



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Term 4

Week 2

2015

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Dear Families of St Oliver's,

Welcome back to the final term for 2015! It seems amazing that we welcomed our new Kindergarten children for 2016 to the transition program this week. I am sure that you will welcome any new families you see in the school grounds in the next few weeks. I know that most children remember their experience at transition and recall funny little anecdotes that have stayed in their minds throughout their years at school.

Most commonly these memories are about feelings and the way people interacted with them rather than what they actually did. We know that our new group of Kindergarten students will have many happy memories and meet many new friends. Often for parents, the families they meet when their child starts school will remain friends for life. We are very pleased and privileged to share this journey with the children and their families.

Just as our new Kindergarten students are beginning a very important journey in their lives, so too is one of our teachers! This time last year Mrs Iovannella was preparing for her wedding. On Monday, Mrs Iovannella shared with the staff that she is pregnant! I am sure you will join me in congratulating Carmen and her husband, Matthew. Also it is with great excitement that I can inform you that Ms Alicia Sandersan will be teaching Kindergarten next year. Alicia is currently teaching Year 3 and has considerable experience teaching Kindergarten.

Peace and best wishes

Mr Anthony McElhone
Principal

Help needed on Monday 19th October to serve pizza's at lunchtime. If you are available to assist please contact the office. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates to Remember

October

- 16th Parish Mass – K & Stage 3
- 17th Strictly Parenting with Michael Carr-Gregg @ St Andrew the Apostle Parish Centre, Marayong.
- 19th Pizza Meal Deal
- 20th Basketball Gala Day Stage 2 & 3
- 21st Kindergarten Transition – week 2
- 23rd Parish Mass – Stage 2
- 26th Book Club – due today
- 28th Kindergarten Transition – week 3
- 30th Parish Mass – Stage 1
Assembly – Stage 1 @ 2:30

November

- 4th Kindergarten Transition – week 4
- 6th Parish Mass Stage 3 & K
- 28th Bunnings BBQ – Fundraiser
- 30th Swimming Program begins
Every day for 2 weeks

Special Parent Presentation Be at the heart of your child's learning. ¹

Hosted by
Parents Representative Council,
Parramatta Diocese (PRC)

Strictly Parenting

**Saturday 17 October 2015,
2pm to 5pm**

St Andrew the Apostle Parish Centre,
40 Breakfast Road, Marayong
RSVP Thursday 15 October 2015 to
prcparramattaevents@hotmail.com

This is a FREE presentation for the benefit of
Catholic school parents, friends and educators

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Pizza Meal Deal



Please note that any orders for the Pizza Meal Deal must be returned by **10am on Friday, 16 October**. No late orders can be accepted.

Afternoon Student Pick Up

To ensure the safety and well-being of all children at St Oliver's we ask that parents or families only collect their own child/ren from school unless we have been notified about the change of pick up arrangements. In addition if you are running a little late in the afternoon, please notify the office.

Swimming Program



The St Oliver's Swimming Program is this term. The program will be run from Monday, 30 November until Friday, 11 December at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Swimming is a compulsory requirement of the NSW Board of Studies curriculum and it is expected that all children will participate fully. Please see Mrs Allison if you have any questions or concerns about your child attending the program. The cost of this program was billed in Term 3 fees.

Change into Summer Uniform

Students should have transitioned to summer uniform. Please ensure that your child complies with all aspects of our school uniform policy.

Australian Girls' Choir Open Day

Open Day on Sunday 25th October 2015 for more information Ph 9922 6733 or visit www.aspagroup.com.au

Professional Learning - Term 4

It is vital teachers have the opportunity to participate in ongoing professional learning. Following is the upcoming professional learning events.

Implementing the new History syllabus	9 October	Miss Isaac, Mrs Mifsud
Apple Emerging Leaders Program	15 & 16 October	Mr McElhone
Developing Writers in Years 3-6	28 October	Mr Ziebowski, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Mifsud

Afternoon school sport

On Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15pm there will be 30 children from Kinder to Year 2 participating in basketball skills. This is a government incentive and a great way for our children to have first-hand experience at the sport. Unfortunately there was a limit to how many children could participate. We anticipate that this program will continue in 2016.

SAVE THE DATE: Bunnings BBQ fundraiser

When: Saturday 28th November 2015
Where: Bunnings North Parramatta
What: Cooking Sausages for customers
Why: Raising money for our school



Gospel Mk 10:17-27 Shorter form A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, ‘Good master, what I must do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ And he said to him, ‘Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.’ Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, ‘There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!’ The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, ‘My children,’ he said to them, ‘how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were more astonished than ever. ‘In that case’ they said to one another, ‘who can be saved?’ Jesus gazed at them. ‘For men’ he said, ‘it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.’



Reflection

A major theme of the Scripture readings is ‘The cost of discipleship’.

The Gospel story presents a young man seeking wisdom. He asks Jesus the question, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?’ First, Jesus reminds him to follow the Commandments, which he was already doing. But then Jesus asks the young man to give away all his possessions and follow him.

The young man’s reaction shows the difficulty the early Christian community faced in following the call to discipleship—a call that meant becoming possession-poor. They must have started to think that salvation was impossible. But their faith in the power of God in Jesus is reflected in the account, as Jesus looks at the young man with love and promises that with God all is possible.

The camel’s eye analogy shows us how truly radical following Jesus can be. Just obeying the Commandments isn’t enough. As a Christian community, we need to reach out and share what we have. And in living that way, all things are possible with God.

In Brief

- Wisdom is worth more than wealth.
- Take joy in God’s love.
- God’s word reveals all.
- Discipleship can be costly.
- All things are possible with God.

Answering Jesus’ Call

Are you more interested in making good money or in doing good things for the world? What are you most interested in? Do you believe that money can buy happiness? What does society’s behaviour indicate?

October is the Month for The Rosary - Parents are invited to pray with their child. All classes will pray a decade of the Rosary daily at 2.50pm in the month of October.

Mission Month - For Mission Month this year St Oliver’s will focus our efforts helping the Jesuit Refugee Service. We can demonstrate the Mercy Value of hospitality by raising funds to help these people in need. For more information: <http://www.jrs.org.au/>

ST OLIVER'S GARDEN CLUB

The vegetable patch



The students of St. Oliver's Garden Club took it in turns giving up their playtime towards the end of last term to construct two raised garden beds that would assure us a place to plant out Spring vegetables. Students of all ages took turns using the drill and joining our timber panels together. Many new skills were learnt and a lot of fun was had by all. The garden beds were then lined and the soil was added. Last week we began planting out the garden and we have been watering daily. We already have flowers on our tomato bushes and are looking forward to a bumper Summer harvest!



Thanks to everyone who has helped make our garden a reality!