



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 2 Week 9

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

17th June 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Wednesday 23rd

Stage 3 Boys soccer
gala day

Friday 25th

Last day of term for
students

JULY

Monday 12th

Students return to
school

Thursday 29th

Multicultural Day



Sunday Gospel Reflection Mk 4:26-34

The Sowing of the Seed

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)!

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

© Fr Michael Tate;

Mrs J Dib
Acting REC

The Feast Day of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Prayer

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by our ingratitude
and pierced by our sins,
yet loving us still,
accept the Consecration
we make to Thee,
of all that we are
and all that we have.
Take every faculty
of our souls and bodies,
only day by day
draw us, nearer and nearer
to Thy Sacred Heart,
and there, as we shall hear the lesson,
teach us Thy Holy Way.
Amen*



St Oliver's Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies Leaders are calling for your help to donate to those most vulnerable. Every class has an opportunity to collect items which will be given to the Harris Park St Vincent de Paul chapter at the end of this term. Please make sure that all items are new and not used and send all items in to school by **Friday, 18th June**. We thank the community for their contributions with this so far, it is much appreciated.

PBS4L - Oli News

We are safe by
-washing our hands before eating
-washing our hands after using the bathroom

Oli Star class: Congratulations Yr 4



Enrolments - are now open for Kindergarten 2022. If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st July, 2022, you are welcome to collect an enrolment package from the office and apply for enrolment. If you know of families in the area looking for a quality Catholic education for their child, please let them know that we are currently accepting enrolments. Offers for places in our Kindergarten 2022 have begun already.

Gala Days

Gala Days are a great way for students to represent their school and be engaged in team sports. This year the Diocesan Gala Days are returning. Students in S2 & S3 who are interested in participating in the below Gala Days have been asked to nominate themselves in class.
Stage 3 - Boys soccer gala day - 23rd June
Stage 2 - Girls soccer gala day - 14th July
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Stage 3 - Girls touch football gala day 23rd July (tbc)

School Fees

School Fees are now due for those who have not set up a payment plan. Thank you to all families who have paid. Please remember to contact Mrs Anna Small or Ms Young if you are experiencing any difficulty.

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- Boys shirts
- Girls dresses, slacks, blouses and skirts

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK

It's cold and flu season!
Please keep your children at home if they are sick. We are still operating under Covid regulations. If your children have any cold and flu symptoms ie cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, high temperature, please keep them at home and take them to have a Covid test or to the doctor for a medical certificate. Please do not send them back to school until their symptoms are gone. We thank you for your perseverance and understanding during these difficult times.



Would you like to join

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lessons at school

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Remember the year 2021 has been a year of growth, change, and resilience. We are proud to have been a part of it.

"Tell them from me" survey 2021

Over the next two weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Oliver's Harris Park.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/oliver>



9 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

You may already know that your child's school is participating in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) online surveys for students, teachers and parents and carers. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta values your input into our community: I strongly encourage all families to have their say.

The survey is anonymous, voluntary, and you can skip any questions that you do not wish to answer. It's open until Friday 25 June, and each school should provide every family with a link to participate. If you need help accessing this information, please contact your school office.

These surveys provide us with important information about how we can better support our school communities. We work with each school on the areas that are identified through this process as needing attention or further focus.

The open text question in the surveys is read by your child's principal only. Any detailed information in the open text could potentially identify the respondent so generic comments are recommended.

If you would like more information or have any concerns, please contact your school.

Thank you for being part of this process that helps us to better serve your family, and children and young people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G B Whitby'.

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