



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 6

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

11th November 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 16th
Kindergarten
Transition
Program

Friday 12th
Leadership
Afternoon

Friday 26th
Leadership
Afternoon

December

Friday 10th
Christmas
celebration



NEW BEGINNINGS

Dear St Oliver's Parents and Carers,

Scripture says that we are new creations in Christ as *"the old has passed away; behold, the new has come"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Whether you're finding the 'new' post-lockdown or starting a different kind of new chapter in your life, we are urged to look to the Word of God for wisdom and confidence.

As our 2022 Kindergarten students made their new beginning at St Oliver's this week, our Year 6 students will soon look to a new beginning in high school. With barely a few weeks to get their heads around the old and the new of 2021, it seems that new beginnings are around the corner for all our students and staff.

It was with great joy that we welcomed our 2022 Kindergarten students on Tuesday for a transition session. There were mixed emotions in the faces of our new family members but like all beginnings this period of adjustment is to be expected. The Bible offers advice and encouragement for beginning a new chapter by providing strength and support.

He makes all things new.

*"For I am about to **do something new**. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."*

In the above passage God is telling the Israelites that despite all their spiritual failures, His mercy abounds to them. He will pour out His love on them. God was taking them on a **new journey**. He promises new beginnings for us all. We pray that God's love will pour out onto our 2022 Kindergarten students as they visit our school in weeks to come and into the new year.

*Look into your present life and see what **new path** God is forging for you.*

With the Advent season only a few weeks away may God empower us **anew** with divine grace that opens our hearts and minds to the new beginnings that lay ahead of us.

Stay safe,
Pascale Joseph



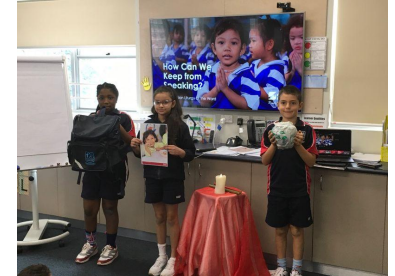
Gospel

[Mk 12:38-44](#)

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In response to Sunday's Gospel - called to contribute in unison with our heart. The giving that is pictured in Sunday's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

What is most important is that we learn to give with our heart not for the reward. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.



Thank you for all your contributions last Friday as we celebrated our solidarity with Catholic Mission.

JRS DONATIONS NEEDED!

In response to Sunday's Gospel, this Advent we have the opportunity to stand in solidarity with the marginalized and give generously.

JRS are asking for donations of Gift Cards, or stable non perishable food items. Please don't send anything glass or breakable. A list is below. See the flyer.

Please place donations in the basket at the front of the office by Wednesday, 1st December.

OUR FOOD BANK CURRENTLY FEEDS OVER 900 PEOPLE PER WEEK THANKS TO COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE IN THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY.

BRING JOY, HOPE & LOVE THIS ADVENT

St Oliver's is collecting donations for families and individuals who have lost employment, cannot leave the country and do not have access to ongoing Federal Government support.

Gift Cards

JRS is asking for **gift cards** that will allow our families to shop for gifts, food, or other items for their children. \$50 gift cards would be the most useful, but we'd also be very happy with \$20 & \$30. As with last year, Coles/Myers cards are the most useful.

Food

These are the items we need most:

- Basmati Rice (1kg bags)
- Cooking Oil (750ml, 1L, 2L)
- Longlife Milk (1L)
- Snacks - biscuits and muesli bars (particularly snacks for school lunches)
- Toiletries - toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Nappies - sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 are most needed right now

Donations will be delivered on 2nd December.



ST OLIVER'S IS GOING CASHLESS!

All schools across the Diocese are now going **Cashless**. For St Oliver's this means that we will also be going cashless. We will have a phase in period this year, but as of next year, no more cash will be accepted by our school. Payments can still be made by Eftpos (this is available over the phone), (COVID restrictions apply) or parents can use our new cashless app Qkr.



Qkr Mobile Phone Payment App

St Oliver's are offering a new easy online payment service through Qkr by Mastercard. Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') is a mobile phone application and is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.

Please click on this link for easy instructions for how to download Qkr to your phone [How to use the Qkr App](#)

Events, excursions, fundraisers etc will be set up in Qkr by the school for easy access for parents. Information will be sent home to parents as events or fundraisers happen. The service is not available for school fee payments.

PBS4L - Focus - We are safe

- Safe with equipment and belongings



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Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 10-3

40% OFF
SAL on school uniforms

ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS IN ONE PLACE...

- 40% off selected uniforms for St. Oliver's Primary
- Grosby school shoes – 30% off second pair (equal or lesser value)
- Boys shirts and shorts
- Girls dresses, slacks, blouses and skirts

Only small sizes available

3 DAY EVENT
18TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF*
SCHOOLWEAR
& EVERYTHING ELSE!

DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS

*T&Cs APPLY. SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INSTORE & ONLINE

As per COVID guidelines

Parents will not be permitted on our school site



InfoZone

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021-2022

A colorful poster for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. It features a stack of books on the left and a drawing of an open book at the top. The text reads: "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Summer READING Challenge". Below that, it says "WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER! Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of two \$500 JB Hi-Fi vouchers or one of thirty gift vouchers valued at \$30 each. THE MORE BOOKS YOU READ. THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE TO WIN. Enter online www.parra.catholic.edu.au." At the bottom, there is a logo for Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and the text "Competition opens on 1 November 2021 and closes at 5pm on 25 February 2022. Terms and Conditions apply."

[ENTER HERE!](#)

KEEP READING!

Our school eLibrary is always available!

[St Oliver's Library](#)

[GUIDE TO SORA - animated video](#)



MAGAZINES FOR KIDS NOW ON SORA

Simultaneous Use Magazines for Kids on SORA. Explore Over 90 magazines!

[eMagazines](#) including titles such as Geographic Explorers, Australian Quarterly, Newsweek International, World Soccer, and Highlights for Children

BOOK FAIR CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, Our Scholastic Book Fair has been cancelled this year.

SCAMS AWARENESS WEEK 2021

[Government Alert - Scams](#)

Scams Awareness Week 2021 takes place 8-12 November. This Scams Awareness Week we're encouraging everyone to start a conversation about scams to reduce stigma and help people recognise a scam sooner, or prevent scams from happening in the first place.

Mrs Lesley Quinn, Teacher Librarian