



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

Term 2

Week 6

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Dear Parents/Carers,

“A huge thank you to Variety the Children’s Charity (NSW)”

St Oliver’s has been fortunate to receive a grant from Variety the Children’s Charity (NSW) for equipment. This equipment will be used to support our efforts in providing an inclusive education environment for all students through opportunities of language development, enhancing social skills, providing sensory experiences and building peer relationships.

At assembly we were able to show the children all the fabulous things we had been able to purchase and they were really excited to see all the equipment and be able to use it.

This equipment will have a great impact on our school community.

Thanks again Variety the Children’s Charity (NSW)!



Peace and best wishes

Ms Barbara Young
Principal

Dates to Remember

June

- 3rd Whole School Mass
“The Most Sacred Heart Mass”
 - 5th First Holy Communion Mass @ 10am
 - 7th After School Sports for Infants
 - 9th **Soccer Gala Day - Stage 3**
 - 10th Year 3 and Year 4 @ Parish Mass
 - 10th Book Club due
 - 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 – no school**
 - 21st Half yearly reports go home
 - 24th Year 5 and Year 6 @ Parish Mass
 - 27th Coffee and Chat @ 2:30pm
 - 27th Student/Parent/Teacher conferences begin this week
 - 29th Principals Morning Tea @ 10.30am
 - 30th **Soccer Gala Day – Stage 2**
- ### July
- 1st **Staff Development day – no school**
 - 18th Term 3 begins

School News

"The Most Sacred Heart Mass" – The whole school will be celebrating mass on **Friday 3 June @ 9:15am**. All welcome.

Book Club – all orders and money are due in the office by **Friday 10 June 2016**

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day – The following Stage 3 boys; Derek, Adriano, Aryan, Joseph S, Seth, Anthony, Joseph K, Joshua, Mit, Ares, Nehal, Nick, Jyotirmay and Don will represent our school at a soccer gala day on **Thursday 9 June** in Penrith. Thank you to Delaney College who are kindly driving us in their school bus to and from the venue.

Coffee and Chat – All welcome to come along for a chat with Ms Young on **Monday 27 June at 2:30pm** in the hall. 

First Holy Communion –

Congratulations to the following children who have made or are making their First Holy Communion Xavier, Matthew, Charisse, Karen, Olivier, Tiana, Olivia and Fabiola.



Fees – School Fees are now due. Thank you to the families who have paid.

Delany Art Visit - Our visit from the Delany Art teachers was great. We learnt how to draw a face of a person with great detail and awesome features. It was very hard, but in the end we got the hang of it. We had a laugh with the teachers and ended up having some funny moments. In the end, our school captains Zoe and Derek gave them a gift for their time with us and the awesome techniques they taught us. We had an awesome time!!

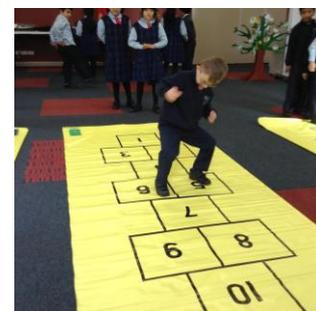
From Joseph K and Philemon (Stage 3)



As winter is approaching, many of our children are coming to school quite sick with colds, coughs and runny noses. If your child is sick, it is important to keep them at home to avoid spreading their germs.



Our new equipment supplied by **Variety the Children's Charity (NSW)** has arrived.



My favourite activity was the sand pit because there was lots of equipment and I liked playing with the cup-scissors. -Elijah (Year 1)

My favourite activity was dancing with the ribbons because we had to dance with a partner and share the ribbons. -Erin (Year 1)

My favourite activity was bowling because it was fun to play and the balls and pins were soft and I got a STRIKE! - Matthew (Year 2)

My favourite activity was hopscotch because everybody got a turn to play with it and it was fun! -Adya (Year 2)

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17 Sunday, 29 May 2016: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - (Corpus Christi) - Year C.

They all ate and were filled.



Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Reflection

Jesus spent a long day healing the sick and preaching to a large group of followers. It was getting late, and perhaps even the disciples' stomachs were growling. The disciples told Jesus to send everyone home for dinner. Instead, Jesus told them to make dinner. All they could scrounge up were five loaves of bread and two fish. Surely Jesus would change his mind. But Jesus told them to organise everyone into groups and get them seated. Jesus prayed over the loaves and fish and asked the disciples to start handing out the food. What they probably thought would be quick work took a while, and the food kept coming and coming. Imagine their surprise when everyone had eaten their fill and there were still lots of leftovers. In this miracle, the only one found in all four Gospels, Jesus not only feeds the people but teaches the disciples how to minister to others. Jesus' blessing of the bread also mirrors the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic community. We share the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, but we are also called to feed others in the Body of Christ. Only a few disciples sat at the table with Jesus at the Last Supper, when Jesus gave us his body and blood in the first celebration of the Eucharist. After sharing his body in the form of bread, and his blood in the form of wine, Jesus tells the disciples, 'Do this in remembrance of me.' The Eucharist is a tradition to be handed on, to be received and shared. It is a living remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice of love.

IN BRIEF

- Bread is blessed and broken.
- Praise God, our blessing.
- Do this and remember me.
- We are the Body of Christ.

Praise: Thank you God for sending us Jesus to teach us how to show kindness to others.

Repent: Please forgive me for the times I have failed to think of you in my daily actions with others.

Ask: Please help me live like you and be Christ's body here on earth

Yes: I want to attend Mass regularly to receive your nourishment to be strengthened to do God's work in my interactions with others. **Amen.**

Sacred Heart Mass



All are invited to attend the Sacred Heart Mass at **9.15am on Friday 3 June 2016** at St Oliver's Church. Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary and showed her His Sacred Heart. Jesus told St Margaret Mary how much he loves each one of us and would like us to be like him and love one another. Let us think about the deep love and compassion that Jesus has for all people, especially the poor and the suffering in our world. We ask God to help us to love like Jesus by being more generous and kind. This is the Mercy value of Compassion, when we give unselfishly to others by donating blankets, gloves, scarves and beanies to St Vinnies Winter Appeal who will provide them for the poor people in our community. Thanks to all who have showed compassion by giving generously.

Prayer Bags- Students are very excited to be receiving prayer bags. Each class has a prayer bag designed to build up the prayer life of students with their families. Please ensure that the items are treated carefully and respectfully when it is your family's turn. I hope you enjoy the prayer bag experience.



InfoZone

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

INTERESTING APPS

Vocabulary Spelling City, Ladybird: I'm Ready to Spell, Dinosaur Train A – Z, Avokiddo ABC Ride

PASSWORDS

Children have CEDP allocated usernames and passwords to access the computers at school. Children have a **different** username and password for the Premier's Reading Challenge – this is generated by the Premier's Reading Challenge organisers.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

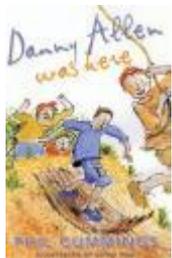


Congratulations to those children who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge! They may continue reading and add even more books to their *paper copy of the Challenge*.

There is still plenty of time to complete the Challenge. It does not close until **18th August**. All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been asked to bring their signed paper copy to school next Monday to see how they are progressing and to assist with any problems. They will not be collected, but be taken back home to have further books added.

All children at St Oliver's read every night – this is a perfect time to read from the Premier's List which is available at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

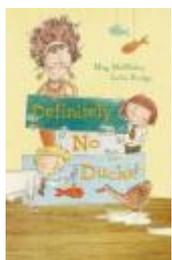
Our library has many of the books on the list; more books are also available at local libraries. Most books are identified with a challenge sticker on the spine.



Featured Book from the 5 - 6 Challenge

Danny Allen Was Here by Phil Cummings

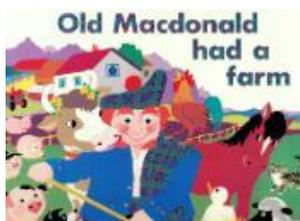
"Danny, his brother and sister and their friend, Mark, get up to all sorts of hilarious, hair-raising mischief. But, Danny and his family must face the biggest challenge of all, life without their farm."



Featured Book from the 3 – 4 Challenge

Definitely No Ducks by Meg McKinley, illustrated by Leila Rudge

"Max, the class duck, is in trouble. The Antarctica display has been totally destroyed. Ripped. Torn. Chewed. And everyone knows Max is to blame. Or is he? Abby and Noah are determined to uncover the truth. If they can't, they will have to say goodbye to Max forever."



Featured Book from the K - 2 Challenge

Old Macdonald had a Farm illustrated by Pam Adams

"Make lots of animal noises as you read along to this well-known nursery rhyme."

Mrs Lesley Quinn / Teacher Librarian