



St Oliver's Primary Newsletter

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Term 4

Week 4

2014

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Dear Families of St Oliver's,

This Friday, 31 October, is designated 'World Teachers' Day'. This day gives us a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

Every day, the teachers at St Oliver's and their colleagues all over Australia are making a difference educating and inspiring young people.

It was my Year 5 teacher, Mr Bateman, who inspired me to become a teacher! Whilst we acknowledge that parents and carers are children's first and foremost educators, it is in working in partnership with their teachers that truly allows a child to flourish!

World Teachers' Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Australia celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local and global communities.

Finally, in correspondence I received about this year's World Teachers' Day I read the following quote with interest...

"If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 30 people in their office at one time, all of whom had different needs and, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence, compassion and care for nine months, then they might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job." -- Donald D. Quinn

Peace and best wishes,

Mr Anthony McElhone,

Principal

Dates to Remember!

Friday 31st October
Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal
International Teacher's Day
Soctober Mufty day
Liturgy in the hall 9am

3rd – 14th November
Swimming Program

Monday 24th November
Coffee n Chat

Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th
November
After school sport finishes

Friday 28th November
Subway Meal Deal

Wednesday 17th December
Final day of the year for students



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SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Raffle

It's not too early to start thinking about our Christmas raffle! Each year we have a raffle that is drawn on the night of the Christmas Concert. If you are able to donate a gift for this raffle we would be very grateful. In the past this has been a very popular event and we have been able to offer great prizes thanks to the generosity of our families. This year our Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, 5 December. Please note - if you have not returned your permission to send home raffle tickets note you will not receive any raffle tickets this year.

Canteen News

We are desperately in need of volunteers to help out in the canteen on Wednesdays! Our canteen is run by a small dedicated group of parents who graciously give of their time. Without volunteers our canteen will close! If you are able to assist please contact the school office.

Upcoming event – Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal tomorrow Friday 31st October, if you have not placed your order with the canteen please send a packed lunch with your child as normal. Zooper Dooper ice blocks will be on sale for \$1 each at lunch time for anyone to purchase.

Subway Meal Deal

On Friday 28th November we will be running our popular Subway Meal Deal – more details to follow in the coming weeks.

Swimming Program

The St Oliver's Swimming Program is starting next week. The program will run from Monday, 3 November until Friday, 14 November at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. The students received notes regarding this last term and all permission slips should have been returned to their class teachers. If you have not received a note please ask your child to collect one from the school office. Swimming is a compulsory requirement of the NSW Board of Studies curriculum and it is expected that all children will participate fully. Please see Ms Sandersan if you have any questions or concerns about your child attending the program.

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 signature _____ Date _____

OLMC Orientation Day

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be holding a Year 7 2015 Orientation Day on Wednesday 12th November.

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My Dear People

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal in Schools

In May of this year we inaugurated the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal in schools throughout the Diocese of Parramatta and it supported the regular May Appeal in parishes. I write to thank you for your contributions.

From Granville to Katoomba parishes and schools came together to raise much-needed funds to support CatholicCare's wide range of welfare services in Western Sydney, as well as educate Seminararians, finance catechetics in government schools and support youth ministry, deacons, university and hospital chaplains.

The theme of this DWF appeal was *Faith at Work* based on the words of James 2:18 'But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.'

Eleven schools in the Diocese of Parramatta raised over \$1000 by conducting school fundraising events and returning envelopes that had gone home to families. A total of \$38,000 was collected from school communities. Please be assured that the funds raised make a genuine difference to many people.

I am grateful to parish priests and parishioners, to principals and parents, to teachers and students and their families, to long-time supporters and new contributors.

In November, the final DWF Appeal for 2014 will be run in schools and parishes and your generosity is once again called upon so that the good work can be continued. 'Without the money, there can be no mission'. When all of us give on a regular basis, the Church can plan for mission into the future and make a real difference.

May God bless you and the work you have made possible in and through the Church in Parramatta and beyond.

Yours sincerely in Christ



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Catherine McAuley Year 7 2016 Enrolment

There is great demand for places at Catherine McAuley Westmead however children of Catholic families who live in the local feeder parishes are given enrolment preference. Commencing 2015

all applicants applying for a place at Catherine McAuley will be interviewed except for Year 7 applicants who are siblings of current students and Year 7 applicants from Catholic families who attend in Year 6 a Catholic feeder primary school for Catherine McAuley.

The Catholic primary schools which are feeder schools for Catherine McAuley include the following schools:

- Mother Teresa Primary School, Westmead
- Sacred Heart Primary School, Westmead
- St Anthony's Primary School, Girraween
- St Oliver's Primary School, Harris Park
- St Monica's Primary School, North Parramatta
- St Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School, Wentworthville
- St Paul the Apostle Primary School, Winston Hills

Applications for Year 7 2016 must be submitted to Catherine McAuley by the closing date of Friday 27th March 2015 to be considered for first round offers. Offers of admission will be made during Term 2.

A Year 7 2016 Enrolment Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Prior to this the Catherine McAuley Open Afternoon/Evening will take place from 3.30 – 6.00pm.

Students who do not in Year 6 attend a Catholic feeder primary school or have a sister already at the school will be required to attend an interview. For Year 7 2016 these interviews will take place on Wednesday 29th April between 3.30 – 6.00pm.

Gospel Mt 22:34-40 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets also.'

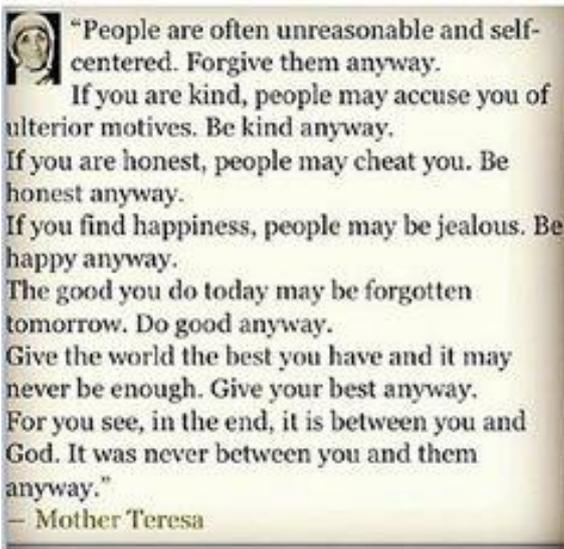


Reflection

We are fractured, complicated creatures who want to be whole but our humanness is not perfect. We can be selfish but we have some element of good within us. We can be mostly good but there is an element where we can be self-centered. We don't really want to have that bad element within us. We can be distracted, self-absorbed noisy. We look to Jesus to heal us in our brokenness. We have an attraction to the perfect. It is a hunger and thirst that we want. Our deepest need is to be loved totally or to give ourselves totally to others. Our criticism of others is an admission that I am unable to love. We may go to mass and seem to give myself to God but our heart and mind may be somewhere else.

We are aware that love consumes. Like fire it warms us but get too close it can burn us. In prayer, we can be like logs, throw ourselves in the fire of love. It can be painful at first, twigs, twisting, hissing and

crackling, until we glow until finally truly at peace. To love is to allow some part to die in order to be one with Jesus. When Jesus was crucified he died between God and sinners. Jesus is the bridge to God. Inviting us to love God we must do the same. Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love.



Friday 31st October

Soctober Catholic Mission Liturgy in the hall 9am.

All Welcome! Crazy day Mufty day -Gold coin donation for children in Jamaica. For more information

<http://cm.org.au/WMM2014/>

All Saints day 1st November

The Feast of All Saints is a rich and beautiful tradition within the Church. It honours those who have died, it reminds us that we are part of a wider communion of holy people, and it affirms our faith in God's loving fidelity to life.

All Souls Day 2nd November

We remember in a special way those who have died. We believe that all who have died in Jesus will rise again with him. For in Jesus, we are all made alive. In remembering the souls who have died, we remember that, if we follow Jesus, we too shall join him in eternal life.

Mrs Franca Bonserio

Religious Education Coordinator