



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 10

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

9th December 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### December

#### Friday 10 Dec

6pm - Christmas Celebration on Zoom

#### Tuesday 14 Dec

9:30am - Whole School Mass - In recognition of Mr Matthews and Mrs Newman

#### Wednesday 15 Dec

12noon - Thanksgiving Celebration on zoom.  
1:30pm - Last day of Term for those students who are onsite

#### Monday 31 Jan

-MAI Testing- Yrs 1 - 6

#### Tuesday 1 Feb

- Yrs 1 - 6 commence  
- MAI Testing - Kinder

#### Wednesday 2 Feb

- Kinder commence



## STAFFING 2022

Dear St Oliver's Parents and Carers,

Inspiring every child and young person to be lifelong learners, global citizens and successful people engaged in their community is important. Research shows that the most successful schools engage students, parents, carers and the community as partners in supporting student learning and wellbeing. It is our intention in 2022 to further nourish the parent-teacher relationship by providing opportunities for engagement.

With this in mind, I would like to announce the St Oliver's Staff for 2022.

### Leadership Team:

Principal - Pascale Joseph

Assistant Principal - Kareena Starr

Acting Religious Education Coordinator - Jaquelin Dib

Leader of Learning - Lyndall Conley

### Teaching Team:

Kindergarten - Amy Henson

Year 1 - Jaquelin Dib

Year 2 - Suzanne Sarina

Year 3 - Jeanette Dib & Nicolette Spyrou

Year 4 - Eva Bessounian

Year 5 - Emily Vuljanic

Year 6 - Lyndall Conley

**Learning Technology Support Teacher (LTST)** - Lesley Quinn

### Release From Face to Face (RFF Team)

Sports - Kesni Hayes

Music - Andrew Grahame

Languages (Japanese) - Taylor Laporte

Teacher Librarian - Lesley Quinn

### Teacher's Aides

Kindergarten - Raech Almendras/ Theresa Abood

Stage 1 - Renata Dickinson

Stage 2 - Samantha Roberts

Stage 3 - Jasmine Anvia

### Office Team:

School Finance Officer - Anna Small

Administration - Kim Myers

Administration/Library - Jan Fingleton



**This Friday 10th December is our St Oliver's Christmas Celebration. This event will be zoomed- the link will be sent as a skoolbag.**

The Christmas Concert will begin at **6pm**.

We encourage you to get your extended family and friends together for this special event. Alternatively, should grandparents and other family members who are far away wish to partake, they will be able to do so with the link that will be shared.

***Please note that our Year 6 students will be leading the event and will be our live on-site audience for this special evening.***

We look forward to celebrating with our school community for this joyous occasion of the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

### **Thanksgiving Liturgy**

Wednesday 15th December marks the last day of term. On this day we will give thanks for the solidarity, unity and compassion that we gave witness to in 2021. It has been a year of Hope and one which will be remembered as a blended and hybrid year.

On Wednesday 15th December @ 12:00pm the Thanksgiving Liturgy will take place. This will take place over zoom therefore, you and your family can give witness to this memorable event online. Further details, including the zoom link, will be communicated to you via Skoolbag.

At the liturgy we will witness:

#### Liturgy of the Word

- Address by Very Rev Christopher de Souza

#### Blessings and awards ceremony

- Blessing and farewell to those departing the community
- Awards for those who have achieved excellence in a variety of ways

***The COVID Safe plan requires this event to be held outside if all cohorts are to be together. In the case of sweat/wet weather the liturgy will be moved to the Church.***

**Farewell - New Beginnings - Transformation**

Today will mark the last newsletter item which I will address to the St Oliver's community for now.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks.

I truly know that this community is a community of love. This has been so evident in how you have moved my heart in the last five years. From the welcome you give when you greet me, to the innovation of ideas which always put students at the centre. Therefore, you the St Oliver's learning community are an embodiment of Christ.

Thank you all for helping me give witness to the way of Jesus and as a result supporting me to take on my next transformation.

St Oliver's is forever etched in my heart and will be carried in my spirit in my daily life.

Here is a final note which I pass to you:

*Imagine possibilities and strive to create new ideas. Always serve for the common good, so that we can lead and give witness to the local and global world.*

God bless you all.

Anthony Matthews  
Religious Education Coordinator  
2017-2021  
St Oliver's Primary School

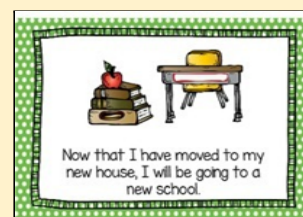
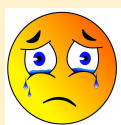
### 2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials - Expression of Interest registration window open

Please click on the following link to view information about:

[2022 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents \(1\).pdf](#)

### 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.



All Library books are due back to the library by tomorrow, Friday 10th December.

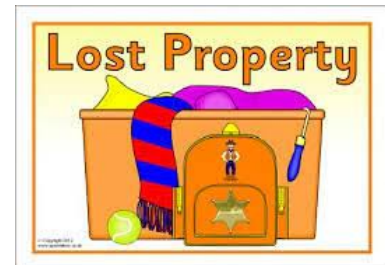
There will be no borrowing in Week 11.

However, eBooks and audioBooks are always available through our eLibrary.



# Lost Property

Unlabelled clothing is being handed into lost property on a daily basis. Please ensure your child's clothing is properly labelled, otherwise we have no way of returning it to them. If any clothing is handed into lost property that cannot be identified it will automatically be placed into our second hand clothing pool for purchase.



**PBS4L - Focus** - We are safe  
- Right Place, Right Time



## MATHEMATICAL ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS

The online booking system is now open to book your 2022 Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI) for all students. The time slots go fast. There are not enough time slots for all students in a class to undergo the assessment on the set day. These students will be assessed during school time in the first weeks of Term 1, 2022.

School event code  
aegwv Go

Enter THIS school event code **aegwv**  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

- 1 Enter your details
- 2 Choose teachers
- 3 Choose times

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.  
You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

## 2022 START DATES

Friday 28th January - Staff Development Day  
Monday 31st January - Yrs 1 - 6 MAI Testing  
Tuesday 1st February - Yrs 1 - 6 commence  
Tuesday 1st February - Kindergarten MAI Testing  
Wednesday 2nd February - Kindergarten commence

## STUDENT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Please remember to either **ring the school office** or **send a Skoolbag** notification if your child is going to be away from school. Please do not send the notes through Seesaw as the office does not have access to the Seesaw app.

### Merrylands West School Uniform & Workwear Centre

455 Merrylands Rd  
Merrylands, 2160  
Mon-Thurs : 9am - 5pm  
Friday 12 - 4pm  
Saturday 10am - 3pm  
Tel: 02 9637 4502

Merrylands have big discounts on St Oliver's uniform, particularly the smaller sizes.

# InfoZone

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

## THANK YOU!

It has been a year of many challenges, but also many achievements. A warm thank you to those who have assisted and persisted to keep a productive learning environment for our students. Students and parents' technology skills have "zoomed" ahead, with many becoming comfortable with Seesaw, the Google suite of programs and our eLibrary to name just a few. Thank you also to our Library and Technology Monitors who did an admirable job when they could function in Covid-free conditions!

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All successful students who achieved the Challenge have received the certificates this week.

## COMPETITION PRIZES

Congratulations to our "Lockdown Book Week" competition winners Liam, Michaela and Stefania who have received their prizes this week!

## RETURN OF BOOKS



All Library books and Home Readers should now be returned to school. All items will be disinfected and quarantined in preparation for 2022.

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.

## 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 2021-2022



[ENTER HERE!](#)

[GUIDE TO SORA - animated video](#)

Great for holiday reading!

**KEEP READING!**

Our school eLibrary is always available!

[St Oliver's Library](#)

Mrs Lesley Quinn  
Teacher Librarian