



Prepare Your Hearts

*Take a moment to be still,
Listen to your mind, body and
hearts,
Listen to the breath you breathe in
and the breath you breathe out.
God is with us.*

February, 4, 2022

To our OLSH School Community,

To say I have enjoyed my first full week at OLSH would be a dramatic understatement! I have absolutely loved it. The learners are just a wonderful group of young people who appear so inclusive and supportive of one another, I could not be more impressed. The staff have been brilliant to work with and have an incredible desire to learn and improve and to support the students in whatever way possible to help ensure their success and development. And finally, the parents that I have met have been super friendly and a great reflection of the values you have obviously passed on to your children. It feels really nice to be here, thanks to everyone for being so welcoming and friendly.

Break Times

We have had our first week of the new way of having our break times, formerly known as recess and lunch! Both break times are now 45 minutes in length with the first 30 minutes for playing and the last 15 minutes for eating. Everyone seems to be right on board with it and agreeing that it appears to have a positive impact in so many ways. One added bonus is that the students are coming into the classrooms after eating so calm and ready to learn - brilliant!!

Bakery Lunches

We will once again be making available the option of students being able to order their lunch through the Elmore Bakery on Mondays and Thursdays. To fit in with our new schedule for eating, the lunches will be delivered and ready to eat by 11.30 on both of these days.

Beginning of Year Liturgy

The beginning of year Liturgy was originally scheduled for this next Friday, but we have decided to delay it until **February 25** in the hope that a change in COVID gathering conditions might be possible by this stage allowing parents to gather with us for this important ceremony. Fingers crossed!

School Assembly

At our staff meeting we made the decision to move our school assemblies from Friday to **Thursday**, starting next week. This allows for the participation and input from our wonderful music teacher, Glenda Bancell, who only works at our school on a Thursday. When regulations allow, we would love for parents and friends to be able to join in this weekly celebration from 3.10 onwards.

Pupil Free Day

As part of the commitment of our staff to continually improve themselves, we will be having a **pupil free day on Friday, February 18**. Staff will be participating in an initiative known as Visible Learning, which they began last year. Visible Learning supports educators in knowing the conditions and strategies that have the greatest impact on enhancing student learning.

Elmore Charity Ball

Just a reminder that we are looking for volunteers to support the Elmore Charity Ball to be held on March 12. From what I have heard this is a wonderful fundraising event for our school, so it would be terrific if we could get behind it and offer to help in any way we can. Notes were sent home early this week with all of the details. Please let me know if you would like to receive this information again.

Dental Screening

All children in our school have the opportunity to undergo a free dental check through Bendigo Health Dental Services. This will take place on Friday, March 25. Students were sent home with all information pertaining to this service, today.

Have a wonderful weekend and great week ahead,

Craig

The fortnight ahead:

Mon - Feb 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campaspe News - Foundation students photo	Mon - Feb 14	
Tue - Feb 8		Tue - Feb 15	
Wed - Feb 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation students rest day	Wed - Feb 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation students rest day
Thurs - Feb 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist Program	Thurs - Feb 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist Program
Fri - Feb 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postponed - Beginning year Mass	Fri - Feb 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PUPIL FREE DAY

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