



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 4

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13th August 2020

**Joke of the Week:** What do you call a pig that does karate? Pork chop!!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

#### Thursday 24th

Last day of Term 3

#### Friday 25th

Staff Development Day -  
no students

### Term 4

#### Wednesday 28th

October - Rescheduled  
School Photos

On behalf of St Oliver's, we want to wish our special dads and caregivers a very happy father's day!

This year, given the current situation, we wanted to give a gift to our families with something to help celebrate in lieu of our traditional father's day stall.

We have had some parents work with companies to generously donate goods to be able to provide these gifts and the money from the mufti day also contributed to the gifts.

We would like to thank Remedy Drinks, Costco Auburn, Aldi & The Market Grocer for their generous donations.

We hope you enjoy the "Dad Stache" packs that will be coming home soon!



Barbara Young

90  
Celebrating 90  
years of Catholic  
education at St  
Oliver's  
1930-2020



## Gospel

[Mt 14:22-33](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



## Reflection

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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## SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

On the 8th August, 2020 we celebrated the Feast day of our patron Saint 'Mary Mackillop'. This year is particularly special because it is the 10 year anniversary since Mary was canonised as Australia's first Saint.

## Prayer

God, you gave us Mary MacKillop. She spent her life loving you and bringing your love to the poor children in Australia. She still works on through her Sisters of St Joseph and their Associates. We thank you God and pray that you will bless us so that we can follow her example. We ask this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On August 15th, 2020 we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her life here on earth. Mary's assumption into heaven is the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God.

### Prayer

Father in heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## FIRST EUCHARIST

This Sunday, 16th August several students in our community will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. We ask that you keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in receiving the Sacrament.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist you left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us. Thank you for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time. May your Eucharist presence keep them ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for God and neighbour, that they may continue to receive you throughout their lives. Amen.

Xavier	Metcof	Jordan	Diya	Matylda
Pierre	Francis	David	Chase	Ryan

## Sacraments of Initiation - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Due to COVID 19 the timeline for Sacraments has been delayed. Registrations for Sacrament of Reconciliation will be open later in the year.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacramental team is currently planning how this will take place. More information to come via community communication channels soon.

### Student prayer

Dear God, thank you for making earth. Thanks to you, I'm able to watch my family, classmates and teachers grow up. Thank you for making schools. I'm only in Year 4 and I've learnt so much through it all. Through all my eight years of life, I feel that everything good is thanks to you. Amen. Eleanor Yr 4

## PBS4L NEWS

### FOCUS WEEKS 4-5

At St Oliver's we are safe with our equipment and belongings.



## OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to Year 3



# InfoZone

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

## NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



The Closing Date for the 2020 Challenge is Friday August 28. So all entries on the online Student Reading Records must be completed by this date. As always, if you have problems doing this, we are very happy to do it for you. However, we will need your paper entries **BEFORE 28th August** so we have time to enter them all.

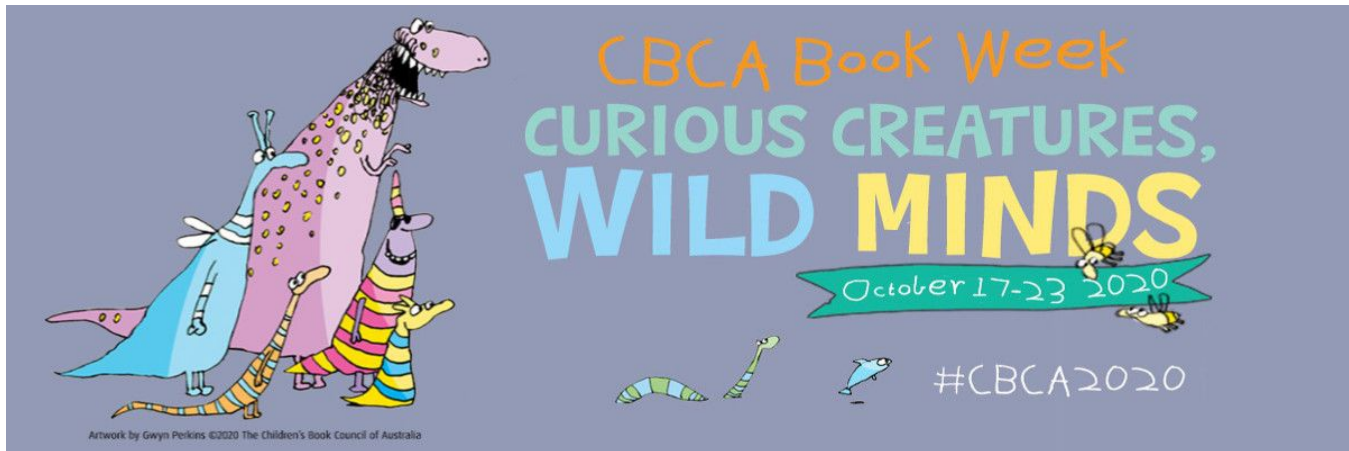
Please send your paper entries to school, signed by a parent, to indicate the correct number of books have been read. If the original paper copy has been lost, please just write on a blank

sheet of paper.



Don't forget, there have been changes to the 2020 PRC Challenge rules to help all students meet the Challenge in this difficult year.

- All students are able to include 10 choice books on their Student Reading Record.
- All students are able to include books read as part of collaborative reading with teachers or parents/carers, either in person or online. Here is a [guided video](#) to show you how to add your bonus choice books.



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