



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 1

<http://www.stoliversharrisparke.catholic.edu.au/home>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome Back to Term 3

Dear parents and carers

The students of St Oliver's have come back to Term 3 a little bit taller and ready to continue their learning journey.

While these are trying times for all communities, at St Oliver's we will continue our safety protocols to help to keep our community safe and healthy. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. When a student presents as unwell at school, they will be isolated in the sickbay and parents/carers will be contacted to come and collect them. If your child is away from school, please contact the school via email, phone or skoolbag submission.

For many reasons, we all have family members who are still required to self isolate. At St Oliver's, we have three staff members who are also required to self isolate. We continue to keep these people in our thoughts and prayers.

When we work together and support each other, we can stay healthy and safe. **Parent -**

Student - Teacher - Conferences

Our parent-student-teacher conferences will also be a little different. The focus will be reviewing the student's achievements and where to next for their learning journey throughout Semester 2. These conferences will occur throughout Term 3. Your child's teacher may contact you for a conference, or you may contact the teacher. The conference can be a face to face meeting, a phone conversation or a zoom meeting. A reminder about these conferences will be in the newsletter each week this term.

Enrolling now for 2021

We're all about learning at St Oliver's Primary School. We put safety first, and focus on student wellbeing.

A reminder that limited places are still available for 2021 in **Kindergarten, Year 4 and Year 6**. Please share this news with your friends, family and neighbours. For more information about joining our caring school community, please contact stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au or 8633 8300.

Barbara Young

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Celebrating 90
years of Catholic
education at St
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Gospel Mt 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servant went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my bar."

The Gospel of the Lord

Living the Gospel - Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual: an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that "irritate" in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

@Greg Sunter

Mass Update

St Oliver's Parish is currently not holding weekday mass. Therefore, the Friday 9.15am Parish mass is currently suspended.

Over the next 4 weeks, Father Chris will be visiting students' classrooms.

As of week 5, we are looking at the possibility of students attending mass as a stage group on a Wednesday. COVID guidelines will be reviewed closer to the date to confirm this.

On Friday 14th August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. To ensure the health and safety of all, and also ensuring we align with the current government regulations, this will not allow the whole school to attend mass. As a school we are looking at alternative ways to honour this feast.

Reconciliation

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, at this stage, Reconciliation for Years 3-6 this term will not commence. If there are any further updates, the community will be notified

St Oliver Feast Day

O God, who rejoices with the memory of Saint Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr, mercifully grant that we may be assisted by his merits, by whose life we are illumined. Through Jesus Christ, your Son Our Lord. Amen. Saint Oliver Plunkett (1625-1681), bishop, and martyr for the faith. During his life, Saint Oliver braved hardship, exile, persecution and death - all the while holding firmly to his faith in the Lord and thanking God "Who gave us the grace to suffer for the chair of Peter." Saint Oliver's shepherding of his people, and his faith during times of suffering, earned him a martyr's death and a rightful place in heaven. He was beatified in 1920 and canonised in 1975, thus becoming the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years.

Religious Education News

Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta has undergone much change in the last two years. Term 3 2020 marks the next step towards a new curriculum that will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new approach, currently known as the Draft New Curriculum, has been a collaboration with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. This innovative and ambitious project has led to the development of Learning Cycles (one per term), that apply scripture and tradition in a meaningful way to the contemporary life of young people. This endeavour supports our students to grow in faith and understanding through prayer, reason and action in daily life.

In Term 3, using experiential learning through student inquiry, students in Stage 3 will engage with one Learning Cycle (unit of work) from the Draft New Curriculum. In preparation for the 2021 implementation, teachers are continuing to participate in extensive theological formation and professional learning.

This is an exciting opportunity for our faith community of St Oliver's to further exclaim our commitment to empowering all our young people to discover a meaningful and flourishing life.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the term and will keep you updated about opportunities that will extend the learning experience further for students and their families.

Student prayer

Dear God, thank you for giving me another year of life. I'm thankful for all you give, for the food, for the love, a place to live. I thank you for my family and friends too. I want you to know that I love you. Amen. Chase Yr 4.

Dear God, please help us and those who have the virus to heal and stay healthy. Please keep our friends to stay with us and lead us to a positive and bright future. A hurt heart, physically and emotionally will always heal. Amen. Adrian Yr 6.

PBS4L NEWS

Congratulations to Year 2 for being Oli's Star Class for Week 10 Term 2



*Celebrating
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History of St Oliver's

Sisters of Mercy legacy at St Oliver's: In 1975 the Sisters of Mercy ended their relationship with the school and the school continued their legacy under the guidance of lay principals. The Mercy values of Mercy, Compassion, Justice, Dignity, Excellence, Hospitality, Stewardship and Service still infiltrate our school today.

From A Century's History

"Photo of the sisters"

E-safety for our children- tips and advice

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In this time where we are all spending much more time online, it is important to keep our children "e-safe". The eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online.

There is an online resource hub where parents and carers can learn about

- online risks
- how to manage these risks
- parental controls, and
- trending issues and technologies.

For tips on how to keep your children safe online visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. Here you will find information for parents as well as a section for the kids where they can learn to be an "eSafe kid".



VEGGIE FRITTERS

Ingredients

- 1 medium zucchini
- 310g can sweet corn kernels (no added salt), drained
- 1 small carrot
- 1 small Spanish onion
- 1/4 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- A pinch of cinnamon
- 3 eggs, separated
- Olive oil cooking spray
- Tzatziki to serve
- Cherry tomatoes and salad greens to serve

Method

1. Preheat oven to 150°C.
2. Grate zucchini, carrot and onion into a large bowl along with the drained corn. Add flour, cumin and cinnamon.
3. Stir through the egg yolks and season with freshly ground black pepper.
4. Whisk the egg whites until firm peaks form and gently fold through the egg yolk mixture.
5. Spray a large frying pan with olive oil and heat over medium heat.
6. Place two tablespoons of the mixture into the pan and cook for two minutes on each side, or until golden brown.
7. Remove the fritters from the pan and keep these warm in the oven. Repeat the process with the remaining mixture.
8. Serve with tzatziki, cherry tomatoes and mixed green leaves.