



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 1

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

15 July 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

Multicultural Day postponed - New date to be advised

Following Dates Dependent on Covid Restrictions

AUGUST

4th: Cumberland Zone Athletics

18th: Book Week Incursion

25th: Book Week Parade

From the Principal

Dear St Oliver's Families,

This week I officially began my journey as a member of the St Oliver's community. And what a start it has been!! Although not 'traditional' or 'usual' in any way, I have certainly enjoyed getting to know different members of the community. With current restrictions in place, to date I have had the opportunity to get to know some staff and a few students in person. I have been fortunate enough to join various zoom sessions with the students and although my introduction has been virtual, it has been an absolute joy to take part in these sessions and to observe the children's interactions with their peers.

The children and staff have made me feel welcomed and I am blessed to have been immersed already in some of the mercy values of our school - hospitality, service and compassion. These values, which were also modelled to us by our greatest teacher Jesus, set our community apart from others. I am keen to be part of this collective vision where our students live out the mercy values.

The current reality is that things are changing day to day. In times like these, I am reminded of the words of Jeremiah, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* As we go forth into Term 3 we take courage and have faith and hope that our Lord has plans that are beyond us to understand.

I look forward to meeting families in the future and ask God to continue to bless our school community as we embark onto Term 3.

Pascale Joseph
Principal

RE NEWS

Saint Oliver Plunkett our community Patron Saint

Saint Oliver Plunkett (1st November 1625 - 1st July 1681) was the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He maintained his duties in Ireland in the face of English persecution and was eventually arrested and tried for treason in London. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn on 1 July 1681, and became the last Roman Catholic martyr to die in England. Oliver Plunkett was beatified in 1920 and canonised in 1975, the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years. As a community we celebrate the legacy, life and intercession in our lives of Saint Oliver at our Multicultural Day.



NAIDOC Week 2021 July 4-11



NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Throughout the coming weeks classes will engage in a broad range of topics, and learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Sunday 21st November

Registration

Registration for candidates into the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 are now open. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final step for completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. To be eligible for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time your child must be 10 years of age by 30th of June 2021 and have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist. While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptized as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community. It is important for you to discern if your child is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time. The Sacrament of Confirmation program is also supported by learning in the classroom in Year 6, Term 4 as they participate in the cycle of learning in which they inquire 'What is my existential purpose?.'



The family centered program will begin in Term 3 and throughout Term 4 with the ceremony taking place on Sunday 21st November.

[Please click here to register online](#)

Multicultural Day

In light of the current NSW Government continuing measures in response to COVID-19 to ensure all our safety we have paused our planned Multicultural Day. More information to come soon.

Parramatta Diocesan Sport Update

Following the recent announcements from the NSW Government about continued measures in response to COVID-19, ALL sporting events scheduled in Week 1 to 3 for Term 3 are POSTPONED.



ZOOM - Video Conferencing

Congratulations must go to all our parents and students for your hard work with remote learning. It has been great to see our students participating in our Zoom sessions.

Below are some helpful hints for your family to assist in using ZOOM conferencing at home. We recommend that you take the time to explore and discuss these with your child. It is important that during this period of home learning we maintain safe and responsible use of information and communication technologies. Normal school protocols, privacy and information protection and respectful communication must be observed when students are communicating with peers and teachers via video conferencing e.g Zoom.

Resources for Parents:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au>



Below are some helpful hints for accessing ZOOM meetings.

Before the lesson starts

- ★ Your child should be dressed appropriately.
- ★ Ensure that your child has audio turned off unless invited by the teacher.
- ★ Talk with your child that the rules used at school also apply in a virtual classroom, and poor or unacceptable behaviour will carry consequences.
- ★ Provide a quiet space to meet online using an internet enabled device

Ensure others in your house know your child will be in a Zoom session video conference.

- ★ Make family members and the student aware that they can be heard by the whole class if speaking too close to the microphone. *Parents can help with siblings and other family members while the Zoom is going to help make sure that there are no distractions.*

Make sure that your child is in a room *clear of things that might impinge on your family's privacy.*

What to look for while students are online in a structured lesson

- ★ Make sure that they are on task and using the computer for the correct reasons. Rarely would a game like "MineCraft" be played during a video conference. Your child should be engaged in the lesson. This would include active listening, asking questions and completing online exercises.
- ★ Ensure your child is working with the ***computer in an ergonomic manner.*** For example, sitting in a chair, back straight, feet flat on the floor and screen adjusted to a comfortable height.

If you are having trouble accessing ZOOM

Below are some video instructions on accessing ZOOM from a variety of digital platforms.

CHROMEBOOK

<https://youtu.be/PF9HuhqcOe4>

IPAD

<https://youtu.be/8NfTCOTJE2U>

Macbook/Windows

<https://youtu.be/N-NQr-TBqSk>

WHEN USING ZOOM FOR REMOTE LEARNING

MY DEVICE IS SET UP IN A QUIET SPACE IN FRONT OF A WALL WITHOUT ANY DISTRACTIONS

I AM WEARING NEAT AND TIDY CLOTHES. MY HAIR IS BRUSHED.

I HAVE LOGGED IN TO MY PARRASTU ACCOUNT WITH SSO.

I HAVE CLICKED THE LINK TO JOIN THE MEETING AND AM IN THE WAITING ROOM

I HAVE CLICKED START VIDEO TO SHOW MY TEACHER I AM WATCHING. I WILL BE RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE.

I WILL PRESS RAISE HAND IF I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AND WAIT FOR MY TEACHER TO UNMUTE ME. THEN I WILL LOWER MY HAND.

Listen, Participate and Enjoy Learning Online!