jesus lives!
- Alleluia!
- We rise again with Christ.
- The tomb is empty.

Reflection

I once saw an Easter card that had Jesus in the tomb with words from God saying, "Arise my son and complete your work" There was a response from the tomb saying, "Dad can't I just stay in here for ten minutes longer?" Of course we know that this did not really happen but parents know well that our children at times may respond to us in this way.

In Jesus' rising we are called to rise with him. During Lent we practise giving of ourselves, we make sacrifices by giving something up or doing something we don't want to do. We pray and give money to the needy. This practicing is to help transform us into a new, improved version of ourselves. If we just go through the motions and go back to our old life we may as well be the person in the tomb trapped in there a bit longer. We are not growing, remain unchanged and untransformed. Choosing to follow Jesus is to respond to God's call to rise up with Christ. Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way?

Praise: Loving Father, thank you for giving us many chances to take up the opportunity to rise with Christ.

Repent: For the times I have remained in my tomb and refused to get out, change and transform.

Ask: For courage and faith to rise up, transform and do God's work in my everyday life.

Yes: I will continue to pray and practise good deeds to help transform myself and the world by helping others. **Amen**

Franca Bonserio
Religious Education Coordinator

InfoZone

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

100th BIRTHDAY FOR GUMNUT BABIES



A century of gumnut babies on display

Gumnut babies, Snugglepote and Cuddlepie and the Little Ragged Blossom are storybook characters who have delighted children for generations.

It's been **100 years** since renowned Australian author and illustrator May Gibbs created the magical gumnut world, and to celebrate North Sydney Heritage Centre presents a wonderful new exhibition.

Featuring original artwork, rare books, archival material, costume and pottery, '*Some people see them...*' celebrating a centenary of May Gibbs' Gumnut Babies explores the place of the Gumnut Babies in Australian culture.

The free exhibition includes a diorama of Gumnut World creatures which helps to explain the botanical basis of May Gibbs' work. Among the exhibits are first editions of May's work, original artwork, and books from May's library. Visitors can also see a vintage home-made Gumnut Baby costume from the 1940s, Gibbs-inspired bush-themed fashion from Sydney fashion house Romance Was Born, a collection of inter-war Australian pottery and Gumnut models from May Gibbs' Nutcote that were once used as a Christmas window display for Myers department store.

Open during library hours until end of June 2016.

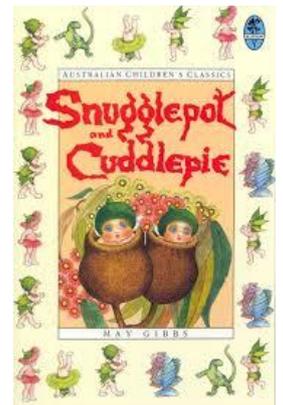
North Sydney Heritage Centre

Level 1, Stanton Library,

234 Miller Street, North Sydney

http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Library_Databases/Heritage_Centre/Current_Exhibitions

The book "*Snugglepote and Cuddlepie*" by May Gibbs is on the 5-6 Premier's Challenge Booklist



COMPUTER VISION

<https://www.acbo.org.au/for-patients/about-vision/74-computer-vision-syndrome>

We are now spending significantly more time looking at electronically produced information.

We are spending much more time concentrating at near distance in a sustained way over extended periods of time. This is especially true in the younger generation and raises serious concerns for developing eyes and visual systems.

Research shows that 40 percent of 3 to 4 year olds use the home computer each day. Ninety percent of 15 year olds have mobile phones and more and more phones are now able to access the internet.

By age 12 children on average spend over two hours per day watching TV and two hours more on computer. By 18 these times have increased by another two hours. Additional school time and time spent on mobile phones mean that concentrated indoor tasks account for a significant percentage of waking hours.

Computers in themselves do not cause any damage to eyes in terms of eye health or visual skills, but computer use is very visually demanding and will highlight any existing visual deficits.

Using computers means you have to:

1. Focus at one distance for long periods
2. Keep a posture that is not the same as most other visual tasks
3. Sit and attend for long periods
4. Look at a bright screen that may be flickering
5. Focus on electronically produced print that may be flickering

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian