

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great seeing lots of parents and grandparents who were able to come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with the children last week. Many thanks to the teachers and children for their hard work in preparing all the special activities. It was a wonderful week.

Below is some of the feedback from Year 2 about the K - 6 mixed group activity afternoon.

- All the children had a go at the fun activities
- Fun prizes to win
- We were all together
- It was fair
- Everyone had a turn
- Our Stage 3 leaders were like friends to us
- They showed care to us
- They showed friendship to us
- They spoke to us in a kind way



Peace and best wishes



Ms Barbara Young
Principal

Dates to Remember

March

- 18th Parish Mass – Stage 1
Whole School Assembly –
Stage 2 @ 14:30 in the hall
- 19th Palm Sunday
- 21st Book Club due
- 22nd Easter Raffle wrapping @
9am in the hall
- 24th Easter Raffle drawn
Holy Thursday “Way of the
Cross Liturgy” @ 14:00 in
2/3 Learning Space
- 25th Good Friday – no school**
- 27th Easter Sunday**
- 28th Easter Monday – no school**
- 29th Last day of After School
Sport
- 30th School Photos

April

- 8th LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- 25th ANZAC DAY – no school**
- 26th First day of Term 2

Study Buddies Program – gold coin donation. Homework assistance for primary school aged children during school terms 3.30pm – 5.00pm on Thursdays at the Harris Park Community Centre, 11 Albion Street Harris Park phone: 9635 0157 or visit www.hpcc.org.au

Easter Raffle – tickets are due back on **Tuesday 22 March 2016**.

If you would like more tickets please come to the office. Thank you for your continued support. We are still receiving Easter Eggs for the raffle. Please hand them into the office. **Easter Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24 March 2016**



Last day of Term 1
Friday 8th April

PARKING – Please be aware of the parking restrictions around our school. There is a drop off zone in Wigram Street and Allen Street that restricts parking to 5 minutes. This is there so parents can quickly and safely get their children into the playground. If you are planning on staying for morning assembly or arriving early for the afternoon pick up, please find alternate parking. **Please be considerate to others when choosing to park in these zones.** Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.



Way of the Cross Liturgy –

All welcome to come and join us in prayer for **“Way of the Cross Liturgy” on Holy Thursday 24 March** at 2.00pm in stage 2/3 learning space. WE HOPE TO SEE THERE.



Attendance – If your child is away from school at any time, please supply a note to their class teacher with an explanation. If you are going on extended leave you will need to come to the office and fill in a form. Thank you in advance for attending to this matter.

After School Sport – Last day for after school sport will be Tuesday 29 March.

Whole School Assembly – Stage 2 All Welcome to join us in the hall on Friday 18 March at 2:30pm.

School Fees – Are now overdue, a reminder letter will be sent home this week. Thank you to the families who have paid.

Public Holidays – School will be closed on the following days due to Easter public holidays and ANZAC DAY.
Friday 25 March 2016, Monday 28 March 2016 and Tuesday 25 April 2016.

Cross Country – On Monday 14 March our children competed in our Cross Country event at Robin Thomas Reserve. Thank you to Ms Hayes for organizing this event and to the teachers who supervised the children. Also thank you to the parents who attended the day and helped in various ways. Congratulations to the children who will be representing our school at the Diocesan Cross Country in Term 2. Notes will be going home to these children next week.

**St Oliver's staff would like to wish
you and your families a Peaceful
and Holy Easter**

Gospel - John 8:1-11 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

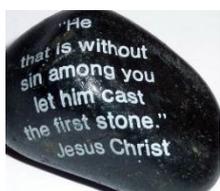
Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.



The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin anymore.'

Reflection



The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to

respond to his challenge to change.

Praise: Dear Jesus, I praise you for your constant love and compassion in your mercy, even when I do wrong.

Repent: I am sorry for the times I have been rude, unjust and have judged others.

Ask: Please help me to be forgiving of others and show Mercy just as you do.

Yes: I want to be a better person so I can forgive others readily and live the good news. **Amen**

IN BRIEF

- Do not judge others.
- Jesus is our finish line.
- Run the race with Jesus.
- Celebrate God's gifts.
- Even the sea obeys God.



Palm Sunday Of the Passion of the Lord - This coming Sunday 20th March, will be Palm Sunday Of the Passion of the Lord.

Religious education Websites and apps - You may like to browse these websites that students use during Religious Education <http://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/> **No Password or user name required** <http://understandingfaith.edu.au/> Username : ceo.parra.1321.Password: 2016.ceo.parra

The 'Mercy-ing' app

Many women and men working in Mercy ministry are interested in developing a daily practice for contemplation and action in their lives. To support them a new app has been developed to assist with daily reflection and prayer on embodying Mercy. The **'Mercy-ing'** app assists users to reflect each morning and evening, to frame their day, and to be attentive to the events, interactions, relationships and circumstances of each day within the context of 'being Mercy'.



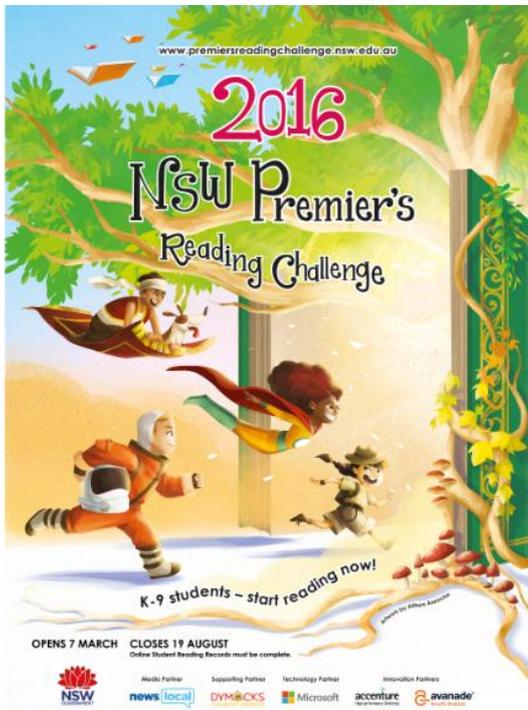
Caritas Project Compassion - Sreymom, now 26, lives in the remote province of Northeast Cambodia, where extreme poverty has led to many health issues for the region's indigenous population. Caritas Cambodia supported by Caritas Australia, enables Sreymom, and others to train in pre and postnatal care, safe delivery practices and children's health. So far we have raised \$ 674.80 as a school for Project Compassion With Year 3 raising the most money this week. Last year, St Oliver's raised over \$ 1000. With less than a week to go can our generous community meet this target? www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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InfoZone

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

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



All children at St Oliver's School participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge as part of the reading programme.

The students read books from an extensive list at their level; the younger children may have books read to them. Successful students receive a certificate from the Premier.

There is plenty of time to complete the Challenge – it does not close till August.

We have some great books from the Challenge available in the Library. Parramatta Library and its branches also carry Challenge titles. Please record the titles read on the Reading Challenge Record that was sent home this week.

There is also an online Reading Record. Children in Years 3 – 6 will receive training at school in completing this using their PRC passwords. Either the school or parents will enter the details for the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Kindergarten passwords will be available shortly. Any PRC listed books that have been read since the start of the year may be included in the Students Reading Record.

This week all **Kindergarten** children have borrowed two books that are on the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Parents will see that there is a red Challenge sticker on the spine of the book. This is how

we identify books that are on the Challenge. Parramatta Library and most other libraries also use this system of identification. All booklists are available at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

PRC Privacy Information

Two conditions of entering the Challenge are that students may receive a certificate and their name may appear on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll. Certificates have the student's name and school printed on them. The Honour Roll lists student names in the PRC website only. Names are listed in alphabetical order (not by school) and no other identifying features are included.

Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or have their name published on the Gold or Platinum Honour Roll (or whose parents/carers do not wish them to) should not register for the Challenge. These **students may take part in the Challenge unofficially** - but they cannot add any books to an online Student Reading Record.

