



St Oliver's Primary School

# Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**23rd June**  
Stage 1 at Parish Mass

**26th June**  
Principal's Morning Tea  
(2 Students from each class)

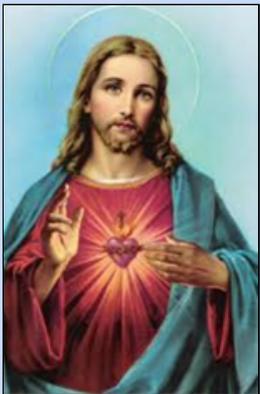
Student/Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
begin this week

**29th June**  
Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

**30th June**  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

**JULY**  
**17th July**  
**Staff Development Day**

**18th July**  
**FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**  
Students return for Term 3



**Feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Friday 23rd June**

## PILGRIMAGE: COMPANIONS FROM ST OLIVER'S TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND, ROME & ASSISI

### Day 12

We arrived in Rome and our next major destination was St Peter's Basilica. It was early morning and the square was empty and it gave us a most beautiful view of this extraordinary site. After Mass above St Peter's tomb we wandered the spectacular chambers leading to the Sistine Chapel to view



Michelangelo's masterpieces, including the magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. St Peter's Church is the largest church in the world and it did not cease to amaze me. We viewed Michelangelo's stunning Pieta and the great Confessional and the Crypt containing the tombs of several Popes. In the afternoon we visited the excavations (Scavi) under St Peter's Basilica – the Necropoli. We were escorted by a specialist Vatican guide and descended by foot down into the ruins of an ancient city under the Basilica. We passed through ancient excavations and catacombs of the early Christian Church where the original tomb of St Peter can be found... WOW!

### Day 13

Today we entered the most visited attraction in Rome - the Colosseum. In 1749, Pope Benedict XIV declared the Colosseum a sacred site, as it was a place where early Christians had been martyred. In the afternoon, we travelled out to the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls and gave honour to the Church's greatest evangelist.



### First Eucharist

Currently in several parishes across the diocese students are receiving their First Eucharist. We at St Oliver's have had several students already take part in this special celebration. Christina who celebrated her First Communion at Our Lady of Lebanon on 12th June and Harper who made her sacrament on Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral. Congratulations to these students. May we please keep in our prayers our students who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday 25th June at St Oliver's Parish.



Harper (Yr 3)

### Year 6 Fundraising

Thank you for your kind fundraising efforts for Year 6 in our Jelly Bean guessing competition. Congratulations to our guessing winners: Renee (Kinder), Jonas (Year 6) and Ava (Yr 3).

*Mr Anthony Matthews  
Religious Education Coordinator*

# Focus On Learning



## **Project Based Learning**

Project Based Learning (PBL) is a style of learning where students develop their 21st Century skills by working in teams to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge. At St Oliver's, our Stage 3 students (Year 5 and 6) work together in these PBL groups twice a week to answer a "driving question" and work towards presenting their findings in a presentation at the end of each term. This term we are inviting all parents to join our Stage 3 students in their presentations where they will showcase their learning. We are then hoping to extend this engaging style of learning to Stage 2 later this year.

## **Project Based Learning Showcase**

St Oliver's Stage 3 Students would like to invite the community to celebrate and engage in the learning that has taken place in Project Based Learning.

Our students in Years 5 & 6 have been engaged in planning and organising a proposal for redevelopment in Western Sydney.

*If you are enthusiastic about 21st century skills and how our children can shape the future of our local community this event is a must.*

**When:** Friday 30/6/2017

**Where :** Stage 3 Classrooms

**Time:** 2:15pm - 3:00pm.

Kind Regards

Stage 3

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**How can we, as town planners,  
propose a sustainable new  
facility, that considers the impact  
on people, places and the  
environment?**

