



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

Term 3

Week 8

2016

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebration of Learning; Last Wednesday afternoon was our very first Celebration of Learning. It was a great success. Below is some of the feedback we received from the parents and carers who attended.

- This is a very good experience. We loved it.
- Excellent idea. The kids are very excited and motivated.
- Such a beautiful school. My child wants to stay here forever.
- I am so proud of my daughter's learning.
- It was great to see how proud the children are of their school.
- It was great to get a snapshot of the children's learning. The setup was also a great idea. Very proud of the amazing work and ideas.
- Well organised and lots of fun. Great to see what my child is doing.
- Thank you so much for all your effort to teach our kids. All teachers are champions.
- It was fun watching my child doing all her work and learning to the best of her ability.
- Thank you teachers for all your time and support. I really enjoyed sitting beside my son and knowing what he has been learning.
- This is the best way to answer all the parents questions about their children's learning. Best idea ever!
- Thank you for the opportunity given to the parents to observe the students in different subjects. We can now have a real feeling of the study in school.
- A fantastic opportunity to be able to participate alongside my child in his own workspace.
- It's really interesting and meaningful learning for kids and for the parents. I really enjoyed it.
- Excellent learning experience.
- It was very insightful and eye opening in finding out what goes on in the classroom.
- It's really a wonderful and fun activity which involves mother and child together.

Feedback from the children

Aryan: I did cricket, gardening, health and lots more. We had to invite our parents and show them our learning. My favourite part was cricket because I got to show my mum my bowling skills. It was a fun day for all of us. **Anthony:** On Wednesday, 31 August, we celebrated learning by inviting our parents and showing them all different activities that we do in our everyday learning, such as gardening, look, hide, roll, make, cricket and many more activities. I enjoyed my day and my mum did too. My favourite part was showing her all of my PBL work and discussing it. **Francine:** There were a lot of tired people considering it was the end of the day and usually many people feel lazy. The people that went to piano lessons went as well. If the celebration of learning is in class time we could be more energetic. Other than that it was a great experience. **Jonas:** There were lots of things we did, but my favourite was the gardening. Because I had a sibling I had to go there first. It was a lot of fun and there were a lot of people. At first I thought it was boring, but after a while it was fun showing my parents what I did. **Scarlett:** On the 31-8-16, we had many parents come in to see what we were learning about in class. It was really good fun! I enjoyed being with Jack and my mum. We played look, hide, roll, make, I wrote my stolen generation speech, wrote a prayer and read my guided reading book with mum. It was amazing! I had an awesome time showing my mum and brother Jack about what I'm doing in class. I would not change anything that happened in the celebration of learning. **Rashid:** I like that you got to show your parents all the things that you have done in school. I showed my mum all the work that we have been doing at school like: my journal entry, cricket, maths and more :).

Peace and best wishes

Ms Barbara Young
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 9th **Staff Development Day
– NO SCHOOL**
- 15th **OLYMPATHON 13:30
– 15:00**
All children can come dressed in mufti. We would like to see them dress in colours of the country they are competing for.
- 16th **Stage 2 @ Parish Mass**
- 16th **Whole School
Assembly – Stage 3**
- 17th **Bunnings BBQ –
fundraiser**
- 19th **NSW CPS MacKillop
Championships –
Rashid attending**
- 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.

Saturday, 17 September.
WE NEED YOUR HELP



Please fill in the note that went home last week to indicate your availability to help serve at our fund raiser. Thank you for your continued support.

Whole School Assembly – All Welcome Friday, 16 September @ 2:30 presentation by Stage 2 & 3.

Term 3 ends – Friday, 23 September. **Term 4 begins** – Monday, 10 October

2016 Olympathon – Thursday, 15 September 1:30pm to 3:00pm . All children can come dressed in mufti. We would like to see them dress in colours of the country they are competing for.

Summer Uniform – Children are to start Term 4 in their summer uniforms. Please ensure that names are on their hat and school jacket so if lost they can be returned to them. However, over the next 2 weeks the children can come dressed in either full summer or full winter uniform not a combination of the two.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016. For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

Father's Day Stall and Raffle -Thank you to everyone in our community who donated gifts, organised pricing and worked at the stall. Your help is greatly appreciated. Due to your generosity, we were able to raise \$577.45.



St Oliver's children and staff have been hit with a very contagious virus. Symptoms: high temperature, vomiting, diarrhoea. We would ask if you could keep your children home until they are completely well again. Thank you for attending to the matter.

ICAS English Competition – Congratulations to the following children.

High Distinction	Credit	Merit
Xavier C 3	Claire R 2	Adrian P 2
Jyotirmay P 5	Rohit V 3	Nithin G 3
	Veronica F 4	Olivier H 3
	Ishani R 4	Seth B 6
	Francine C 5	Aryan N 6
	Philemon G 5	
	Scarlett L 5	
	Nehal S 5	
	Miranda F 6	

Thursday Assembly Prayer: by Ginelle Year 4

Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for the beautiful world, thank you God for the birds that sing, thank you for everything. Thank you God for the beautiful and blessed life you have given me. Amen



12th National eConference on Mercy – A Way of Being in the World: 20 September

The Broken Bay Institute, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, delivers the eConferences to people across Australia and the globe. The next eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications; Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, *The Blessing of Mercy*; Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia. The Institute for Mission at Blacktown will be a host site, from 10.30am-2.45pm, to book send an email to: connect@ifm.org.au For more information and individual registrations visit: <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016>

Bishop Manning Lecture 2016: 20 September

This year's lecture will be delivered by Melinda Tankard Reist. **'Why sex is not work: Stories from the sex trade. How should we respond?'** The Bishop Manning Lecture is a leading Church forum hosted by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations in celebration of the significant pastoral and social justice achievements of Bishop Kevin Manning. Arrive 5.30pm for a 6pm start, Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay. *Drinks and canapés will be served following the lecture.* Tickets are free but places are strictly limited. Registrations essential: enquiries@ccec.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Carnival – On Friday, 26 August Derek, Don, Doreen, Mayana, Anthony, Antonious and Rashid competed at the carnival in Blacktown. Rashid competed so well he is now representing our Diocese at the next level. Thank you to Mr Doumit who drove us out to the carnival and stayed with us all day.



PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday, 9 September 2016

InfoZone

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

ILLUSTRATOR VISIT



David Legge told us about writing and drawing for picture books. He explained how books were made and how the colours were printed. He showed how a drawing can take shape by drawing stick figures, looking at body position and rounding out the shapes. He did lots of drawings for us and signed all the David Legge books in our Library.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

What a fun way to celebrate children's literature! Thank you everyone for participating!



DELANY DEBATING CUP

Congratulations to our Year 5 Debating Team who won their first round in the Delany Cup. Their topic was "That we care about the Environment". As the Negative team they had to disprove this statement – which they did convincingly.



ST OLIVER'S APP

Good news: If you have been having trouble accessing the St Oliver's app on an Android device the issue has now been resolved. You just need to ensure your app is updated to the latest version.

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian