



St Oliver's Primary School

# Newsletter

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*At St Oliver's we are called to unite in service by living out our Mercy Values and striving to be quality learners who contribute positively to our community.*

Term 3, Week 7

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31st August 2017

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER

1st

Father's Day Breakfast @ 8am

Whole School Mass @ 9:15

Confirmation 7pm

8th

Stage 1 at Parish Mass

9th

Bunnings BBQ - Fundraiser  
North Parramatta

15th

Stage 2 & 3 at Parish Mass  
Followed by Reconciliation

21st

School Disco  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**

22nd

Staff Development Day - no school

**Bunnings BBQ -  
Saturday 9th  
September from 8am.**

If you can spare some time during the day please pop in and help serve the community. All money raised goes to improving our school.



## Gospel Reflection

**Matthew 16:21-27** This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of His followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. © Greg Sunter



Jesus tells us in today's gospel that we must forget about ourselves and put others first. What does Jesus mean by this? How can we put others' needs before our own? Why is it sometimes hard to do this?

When deepening our senses in learning we look to use our third sense.

The third sense asks us to apply the message to our own life:

This week you might:

***Pray that we will think about others before ourselves.***



**Confirmation 2017** - This **Friday 1st September** we have two students from St Oliver's making their Confirmation.

**We pray for :** *Dallo and Veronica*

The mass will be celebrated at 7pm at St Oliver's church. This will most likely be the last mass that is celebrated in the church until the renovations are complete.

**Father's Day** - Due to church renovations we are now holding a Liturgy in the school hall to celebrate Father's Day. This liturgy will begin at 9:15am.

**Father's Day Breakfast** - Tomorrow from 8am. We look forward to continuing the St Oliver's tradition and it is a wonderful way to share in communion with each other.

### Prayers of the Week

Dear God, Thank you for my kind family and nice friends.  
Thank you for forgiving me when I do the wrong thing.  
Amen. **By Akeem Year 2**



Dear God, Thank you for the world we see, thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the life you have given us, thank you God for being by our side, and in our hearts. We pray to you God for the protection of our classmates and the world and we pray for the school and all students who attend St Oliver's. Amen **By Christian Year 4**



Dear God, Heavenly Father, no other God, would I rather. Thank you God, for the earth and sky and all animals, from those that walk, to those that fly. Everyday, I count your humble blessings, and your guiding hand, never leaves me guessing. I'm sorry, for all those times, in all those places, where I have sinned against you, I can only hope, that you forgive, Oh, I really hope you do. I can smile each day, but it's not the same, for kids, far, far away. I can laugh and learn, but for some education, is what they yearn. I ask, dear God, from the very bottom of my heart, for you to help me, play my part. Amen **By Scarlett Year 6**

*Father's Day Wrapping.* Thank you to the following Mums who helped on Tuesday with wrapping and pricing the gifts. Mrs Ross (Jarrod), Mrs Saad (Sophie), Mrs Wheeler (Jaden), Mrs Mohanty (Debanshi), Mrs Latif (Luke).

## St Oliver's School Disco - Colour Party

### Kindergarten & Stage 1

- Kindergarten: Black and Yellow
- Year 1 - Black and Pink
- Year 2 - Black and Red

### Stage 2 and Stage 3

- Year 3 - Black and Blue
- Year 4 - Black and Green
- Year 5 - Black and Silver
- Year 6 - Black and Gold



**Entry- \$3 per child (includes a drink and a packet of chips)**

**Date:** Thursday, 21st September 2017

**Time:** 5:00pm - 6:30pm

**Venue:** *Primary children in the hall      Infants children in the Creative Arts room*

**Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL**  
Friday, 22nd September 2017  
Staff will attending a Spirituality Day off site

**GRILL'D PARRAMATTA** - We've been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Parramatta, Church St this August! **This is your last chance to support this fundraiser.** Thank you to everyone who has visited Grill'd Parramatta. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.

We have a box in the school foyer for you to place your tokens. The more we collect the more equipment we can purchase at the end of the promotion. Thank you in advance for your support.



**Allen Street School Gate Entry:** During the Church renovations this gate will be closed at all times. Please use the main gate in Wigram Street. Sorry for any inconvenience.



**BOOK FAIR!** You're invited to our Scholastic Book Fair in the library. Parents can come to the library with their child and purchase books. **Opening Times: Monday, 4th September 3pm - 4pm Tuesday, 5th September 8am - 9am.** These times are the **only** times available for Parents to purchase books. Alternatively you can send some money with your child.

**Children will visit the Fair during class time on Monday and Tuesday.**

## Focus On Learning



### ***It's all about the learning - Part 3***

How do we, at St Oliver's, cater for the learning of our students? Below we conclude our outline of the many and varied ways we cater for each student's learning journey.

#### ***Communicating with Parents***

- **Beginning of the year parent-teacher meet and greet occurs early in Term 1 each year.** This meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's new teacher and begin developing the very important partnership between the teacher and parents to ensure your child has a successful and happy year.
- **Learning Reports** are distributed at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2. These are designed to provide accurate information about your child's learning and evaluates your child's progress as an individual, who is developing spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially.
- **Middle of the year student-parent-teacher conference** After receiving your child's learning report for Semester 1 this conference allows parents to discuss their child's learning and progress with the teacher. Students also may have the opportunity to show their parents the work they have been completing in class and set some important learning and behaviour goals for the rest of the year.
- **Celebration of Learning morning in Term 1 and afternoon in Term 3** Our Celebration of Learning occurs twice a year and allows the parents to come into their child's classroom and witness the wonderful learning that has been happening. Children love welcoming their parents into their learning space and are always eager to share their work.
- **Class presentations at whole school assemblies** Each stage has an opportunity twice a year to present at the whole school assemblies. The students share the learning that they have been doing in a variety of ways including songs, poems, artwork etc. These assemblies are open to all parents and are another way of showcasing our learning at St Oliver's.
- **Parent and teacher communication at request by teacher or parent** Open communication between parents and teachers is vital to ensure that the learning of the child is optimum. Throughout the year discussions, whether it be in person or by telephone, regularly occur and parents are encouraged to instigate these meetings if they are concerned about the learning or welfare of their child.

**Staff at St Oliver's would like to  
wish all our Fathers,  
Grandfathers and Carers a very  
Happy Father's Day**

**Father's Day BBQ from 8am**

**Friday, 1st September 2017**

**Followed by a Liturgy in the hall at 9:15am**

**Raffle tickets will be on sale during the morning  
and will be drawn after the Liturgy.**

**Tickets are \$1 each**

**Prizes: Bunnings Gift Vouchers, Movie Tickets,  
Armarall Detailing Kit and a Pamper Pack**