



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 3

10th February 2022

COMING UP AT OLSH...

FEBRUARY 2022

Wed 16	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 18	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Wed 23	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 25	Beginning of Year Mass
Fri 25	Campaspe Swimming Carnival - TBC

MARCH 2022

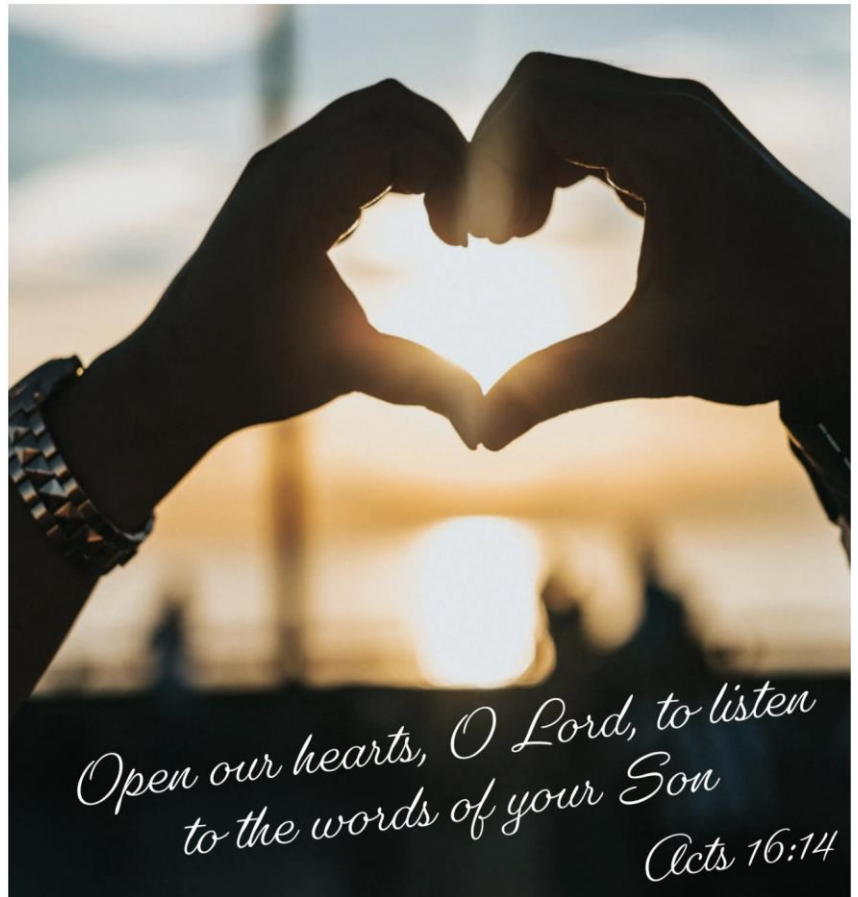
Tue 1	Shrove Tuesday
Wed 2	Ash Wednesday
Wed 2	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 4	Cluster Swimming Carnival - TBC
Fri 12	Elmore Charity Ball
Sat 13	Charity Ball Clean-up
Mon 14	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 15	Foundation students start full time
Tues 15	School Photos - TBC
Fri 25	School Dental Programme

APRIL 2022

Wed 6	Cluster Cross Country - TBC
Wed 6	Resilience Project Parent Night
Fri 8	Last Day Term 1

MAY 2022

Tues 26	First Day Term 2
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From the Principal ...

This week has seen all of us begin to really settle into our routines and set the scene for what promises to be a great year of learning.

Fingers crossed we haven't been hit by COVID as yet, but I urge all families to stay diligent with the testing regimes, now that we have our full allocation of Rapid Antigen Tests available. This should include all family members testing themselves, or being tested, on a Sunday and Wednesday evening. Please be mindful of not sending the children to school if they are showing any symptoms so that we avoid any possibility of passing this virus amongst ourselves.

I would like to welcome Liarna Randall as a new addition to our staff. Liarna will be working on a Thursday in our office fulfilling some of duties required to keep ourselves compliant and up to speed with the myriad administration tasks required of the school.

Please note some important information in the body of the newsletter in regard to Conveyance Allowance and Camps, Sports & Excursion funding.

Have a wonderful week ahead everyone!

Craig Simpson
Principal

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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BEGINNING OF YEAR LITURGY

We will be coming together to celebrate the start of another fantastic school year with our beginning of year Liturgy on Friday 25th February at 2.30pm in the Chevie Centre.

We hope that families will be able to attend to help welcome in our new year, however we will confirm this closer to the day.

Denise Nihill (Catholic Identity Leader)

ELMORE BAKERY PIE DRIVE

A reminder to all families to ensure they return their Pie Drive order forms to school by next Thursday 17th February. Payment can be made directly to Elmore Bakery via EFT or cash can be sent with the order form to the school office.

If you have lost your order form, please see your classroom teacher to collect a new one. Orders will be ready for collection directly from Elmore Bakery on Thursday 3rd March between 12.30pm and 4pm.

Thank you for supporting our school by participating in our fundraising.

GRADE 6 TOPS

Our Grade 6 students were very excited to received their Grade 6 t-shirts today. They couldn't wait to show them off!



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Amelia, Chase, Chevi, Ruby & Trey for being named our Learners of the Week!

REMINDERS:

- Photograph Permission forms are due back now
- School Dental programme permission forms are due back by 1st March
- Pie Drive Fundraiser through Elmore Bakery forms are due back (with payment) by Monday 21st February
- Elmore Charity Ball volunteer forms are due now

School News

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM



Elmore Primary School has reached out to us to let us know that OSHClub will now be offering an After-School Care Program onsite at their school. Arrangements are currently be made to transport any students from OLSH that would like to use the service to Elmore PS of an afternoon.

The session cost for care is \$28, however the service is eligible for child care subsidy. After subsidy, you could be out of pocket as little as only \$4.20 (based on maximum rebate). Sessions run from the end of the school day through to 6pm.

More information, including booking information, will be sent out when these arrangements have been finalised.

If you believe you would like to use the service one it is available, please email admin@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au. Please include the days of the week you would be interested in enrolling your child/ren as well as contact name and mobile number that we can pass on to Elmore Primary School if needed.

Please DO NOT complete any online enrolment for your child/ren until we notify the community that arrangements have been finalised.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2022

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The allowance is available to parents who are required to –



- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps. Application Forms are available from the school office and must be completed by a parent/guardian.

Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2021 do not need to complete a new form in 2022 unless their children enrolled at OLSH in 2022 have changed (i.e. Gr 6 student left at the end of 2021 or a Foundation child commenced in 2022). If your family circumstances have changed, a new form needs to be completed in 2022. If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application and Authority to Pay forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 11 March 2022 please.

Further information can be found at: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy>

If you are unsure if you may be eligible, please do not hesitate to contact Nerida in the school office.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$125.

HOW TO APPLY: New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the site listed below. If you received a CSEF payment in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances or your concession card details. Check with the school office if you are unsure or go to <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Community News

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Thursday, 17 February 2022

9 am to 3 pm

Opposite Elmore Bakery, Railway Place

ELMORE

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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Australia

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JUNIOR AFL FOOTBALL – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Junior Teams

Under 10s

Under 12s

Under 14s

Mixed Girls and Boys!



Playing under the Mt Pleasant banner in the Bendigo
Junior Football league fixture.

**For further details & interested,
contact Sonya Browne on 0438 904 611**