



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 8

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

10th September 2020

Joke of the Week: Why is Peter Pan always flying? He Neverlands

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

Thursday 24th
Last day of Term 3

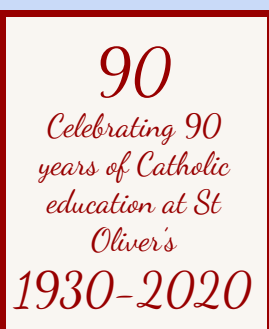
Friday 25th
Staff Development Day -
no students

Term 4

October

Monday 12th
Staff Development Day -
no students

Wednesday 28th
October - Rescheduled
School Photos



National Child Protection Week: Putting Children First

We all play a part in keeping children and young people safe and ensuring they can live and learn in a safe environment. This National Child Protection Week (6 to 12 September 2020), we pledge **commitment to listening to the voices of children and young people and remaining vigilant to their safety and wellbeing.**

In support of the National Child Protection Week theme, "Putting Children First", and in line with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is committed to the establishment and implementation of child safe systems, policies and procedures.

The aim is to have in place practices that are proactive and preventative in nature, providing children and young people with school environments where they are safe, informed, participate, and where the adult community, working together with children and young people, work towards making this happen.

Recently, CEDP have moved from what was primarily Child Protection to Safeguarding, which requires us to do things differently, enabling a greater level of proactivity, children's voice and building all-round knowledge for what is safe behaviour when working with students and children. The CEDP Safeguarding team's role is to support the implementation of the Standards, to manage concerns raised about employees, Working With Children Checks (WWCC), and to provide training, education and support to the CEDP community.

By providing the community with the knowledge, support and procedures to keep children and young people safe we are equipping everyone with the tools and skills needed to be ambassadors of child safety! Throughout 2020, CEDP's Safeguarding Team have been working on many projects to align with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

Check out www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities - after all, what's more important than the knowledge to help keep children and young people safe!

Barbara Young



Season of Creation

Pope Francis is encouraging parishes and schools to participate in a Season of Creation, commencing September 1 and ending October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth and, to this end, we will publish resources on each of the four coming Sundays. This does not override any liturgical norms.

Water Examen

Take a moment to calm yourself. Become aware of your breathing as we remember that we are in the presence of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in this Examen.

Recall the ways that water nourishes you and supports your life.

Where in your life do you feel grateful to God for the gift of water?

Review the events of this day, starting with when you woke up this morning.

When have you used water today? For drinking or eating? For washing?

When have you wasted water today or when could you have used water in better ways?

When did you take water for granted?

Ask for forgiveness from God for your shortcomings.

How could you use water better in the future?

Ask for the strength and knowledge to use water in ways that praise, reverence, and glorify God above all.

New Draft Curriculum

St Oliver's, as a part of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, takes the responsibility to teach your child/children the Catholic Faith very seriously.

Last Friday, Ms Young shared via SkoolBag, Fr Chris' response (on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta) to the recent media and additional information regarding the New Draft Curriculum in Religious Education.

Please take a moment to read the documents via SkoolBag.

More information

We understand that many of you may have questions. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website contains podcasts and videos which discuss and demonstrate the rationale and the process we have followed. These can be found at

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News-and-Events/Planning-for-the-Future/New-curriculum-to-connect-faith-learning-and-life>

There is also a dedicated email address for your questions. Please send any questions you may have to feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

The process is evolving, and the Diocese is keen to hear from our Catholic community.

Like you, we want to share the gift of our Catholic faith with the young people of St Oliver's.

Student prayer

Dear God, thank you for everything you have done for me. Thank you for the blue sky and green grass. Please can you help people suffering from Covid-19. Can you please help the poor and sick. Please help me to follow in your path. Amen. Angel Yr6

**PBS4L NEWS
FOCUS WEEK 8**



We are safe.
Safe games on the playground.

OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to
Year 5



Student - Teacher - Conferences


Our parent-student-teacher conferences have been a little different this year. The focus has been on reviewing the student's achievements and where to next for their learning journey throughout Semester 2. These conferences have occurred throughout Term 3. Your child's teacher may have contacted you already 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.

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

*History of St Oliver's
A History of Harris Park*

Harris Park is named after John Harris. John Harris was a military surgeon who arrived in Sydney on the Surprize in 1790. In October 1793, James Ruse sold his farm to John Harris, who then built the cottage known as Experiment Farm Cottage in c1795. Harris became one of the earliest major landowners in the Colony of NSW.


Father's Day Raffle Results
Congratulations to the following winners



1st - Sophia D YrK	8th - Adarsh S Yr2
2nd - Dimitri K Yr1	9th - Keith R Yr4
3rd - Celina Z Yr1	10th - Kameliah D yr5
4th - Metcof L Yr6	11th - Erik J Yr4
5th - Jaden J Yr3	12th - Ella C Yr4
6th - Zaq B Yr4	13th - Alice C yr2
7th - Zabian S Yr5	14th - Heeva P YrK
	15th - Audrey K Yr1

Lost Property
There is a lost property box in the office which has jackets, jumpers and water bottles. All of these items are not labelled. Please check in case your child has lost any items. The weather is still cool and we don't want to see the children turning up for school without their jackets.

Second Hand Uniforms
We have a number of well cared for second hand uniforms available in the office. Please feel free to come and have a look.



InfoZone

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

ONLINE SAFETY

The eSafety Commissioner has a great deal of helpful information for parents, carers and children. Please visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> to see very useful booklets such as the one reproduced in part below.

How to set up a device with safety in mind



Before young children begin to explore online, it is a good idea to activate safety features, filters and parental controls on the devices they use.

No parental control or safe search filter is 100% effective. Helping your child build good online safety habits is just as important.

Password protect devices

Add a password or passcode, that only you know, to any device your child uses. If a device uses fingerprint or face authentication, don't set this up for your child. It is important that you control and have access to all devices that your child uses.

Parental controls and shared accounts

Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. They could be specific to different devices, such as mobiles, tablets, computers, gaming consoles and smart TVs, or they may be available in different apps or programs, such as streaming services, web browsers and search engines. Parental controls may also be available on your home wi-fi network.

If a device, app or service is shared by multiple members of your family, you may be able to change the filters or privacy settings to reflect each user's age and skills. This is often done through a 'family' or shared account.

Parental controls and shared accounts can be set up to do things like:

Block — you may be able to block your child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera or buying things online).

Filter — you may be able to restrict access to different kinds of content, such as 'adult' or inappropriate content.

Monitor — you may be able to monitor your child's use of connected devices or apps, with reports on the content they access and the sites they visit, including how often and for how long.

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Congratulations to those students who have completed the 2020 Challenge under difficult circumstances this year! The Challenge has now closed. Certificates from the NSW Premier will be awarded in Term 4.

Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian