



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 8

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

3rd December 2020

**JoKE of the Week:** How did the farmer fix his overalls? With a cabbage patch

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December

#### Friday 11th

Christmas Raffle drawn

#### Wednesday 16th

End of Year  
Thanksgiving and Yr 6  
Graduation

#### Wednesday 16th

Last day of school

### TERM 1 2021

#### January

#### Wednesday 27th &

#### Thursday 28th

Staff Development Days

#### Thursday 28th

MAI Test for Yr 1-6

#### Friday 29th

MAI test for Kindy 2021  
Year 1-6 commence

#### February

#### Monday 1st

1st day for Kindergarten



## 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 **Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 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](mailto:stolivers@parra.catholic.edu.au) or 8633 8300.

## 2021 Classroom Teachers

Kindergarten - Mrs Bessounian  
Year 1 - Ms Conley  
Year 2 - Mrs Henson  
Year 3 - Ms Sarina  
Year 4 - Mrs Dib  
Year 5 - Miss Tatian  
Year 6 - Miss Vuljanic

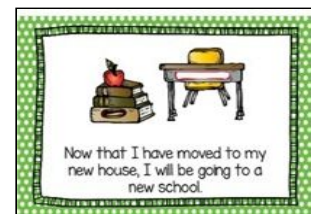
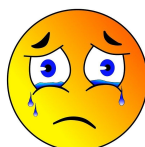


## Attendance

School attendance level target is <b>90%</b> or greater.	89.9%	This figure indicates the percentage of our children who attend school 90% to 100% of the time.
School attendance level - winning class	Yr 3 at 99.1%	Well done also to K, Yr 1 and Yr 5 at 93%

## ARE YOU LEAVING ST OLIVER'S?

If your family is not returning to St Oliver's next year, please let the office know so that appropriate paperwork can be completed.  
Thank you.



## Advent has begun

Mary received the biggest news anyone has ever heard in human history: she is chosen to bring into the world the Son of God! Religious art throughout the centuries have shown the whole heavenly world paused, holding their breath as they wait for her response. Do we realise the impact our big and small choices to follow the will of God may have on those around us – and on the whole world? Our challenge is to trust God in the midst of all that may happen in our lives, saying with Mary-like courage: “I am the Lord’s servant – may your word to me be fulfilled.”

CYP reflections



The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to ‘receive’ Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the color of violet – the same color as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve color for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.

Greg Sutner.

## Toiletries Drive

### JRS - Christmas Donations to those IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Every year, St Oliver’s generously reaches out to help those seeking asylum as refugees. Many residence of our country do not receive any ongoing assistance from the government and live in destitution and face homelessness. This Christmas, let’s join together to assist these families gain access to their basic needs.

This year we are having a **TOILETRIES** drive:

- Nappies (large sizes)
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads and napkins
- Razors and shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap

Please send these into the school with your child by Wednesday, 16th December.

Anthony Matthews  
Religious Education Coordinator

## PBS4L NEWS



A big congratulations to Kindergarten for not having recorded behaviour incidents for the last 3 weeks.

## OLI'S STAR CLASS

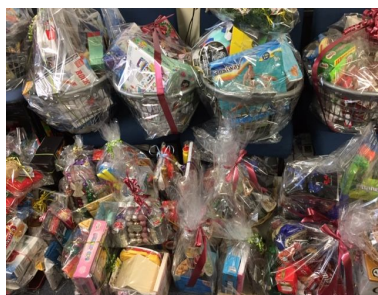
Congratulations to Yr 6



## St Oliver's Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets need to be returned by Thursday, 10th December.

Tickets are \$1 each, over 90 prizes to win. Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 11th December.



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all our families and to Kids Spot for their generous donations.

On behalf of the entire community, a very big thank you to Mrs Moses, Mrs Ross, Mrs Shomar, Mrs Neal, Mrs Xu and Mrs Kazzi who worked tirelessly to wrap all our prizes.



# InfoZone

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

## LIBRARY BORROWING AND RETURNS



Borrowing from the School Library has now closed. All books must be returned on **Monday 7th December**. However, students may continue to borrow eBooks and audiobooks through their CEDP Classm8 Account. Children are also encouraged to borrow from their local library.

Please return all books with a St Oliver's barcode on the front cover - including Home Readers and Library books. Any outstanding, lost or damaged books must be paid before the end of the year.

Please leave any book repairs for the Library staff. Do not use self-adhesive tape for repairs; this can damage the book further. Damaged or lost books must be paid for; notes will be sent home with replacement costs.

## FREE BROTHER TONER

We have some unwanted toner suitable for Brother printer models L8250CDN, L8350CDW, L8600CDW and L8850CDW. The toner codes are: TN-346C x 1; TN-346M x 1; TN-346Y x 1; TN-346K x 3. Please contact the School Office if you would like them.

## BOOKS MAKE GREAT PRESENTS!



Recreational reading is the best indicator of future reading success - so a book is a great present choice! Perhaps choose another book by an author your child loves, another book in a series, a book you'd love to read to them, a "how to" book, a non-fiction book. Remember it is quite acceptable for children to enjoy books that are a little easy for them - they need some "downtime" just the same as we all do at times. Books that are too hard just cause frustration - unless you'd like to read the book out loud to them. Children love that at any age - and it's a great bonding time for parents.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, a piece of poetry, book, e-book or animated novel. Taking part is easy! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. The more a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of **winning one of two Chromebooks or one of 30 runner-up gift vouchers to the value of \$30**. Students can enter [online](#) by visiting the [CEDP website](#). Entries open on **23 November 2020** and close at 5:00pm on 1 February 2021. Terms and Conditions can be found [here](#).

Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian