



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

Term 2

Week 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great day we had on Monday at our annual Athletics Carnival. We were blessed with good weather.

I would like to congratulate the children for their great behaviour and commend them for their willingness to 'have a go' and encourage each other.

Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day, whether it was helping to run activities and events or run the barbecue to feed our community. Your support is greatly appreciated. It was also wonderful to see so many parents there cheering their children along and enjoying the sunshine.

The staff of St Oliver's always show their dedication with the way they care for the children and the sense of fun they bring to an event like this.

Finally, I would like to extend a big thank you to Ms Hayes, our sport teacher, who ran our carnival so well.

Peace and best wishes

Ms Barbara Young
Principal

Athletics Carnival 2016

On the 16th of May our annual St. Oliver's Sports Carnival was held at Holdroyd Sports Ground. It was a blast for everyone in the school community. At the end of the day it was Red on 730, Gold on 727, Green on 691 and Blue on 595 points. It was a really long and fun day. We would like to thank Ms Hayes, teachers, parents and the Delany College students. It wouldn't be possible without you.

By the Sports Captains

Dates to Remember

May

- 20th Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 @ Parish mass
- 20th Whole School Assembly Stage 1 @ **2:15pm**
- 24th After School Sports for Infants
- 31st After School Sports for Infants

June

- 3rd Whole School Mass "**The Most Sacred Heart Mass**"
- 7th After School Sports for Infants
- 9th **Soccer Gala Day - Stage 3**
- 10th Year 3 and Year 4 @ Parish Mass
- 14th After School Sports for Infants
- 16th *Mass of Installation of Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen*
- 17th Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 @ Parish Mass
- 17th Whole School Assembly Kinder @ 2:30pm
- 21st After School Sports for Infants
- 13th **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- 24th Year 5 and Year 6 @ Parish Mass
- 30th **Soccer Gala Day – Stage 2**

July

- 1st **Staff Development day – NO SCHOOL**

Message from our Lollypop Man – I am pleased to inform you that we have had our school crossing repainted, and the lines removed from the old crossing. Please continue to use the designated school crossing – and remember to STOP, LOOK & LISTEN. Stay safe, Trew

Parking around our School - We are sure most of you are aware of the parking issues around our school. Please take care when you are dropping off and picking up your children. We all need to be patient during this time. We made contact with the construction site next door and they are aware of the problem and will endeavour to keep the **5 minute** parking clear during the drop off and pick up times.

Complaints

Addressing Complaints - Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel.

It is not appropriate for parents to approach other parents or their children with the intention of resolving issues. The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

1. The first point of contact is the child's class teacher.
2. If you are not satisfied, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the Co-ordinator, REC, Assistant Principal or Principal to discuss the issue further.
3. If the matter is not resolved by the school leadership team, you can contact the Catholic Education Office.

Parents are reminded that there are two sides to every story and whilst it is important to listen to your children, it is also important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

Complaints assessed as relevant to a particular school or CEO procedures will be handled in accordance with the relevant procedures, for example student management procedures, child protection procedures.

Complaints that do not relate to a particular school or CEO procedures will be addressed as follows:

- The complaint is recorded.
- Clarification of what resolution is sought.
- Person/s against whom the complaint has been made advised of the concern and provided with the opportunity to respond.
- Relevant information obtained from witness.
- Matter resolved.

Appeal - A person who is not satisfied that the matter has been resolved appropriately may choose to appeal to the Principal of the school if the Principal has not been involved in investigating or examining the complaint, or is not the person named as the source of the grievance.

Alternatively, an appeal may be made to the Director of School Services of the relevant school who may be contacted at the Catholic Education Office. For the Catholic Education Office matters, an appeal may be made to the Director of the relevant department. In the final instance, an appeal may be made to the Executive Director of Schools.

School photos – If you would like to order any group photos that were taken you (whole school, year 6 muck up, school captains, colour house captains, technology leaders, emu hatchling leaders, environmental leaders, social leaders or library leaders) can order online via www.advancedlife.com.au using the 9 digit online code Z6B Y4O 5BH at a cost of \$17 per photo. If you have any questions ask at the office.



Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 20 May is *walk safely to school day*. This day is to remind children and carers to take extra care as you cross the roads and remember the rules! **STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN**



Gospel

John 20:19-23 Pentecost Sunday

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



Reflection

Pentecost is called the birthday of the church because before Pentecost, there really was no church. Jesus had ascended back into the heavens, the Apostles were hanging around, scared and confused, and nobody knew what to do. Going out to baptise people and preach about Jesus was the last thing they had in mind because their lives would be in danger.

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit – the force that turned a bunch of frightened, mixed-up folks into church. There was a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and then suddenly there was courage, knowledge, direction and commitment! Everyone started speaking and was understood, no matter what the language of the listener was! These were saints suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit. And it all began with the wind and fire of the Spirit.

It is a reminder that we are the church. The church is the people who go out and deliver the gospels and live the Gospel values. When we do this, it is evidenced by the Holy spirit helping us to do what Jesus set out to do.

'How does the Holy Spirit change and empower us? What happens when we are filled with the Holy Spirit?' 'How does this gift of the Holy Spirit enable us to better live our faith in our everyday life?'

IN BRIEF

- Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, send us your Spirit.
- Our gifts are to serve.
- We are the Body of Christ.
- The Spirit offers us peace.

Praise: Loving God, you have sent me a helper to live out the gospel values in everyday life.

Repent: I am sorry for the times I forget about the Holy Spirit who helps me to do God's work.

Ask: Please help me recognise the work of the Holy Spirit in my life .

Yes: Help me to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit; of wisdom, understanding, courage, knowledge, right judgment, reverence, wonder and awe in my daily living. **Amen**

Pentecost Discipleship Pledge cards

Students have received these cards. These are things we can also do at home.

- Deepen your relationship with Christ (prayer)
- By praying with my family.
- Deepen your knowledge of Christ (study).
- Reading the bible and attending mass regularly
- Share their gifts with others (generosity/stewardship).
- Spending more time with my children helping them with their homework.
- Volunteering to work at (or donate to) the food pantry once per month.
- Assisting as a catechist or catechist aide.
- Becoming a Minister of Care to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.
- Reach out to others and Talking to my kids/family about my faith.
- Sharing Catholic books, DVDs, or CDs I've read/watched/listened to with others.
- Using social media to make references to my Catholic faith.
- Inviting friends to parish functions and especially to Mass, prayer experiences/devotions, and learning experiences.



This coming Sunday we will celebrate the Most Holy Trinity- Saint Patrick is famous for making the shamrock to illustrate the Blessed Trinity: one plant, three leaves that are all connected and united – symbolising the one God, three persons that are all connected and united.

Franca Bonserio / Religious Education Coordinator

Gardening Club Harvest

In Gardening Club we picked some capsicums, tomatoes, basil, spring onion, beetroot and silverbeet. To create our salad we chopped, washed and prepared it in the bowl. We then ate and enjoyed the salad. It was yum! - Leyot



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Mass of Installation of Bishop Vincent Long: 16 June 2016

The Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of Installation of Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 16 June in St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Please keep Bishop Vincent and his future ministry among us in your prayers

Piety and Passion – Bach and Beyond: 22 May

A contemplative stroll with Bach and other musical greats: Michael Taylor – organ and Yvonne D'arcy – soprano. You are invited to enjoy this Sunday afternoon concert at St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Starts 3pm. Suggested donation: adults \$15, conc \$10.