



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Term 3

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Dear Families of St Oliver's,

As term three draws to a close we thank God for the many blessings we have at St Oliver's. There have been many, many marvellous learning experiences that happen each and every day! It is a privilege to work in partnership with the students, teachers, parish and parents in planning and preparing the great community events and learning experiences. It is evident that we are part of a vibrant faith and learning community.

Following are just some of the great events that have occurred this term.

- Multicultural Day and Disco
- St Mary of the Cross Liturgy
- Feast of the Assumption Mass
- Father's Day Stall, Father's Day Prayer and BBQ
- Fr Arthur and Deacon James farewell
- Bunnings BBQ
- Wakakirri
- Captivate Choral Program and Performance
- Drumbeats Performance
- Sydney Symphony Orchestra Excursion
- Netball Gala Day
- Zone and Diocesan Athletics
- Book Fair, Book Week Parade and Book Week Performance
- National Literacy & Numeracy Week – Open Classrooms
- Delany Cup Debating and Voice of Youth Public Speaking
- Stage 3 Imax Excursion
- Stage 2 Incursion
- Active After School Sports
- Principal's Morning Tea
- Pizza Meal Deal and
- Mini Fete (tomorrow).

Dates to Remember!

Friday 19th September
Last day of term

Tuesday 7th October
Term 4 commences

Monday 13th October
09:30
Coffee n Chat

Wednesday 15th October
School Photos



Even writing this list I am feeling joyously tired! Our school community works really hard for each other so ***I wish you all a safe, well rested, happy holiday*** and we will see you all back on Tuesday, 7 October for Term 4 in Summer Uniform!

Peace and best wishes,

Mr Anthony McElhone, Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Morning Tea

A huge thank you and congratulations to the following students: Adya, Sarvesh, Christina, Jaynie, Tsepiso, Vanesha, Francine, Mary Treesa, Seth, Teresa, Rishi, Hannah, Alyssa and Nick. Over our Morning Tea, we talked about what our learning goals were, what the highlights for Term 3 had been for each student as well as what have they enjoyed learning about this term. From this conversation it became quite clear that not only could all of these students articulate their learning goals and were extremely well mannered but you could see from their face their love for learning and having fun at school.



Voice of Youth Grand Final – Good luck Arthur!

By the time you read this the Voice of Youth Diocesan Grand Final will have been run and won. We are very proud of Arthur who has continued to work tirelessly on his speech. Arthur is the first student from St Oliver's to progress through to the grand final. Well done Arthur!

Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you – Bunnings & Father's Day Stall

Since the last newsletter we have had two fundraising opportunities – the Father's Day Stall and the Bunnings BBQ. These events are organised and run by a committed parent group. It was so pleasing to see many parents commit their valuable time to support our school at these events. Without support from parents these events cannot happen. The great news is that we raised almost \$3000 which will go towards updating our literacy resources, especially purchasing quality literature for children to use in literacy groups.

Exemption from Attendance at School

It is imperative to obtain paperwork from the school office if your child will be absent from school for a period of more than 3 days (this does not apply if your child is sick) in any one period e.g. family holiday. We would appreciate if this documentation could be returned to school at least 2 weeks prior to the leave being taken. This form must be completed, signed and returned to the school office with copies of relevant travel documentation (if applicable). Approval will then be discerned by the Principal and you will be provided with notification. The relevant application for exemption can be obtained in a hard copy from the school office or online on our school website.

Change into Summer Uniform

Students are able to transition to summer uniform. During this period the students can elect to wear either the summer or winter uniform, but **not a combination of both**. The transitional arrangements apply until the start of Term 4. Please ensure that your child complies with all aspects of our school uniform policy.

Families not returning to St Oliver's in 2014

As a requirement of the Board of Studies, we ask that if your family will not be returning to St Oliver's in 2015, you complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible (this does not apply to families in Year 6). This process will assist us with accommodating students who are currently on our waiting list.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST OLIVER'S IN 2015

FAMILY NAME _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Reason for leaving _____

New address (if applicable)

Contact number _____

New school attending _____

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

RE NEWS

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Gospel Jn 3:13-17 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

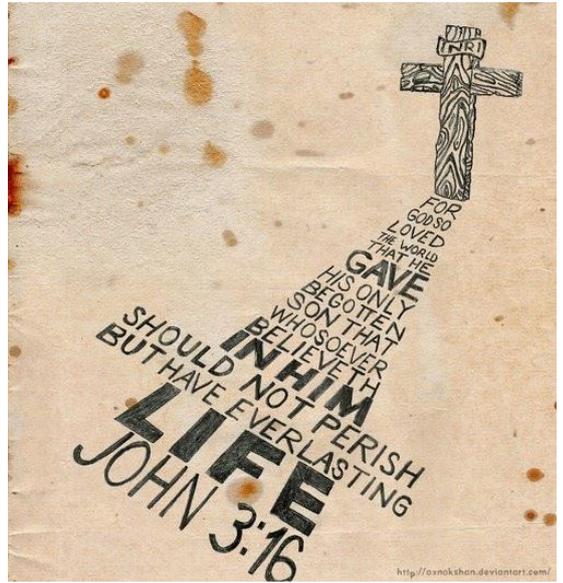
The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.’



Reflection

We pray that the cross will always remind us that God loves us and promises eternal life to those who believe. The cross reminds us that Jesus died and rose to save us. It is also a sign that we believe in Jesus. Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of God. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for your example and the profound love you gave us. Help us to live like you and by your cross may we be transformed and glorified in you. Amen.

National Rosary Week In the second week of October 2014, there will be a **National Rosary** to pray for Australia, in particular the future of Australia, its **protection** and for our **youth**. <http://marysrosarychain.org/>

Soctober In October we will be raising money for Missions <http://www.catholicmission.org.au/wmm/about-wmd>

Mrs Franca Bonserio, Religious Education Coordinator

InfoZone

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

ST OLIVER'S DEBATING COMPETITION



Eight debating teams from Stage 3 students have been participating in the school knockout competition. The students have demonstrated sound logic in their arguments and are developing the skills of refutation.

Congratulations to the winners of our School Grand Final Henry Cheng, Rishi Tripathy and

Prisha Singhal who argued in the affirmative "That Pocket Money should be Earned." This team's preparation and evidence to support their point of view was outstanding.



PARRAMATTA LIBRARY

Parramatta Library offers a wide choice of books for both children and adults. But did you know that there are other services as well? One is **TAX HELP**.

If your tax affairs are simple and you earn \$50,000 or less you could be eligible for help with your tax return from a tax help volunteer. This is a free and confidential service. Volunteers are fully trained, accredited and supported by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Tax Help is for people on low incomes, including, but not restricted to, those who are also:

- Seniors
- Students
- Pensions
- People from non - English speaking backgrounds

Bookings Essential - Phone Parramatta Library 9806 5159, Monday to Friday 9.30am -4.30pm
Parramatta Library and its branches are great free places to visit for a family excursion in the holidays!

ST OLIVERS LIBRARY BORROWING

All children have been able to borrow extra books for the school holidays. These are due back on the first day of Term 4, Tuesday 7th October.

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian

School Photos - Wednesday 15th October

Envelopes will be sent home on the first day of Term 4.

The following packages are available –

Group only - \$22

Photobook - \$30

Basic Package - \$33

Regular Package - \$35

Deluxe Package - \$40

Sibling photos will also be available with packages starting at \$18 ranging through to \$25.