



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 4 Week 2

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

22nd October 2020

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Term 4

### October

**Wednesday 28th**  
School Photos

**Thursday 29th**  
Crazy Sock Day

### November

**Tuesday 24th**  
Kindergarten Orientation

### December

**Tuesday 1st**  
Kindergarten Orientation



### St Oliver's Christmas Raffle Donations

This year we are hoping to hold one of our biggest raffles yet. To support us in putting this raffle together we are asking families to donate goods to help make fantastic raffle prizes.

If you are able to donate, suggested donations of:

Toys

Stationery

All things Christmas

Candles, toiletries, beauty products

Gift cards for any store for any amount

Baking related items

Lottery scratchies

Food items to make up hampers: biscuits, chips, chocolate, tea, coffee, lollies

Bottles of wine/spirits/beer

We are happy for any items that can be added to hampers or make up a good raffle prize.

All items must be new & unused/unopened

If you work somewhere that would be able to provide a donation of goods or a monetary donation and require a letter from the school regarding fundraising please contact the office.

Please bring any items to school from now through to 20<sup>th</sup> November.

We hope you are well and appreciate all your support.

St Oliver's Fundraising Parent Group

Barbara Young



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



**PBS4L NEWS**  
**FOCUS WEEK 2**

At St Oliver's we are respectful by following instructions.



**OLI'S STAR CLASS**

Congratulations to Year 5



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:**

**Wednesday 28 October 2020**

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)



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October is traditionally World Mission month and Socktober invites students to engage with developing world issues through the universal language of sport. Young people are challenged to 'Sock it to Poverty' using the world game of soccer.

On Thursday 29th October we are inviting everyone to stand in solidarity by:

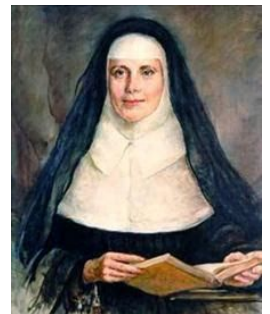
- Wearing crazy socks
- Wearing your football jersey
- Donating to Catholic Mission



On this day, students will pray, reflect for those on the margins and engage in a modified game of soccer.

## Catherine McAuley

Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland in 1831. Catherine recognised the needs of the marginalised and oppressed. She responded by establishing a House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland which provided educational, religious and social services for women and children who were at risk of homelessness. The sisters visited the sick and protected distressed women. Before she founded her Sisters of Mercy, Catherine was a household manager and companion for a wealthy Irish couple. When they both passed away they left most of their estate to Catherine. With this inheritance Catherine was able to realise her dream to help the poor. She had a large house built in Dublin to serve as a school for poor girls and a shelter for homeless girls and women. By 1830, it became necessary for Catherine's work to be formalised as a religious order and hence the Convent of Mercy was established and Catherine was installed as mother superior of the Sisters of Mercy.



The Sisters of Mercy promised God that they would help to look after sick and poor people in their community and provide education for children and young women. In Ireland at this time, nuns spent all their time in convents, but the Sisters of Mercy became known as the "walking Sisters" because they were always out and about helping in the community.

At the time of Catherine McAuley's death there were 100 Sisters of Mercy. Shortly thereafter, small groups of sisters left Ireland to establish Mercy orders in other countries. In 1846 the Sisters of Mercy, arrived in Australia and established the first Mercy school here in Western Australia on 2 February, 1846. It was built with planks, bricks and they used packing cases as furniture.

In 1978, the cause for the beatification of Catherine McAuley was opened by Pope Paul VI. Catherine McAuley was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II, on April 9th, 1990.

Our school began with the Sisters of Mercy. Their charism still infiltrates our school today. The Mercy values that Catherine McAuley and the Mercy sisters lived by are present in everything we do today at St Oliver's.

# InfoZone

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

## BOOK WEEK

Book Week may look a little different this year, but the love of literature still predominates! Please take the opportunity to share some books with your children and appreciate the joy of reading.



## 2020 CBCA WINNERS AND HONOUR BOOKS



All categories and details can be viewed at <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>

Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian