



# St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta - Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa on October 19, 2003. Pope Francis is scheduled to canonize her on September 4, 2016, during the Year of Mercy.**

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, the future Mother Teresa, was born on 26 August 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, to Albanian heritage. Her father, a well-respected local businessman, died when she was eight years old, leaving her mother, a devoutly religious woman, to open an embroidery and cloth business to support the family. After spending her adolescence deeply involved in parish activities, Agnes left home in September 1928, for the Loreto Convent in Rathfarnham (Dublin), Ireland, where she was admitted as a postulant on October 12 and received the name of Teresa, after her patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

Agnes was sent by the Loreto order to India and arrived in Calcutta on 6 January 1929. Upon her arrival, she joined the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling. She made her final profession as a Loreto nun on 24 May 1937, and hereafter was called Mother Teresa. While living in Calcutta during the 1930s and '40s, she taught in St. Mary's Bengali Medium School.

On 10 September 1946, on a train journey from Calcutta to Darjeeling, Mother Teresa received what she termed the "call within a call," which was to give rise to the Missionaries of Charity family of Sisters, Brothers, Fathers, and Co-Workers. The content of this inspiration is revealed in the aim and mission she would give to her new institute: "to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the cross for love and souls" by "labouring at the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor." On October 7, 1950, the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was officially erected as a religious institute for the Archdiocese of Calcutta.

Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, Mother Teresa expanded the work of the Missionaries of Charity both within Calcutta and throughout India. On 1 February 1965, Pope Paul VI granted the Decree of Praise to the Congregation, raising it to pontifical right. The first foundation outside India opened in Cocorote, Venezuela, in 1965. The Society expanded to Europe (the Tor Fiscale suburb of Rome) and Africa (Tabora, Tanzania) in 1968.

From the late 1960s until 1980, the Missionaries of Charity expanded both in their reach across the globe and in their number of members. Mother Teresa opened houses in Australia, the Middle East, and North America, and the first novitiate outside Calcutta in London. In 1979 Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. By that same year there were 158 Missionaries of Charity foundations.

The Missionaries of Charity reached Communist countries in 1979 with a house in Zagreb, Croatia, and in 1980 with a house in East Berlin, and continued to expand through the 1980s and 1990s with houses in almost all Communist nations, including 15 foundations in the former Soviet Union. Despite repeated efforts, however, Mother Teresa was never able to open a foundation in China.

Mother Teresa spoke at the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly in October 1985. On Christmas Eve of that year, Mother Teresa opened "Gift of Love" in New York, her first house for AIDS patients. In the coming years, this home would be followed by others, in the United States and elsewhere, devoted specifically for those with AIDS.

From the late 1980s through the 1990s, despite increasing health problems, Mother Teresa travelled across the world for the profession of novices, opening of new houses, and service to the poor and disaster-stricken. New communities were founded in South Africa, Albania, Cuba, and war-torn Iraq. By 1997, the Sisters numbered nearly 4,000 members, and were established in almost 600 foundations in 123 countries of the world.

After a summer of travelling to Rome, New York, and Washington, in a weak state of health, Mother Teresa returned to Calcutta in July 1997. At 9:30 PM, on 5 September, Mother Teresa died at the Motherhouse. Her body was transferred to St Thomas's Church, next to the Loreto convent where she had first arrived nearly 69 years earlier. Hundreds of thousands of people from all classes and all religions, from India and abroad, paid their respects. She received a state funeral on 13 September, her body being taken in procession - on a gun carriage that had also borne the bodies of Mohandas K. Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru - through the streets of Calcutta. Presidents, prime ministers, queens, and special envoys were present on behalf of countries from all over the world.

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Peace and best wishes

**Ms Barbara Young**  
Principal

## Dates to Remember

### August

- 26th Stage 2 @ Parish Mass
- 29th **MUFTI DAY – Father's Day gift donation**
- 29th Gift pricing
- 29th David Legge visit Australian author/illustrator
- 30th Father's Day Stall

### September

- 1st Father's Day BBQ at 8am and Liturgy at 9am
- 2nd Stage 1 and ES1 @ Parish Mass
- 2nd Book club due
- 5th Coffee n Chat @ 9:15am
- 6th CAPTIVATE- Stage 2 & 3
- 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  
*Children to come dressed in their summer uniforms.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY PRAYER

**Praise:** Thank you God for taking care of me and we all love you for dying for us and thank you for giving me the strength to help people in need

**Repent:** Lord I am sorry for the wrong things I have done to my friends and family. God I ask you to help me listen to you and believe in you and what you say

**Ask:** God please help me and my family and friends. Lord hear my prayer and help people that are in need of it please. Thank You Lord.

**Yes:** Lord anything I say or do please say yes and lead me in the right direction to be just like you so I may not do anything wrong. Thank you Lord

Saint Oliver pray for us. *Amen*

**Coffee and Chat – Monday, 5 September 2016 at 9:15.** All welcome to come along and have a cuppa and chat with Ms Young.



**REMINDER – Father's Day BBQ** followed by a liturgy on Thursday, 1 September 2016 starting at 8am

**Book Club** orders due into the office on Friday, 2 September 2016

We have some containers and platters left over from the Multicultural Day. You can collect these from the office at your earliest convenience.

### School Uniform

#### Boys Winter Uniform

Blue long sleeve shirt, navy blue trousers, navy blue crested jacket, check regulation style tie, navy socks, BLACK shoes.

#### Girls Winter Uniform

Check regulation style tunic, blouse sky blue- peter pan collar, navy blue crested jacket, red tab, white ankle socks or navy tights, BLACK shoes.

**Father's Day gift pricing – Monday, 29 August @ 9:15am.** Tea, coffee and biscuits supplied.

**MUFTI DAY – Monday, 29 August.** Please bring a gift for the Father's Day Stall. Thank you for your support.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Friday, 9 September 2016. NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY**

**Front Fencing – We have implemented a new system to keep our children safe. Please take note of the following procedures.**

- Children arriving before 8:30 am sit up on the verandah outside the office.
- Front gate not opened until 8:00 am and closed after morning assembly. Front gate opened at 2:45 pm and closed again at 3:20 pm.
- Church gate opened at 8:30 am and closed after morning assembly. Church gate opened at 2:45 pm and closed at 3:20 pm.
- Stranger danger talks delivered by our local police liaison officer.
- An intercom system installed in the hall for parents to buzz for access to COHSC
- As an interim measure we will have shade cloth running along our front fence until a more permanent visual barrier can be installed.

**Naplan** - Last Friday our Year 3 and Year 5 children received their results for NAPLAN. As a school we analyse how we are progressing from one year to the next, individual student growth and areas for improvement. This year St Oliver's has many reasons to celebrate. We have had a reduction in the number of students in the lower bands and an increase in students in the higher bands in the following areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Spelling
- Grammar and Punctuation
- Numeracy

Our strongest areas of growth data where we are above the state and CEC are in:

- Reading
- Grammar and Punctuation

There is no trend and growth data for writing this year as there was a change in the type of text from previous years.

## NETBALL GALA DAY 2016

Yesterday we went to the netball gala day. We got to verse other teams and we also did some training. At first we did not know how to play, but we got better and better during the day. We met an umpire who told us the rules and how to play. After each game, we shook hands with the other team. **Lulia, Stage 2**



When we reached the netball courts, there were a lot of people there. We found a beautiful spot near the courts and set our bags down. We had a girl named Loreen who was our umpire for the day. She showed us lots of skills. One of these skills was not being allowed to move with the ball. There are 7 position: Centre, Goal Shooter, Goal Attack, Goal Keeper, Goal Defence, Wing Defence and Wing Attack. We all had a turn of each position. **Karen, Stage 2**

On Tuesday, Stage 2 and Stage 3 girls went to the netball gala day. There were 3 teams, a Year 3 and 4 team, a Year 4 team and a stage 3 team. We shared a bus with Holy Family, Granville.



Our team played 9 games. Our team won every game except one which we lost 3 – 1. The thing we enjoyed the most was coming second on the leader board. We had an awesome day. **Veronica and Vanesha, Stage 2**

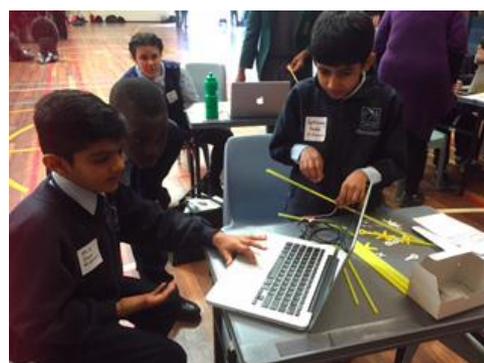
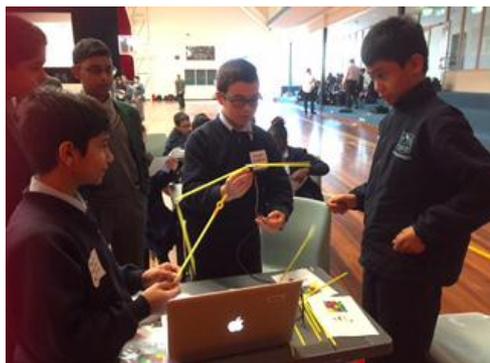


On the 23rd of August, some girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to Jamison Park Netball Complex in Penrith for the Netball gala day. We sent out three teams, one Year 3 team, one Year 4 team and one mixed Year 5 and 6 team. The Year 3 team won one game, the stage 3 team won one game and the Year 4 team won all their games except one, came overall 2nd on the leaderboard and beat a St Oliver's record. Overall everyone had a fun day. We learnt new skills that we didn't know and had great sportsmanship. **Year 6 Team**

Thank you to Mrs Allison, Mrs Magdic and Miss Pauline for being our team mangers and the girls from McCarthy Catholic College (Gabi, Loreen and Jorja) who not only umpired for us but also encouraged us to play our best. Congratulations to all the girls who showed great sportsmanship.

## Kids Hack Day – Francine, Year 5

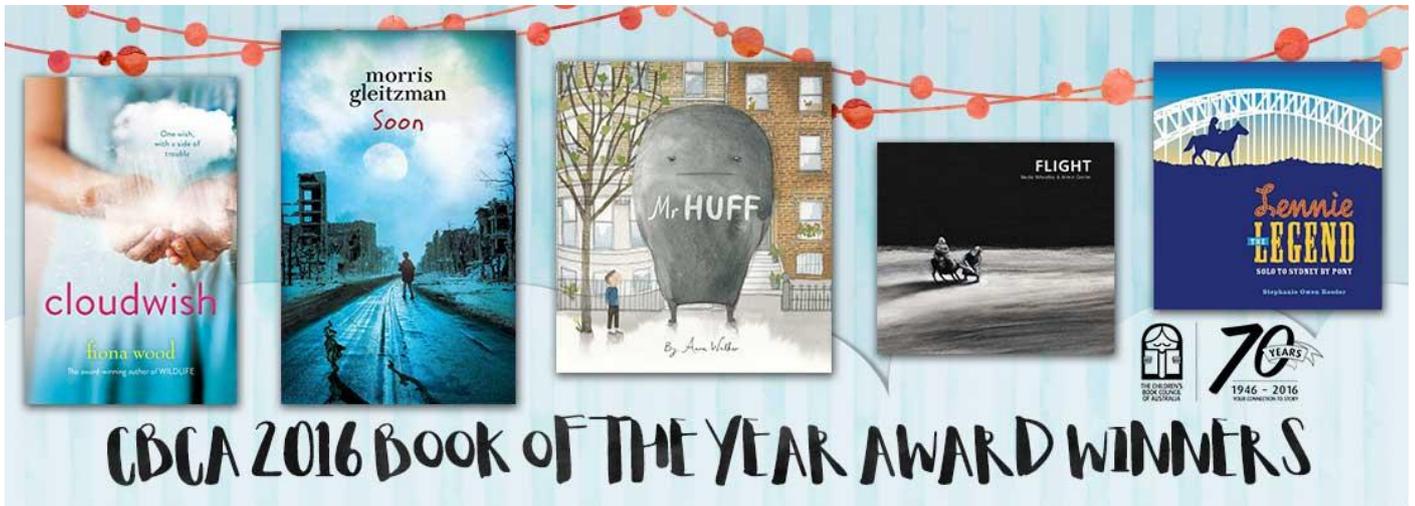
On the 16 August 10 Stage 3 children were chosen to go to Marist High School for Hack Day. At Marist we met different schools and did different activities with the schools. Some of the activities we did were Makey Makey and Bridge where we had create a bridge out of straws that had to hold 7.2 kilograms for 30 seconds. In Programing we had to program a robotic ball to do different shapes on the floor. It was really fun and kids loved it so much. In F1 racing we had to make a small car which will zoom across the floor attached to a string and in Coding we had to make something spin around with a computer, motor and straws and it was awesome. Some of these activities helped the children with Science and Technology and Maths. Unfortunately, the day ended quickly but it was fun. All the children had a happy day.



# InfoZone

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

## CELEBRATE AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE!

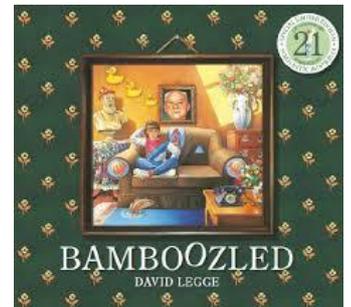


### ILLUSTRATOR VISIT

We are all looking forward to the Visit by renowned Australian illustrator and author David Legge next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

### BOOK WEEK WINNERS

Congratulations to all who entered the competitions. A special mention to Kindergarten who had some outstanding entries! **Prize winners:** Kalden (Kindergarten), Allison (Kindergarten), Eleanor (Kindergarten) and Xavier (Year 3)



### VOICE OF YOUTH



Congratulations to our three Year 6 Voice of Youth representatives who participated in the Cluster Final this week. They all delivered speeches of a high standard with passion and conviction.



### DELANY DEBATING CUP

Good luck to our Year 5 debating representatives who commence their competition in the Delany Cup this week. The St Oliver's Team: Nehal, Scarlett, Leyot and Jonas. Debating is both challenging and rewarding; we know our students will gain much from this wonderful experience.

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

[The Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed for 2016. Congratulations to all those who completed the Challenge. The certificates usually arrive in Term 4.](#)

*Mrs Lesley Quinn/Librarian*