



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

Term 3

Week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Gospel Reflection from our Multicultural Day Liturgy (Matthew 5:1-12)

Our Gospel today is about how to be happy. We are happy because we are living good lives.

What do we need to do to be happy? We need to:

- Depend on God.
- Comfort others.
- Be humble.
- Listen to God and try to be like God.
- Be merciful.
- Do the right thing - even when it's tough.
- Stand up for what is right.



Was St Oliver following this advice?

St Oliver was a man who had peace in his heart and believed in reconciliation. He was a man who promoted and stood up for his faith even though it put his life in danger. St Oliver refused to leave his people.

St Oliver remained faithful to God when many people turned against him. He did this because he knew that it was the right thing to do; it was the truth and St Oliver knew he was serving God.

When St Oliver was arrested, he forgave those who said false things about him. St Oliver died because of his love and service to God. He died with peace in his heart because he forgave those who hurt him.

Yes, St Oliver was following God's advice.

Here at St Oliver's Primary School we also have our Mercy Values to help us live happy lives.

Our values are:

- Compassion - to understand when someone needs something and we help them.
- Justice - to understand that to be fair, not everyone gets the same thing.
- Dignity - to respect and recognise that every person has value.
- Excellence - to be the best person you can be in everything you do and say.
- Hospitality - to be welcoming and respectful using our words and actions.
- Stewardship - to be grateful and responsible when using our God given gifts to help others.
- Service - to be a leader so you can make a difference in the lives of others.

I know these values exist in our school because I have witnessed them in action, in the actions of the children, in the actions of the teachers and in the actions of the parents.

This doesn't mean that we always get it right. Only God always gets it right all the time.

When we, or others get it wrong, we should have forgiveness in our hearts just like God and St Oliver. As Fr. Chris once said, "A saint is a sinner who keeps trying to do right." So let's keep trying to do it right!

Peace and best wishes,

Ms Barbara Young
Principal



2016 Zone Athletics Carnival - On Tuesday, 9 August 23 students (Tyler, Christina, Nithin, Fabiola, Sia, Serena, Aarav, Veronica, Antonious, Tsepiso, Luise, Don, Philemon, Rashid, Eloise, Anthony, Seth, Derek, Doreen, Miranda, Adriano, Sarah and Mayana) made their way to the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival. We got on the Delany bus and headed off for the day competing against about 12 other schools. When we got there the 4 relay teams were up first. Then the children participating in the 800m, then the majority of people participated in the 100m and only a few in the 200m. We also had children in the field events: Long Jump, Shot-put and Discus. Although we were a small group compared to the others it didn't stop us from reaching new heights. Doreen, Derek, Antonious, Anthony, Don, Mayana and Rashid all made it to the Diocesan Carnival to be held later this year. Special congratulations to Rashid who not only was the runner up for the 11 year old age champion but broke the 11 year old Long Jump record by a whopping 25cm with a jump of 4.51m. Congratulations to all of the St. Oliver's students who participated at the Carnival, you represented your school with determination and positivity throughout the day. **By: Sarah, Eloise & Miranda**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Friday 9 September. NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Dates to Remember

August

- 12th Assembly @ 2:30pm Whole School – Stage 2
- 15th Australian Girls' Choir assessment
- 16th ICAS Maths Competition
- 19th PRC closes Stage 3 @ Parish Mass
- 22nd **PRC** General Meeting @ Blacktown
- 22nd **BOOK Week begins**
- 22nd Voice of Youth Cluster Final – Stage 3 to attend
- 23rd Netball Gala Day Stage 2 & Stage 3
- 25th Book Character Parade 9:15am – all welcome
- 26th Stage 2 @ Parish Mass
- 29th David Legge visit Australian author/illustrator
- 30th Father's Day Stall

Multicultural Day 2016 – Recounts by Stage 2



On Multicultural Day, our first activity was multicultural dance. We did the Macarena and Bang Bang. My favourite part was the multicultural lunch. The food was delicious! **Xavier**

Multicultural day was amazing and we specially ate awesome food. We did lots of fun activities. My favourite was Drum Beats! I love multicultural day. Thanks Miss Maatouk. **Jasmine**

On multicultural day I had lots of fun. I did fun activities like Aboriginal art, dancing, drum beats and craft. We had traditional food from different cultures and I went home so happy. **Jonathan**

On multicultural day we got to play on drums it was called Drum Beats. We had some delicious food and we did many activities like dance. We also did dot painting and we made peacocks. **Mana**

Thank you to all our parents who joined us on the day and helping with supplying or serving our delicious lunch.



September

- 1st Father's Day BBQ at 8am and Liturgy at 9am
- 2nd Stage 1 and ES1 @ Parish Mass
- 5th Coffee n Chat @ 9:15am
- 6th CAPTIVATE
- 9th **Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 16th Stage 2 @ Parish Mass
- 17th Bunnings BBQ – fundraiser
- 23rd Stage 1 and ES1 @ Parish Mass
- 23rd LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

October

- 10th First day of Term 4

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have given me and please help me to be good and have faith. Please help the poor and help me to be more like you and respect one another and bless us all. I am sorry for all the bad things I have done and help me to be better and kind. Amen.

Anne Youssif

SCHOOL NEWS

Father's Day Stall – Please send in donations of gifts for Dad to the office. Father's Day Stall will be on **Tuesday, 30 August**. We will also have a raffle for Father's Day so any extra special items can be sent into the office.

Australian Girls' Choir assessment – a note went home this week to all girls from Year 1 – 6. If you want your daughter to be assessed you need to return this note by **Monday, 15 August**.

SAVE THE DATE – Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and Carers. Father's Day Sausage Sizzle will be held on **Thursday, 1 September** at 8am followed by a Liturgy at 9am.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Friday, 9 September there will be **NO SCHOOL** as the staff will be in an all-day meeting working towards Literacy.

REMINDER – Illustrator/Author David Legge visit. All money and permission notes need to be handed into the office by **Friday, 12 August**. Thank you to the families who have already paid.

CAPTIVATE PERFORMANCE – Stage 2 and 3 will be performing at CAPTIVATE 2016 on **Tuesday, 6 September** at St Dominic's College, Kingswood. The children in Stage 2 and 3 have been practising with the teachers and visiting teachers from Captivate. A note was sent home yesterday with a permission note and details of the event.

School Fees – School fees have now been sent home. Fees are due on **22 August 2016**. Thank you to the families who have already paid.

BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADE - Children can come dressed in their favourite book character on **Thursday, 25 August**. The parade will be held in the Stage 2 and 3 area at **9:15am**. All parents are welcome to come and watch the parade.

Parents Representative Council – The next general meeting **Monday, 22 August 7pm** @ Nagle Girls' Catholic College, Blacktown. **Topic: Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety**

Lunches: If you are sending hot food/soups with your child for lunch could they please drop the food into the office for safe keeping. Thank you for your understanding.

Mercy Awards and Mercy Values The following children received Mercy Awards for the Mercy Values they show in everything they do. **Seth**, Justice and Dignity – **Scarlett**, Dignity – **Jovan**, Compassion and Dignity – **Karen**, Excellence and Compassion – **Joya**, Compassion – **Mikaela-Kristen**, Compassion – **Gabriel**, Excellence and Compassion. Congratulations to these children who are great role models for our school community.



Jelly Bean Guessing Competition – Congratulations to Serena in Year 4 who won our guessing competition. Serena guessed was 524 and the number of jelly beans was 525. Thank you for your support.

Student Achievement – ICAS Science Competition

| Distinction | Credit | Merit |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Philemon Yr 5 | Xavier Yr3 | Olivier Yr 3 |
| | Nithin Yr 3 | Rohit Yr 3 |
| | Ishani Yr 4 | Veronica Yr 4 |
| | Jyotirmay Yr 5 | |
| | Nehal Yr 5 | |

InfoZone

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

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Challenge closes next week – 19 August! Please remember that your signed paper copies must be returned to school so that the online reading record can be validated and certificates issued.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

- Library competitions close next week.
- Book Parade on Thursday, 25 August at 9.15am. Parents are warmly invited to join us in the Stage 2/3 space. The children wear their Book Character outfits to school and remain in them for the day. Library Competition winners will be announced at the end of the Parade.
- Illustrator/Author David Legge visits the school on Monday, 29 August. If children own a David Legge book they may bring their copy to be signed.



VOICE OF YOUTH

Good luck to our Year 6 Voice of Youth speakers Mayana, Miranda and Sarah who will represent St Oliver's at the Cluster Final on Monday, 22 August. All Stage 3 students will be attending.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all children and parents who visited our Book Fair. We hope the children enjoy reading their books. Any money raised will help improve our Library.

READING ALOUD

Young children learn a great deal when books are read aloud to them.

They learn about the internal structure of stories – how they begin, different types of conflicts, and possible solutions. They sometimes learn empathy for others and see other sides to a story, such as understanding what the main character is going through (whether person or animal), be it fear, anger, or humility.

Reading aloud provides opportunities for students to view persons not in their immediate environment, for example the elderly, wise persons, or people from different ethnic backgrounds or social status. And through books, children can travel to faraway lands and learn about life in the jungle or on a cattle ranch.

In reading books, children learn what is considered proper or appropriate behaviour for their culture or that of others. Depending on the story, they could learn about the need to respect the elderly, how to ask for forgiveness, or how to show you're sorry.

Finally, when reading fairy tales or modern fantasy, children learn how to use their imagination, to view situations from various perspectives, and to know that events can be seen from different viewpoints.

Adapted and excerpted from "Reading Children's Books: There's More to it than Meets the Eye" (1999). ERIC Clearinghouse on Rural Education and Small Schools.

Lesley Quinn / Librarian