# From the Heart

#### **Newsletter No. 6**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

#### COMING UP AT OLSH...

MARCH 2022	
Fri 4	Cluster Swimming Carnival
Wed 9	Foundation Students Rest Day
Fri 11	Dental Programme forms due
Sat 12	Elmore Charity Ball
Sun 13	Charity Ball Clean-up
Mon 14	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 15	Foundation students start full time
Tue 15	School Photos
Wed 16	Advisory Council Meeting – 7pm
Wed 23	PSG Meetings
Fri 25	School Dental Programme
Fri 25	Sandhurst Switches Off
APRIL 2022	
Wed 6	Cluster Cross Country - TBC
Wed 6	Resilience Project Parent Night
Fri 8	Last Day Term 1
Fri 10	Palm Sunday
Fri 15	Good Friday
Sun 17	Easter Sunday
Mon 18	Easter Monday
Mon 25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tue 26	First Day Term 2

Lent is a journey of returning to the essential, during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting.

Pope Francis

### From the Principal ...

To our OLSH School Community,

The weeks appear to be flying by! From my perspective that is a great sign as each day is filled with purposeful learning and joyful playing! Whilst I have spoken about the students previously, I really commend our staff highly. They are a dedicated and energised group of professionals who really value the privilege of their roles and are continually learning themselves and looking to improve in all they do.

MAY 2022 Mon 2 – Fri 6 Catholic Education Week

This week it has been wonderful to acknowledge and celebrate the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is how we begin Lent, and Denise Nihill brought together a thoughtful and meaningful liturgy for us all to engage in on Wednesday afternoon. Once again, I emphasise that Lent is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the things we can do to help others and to have a positive impact on the lives of those around us.

Last week Glenda Bancell, our music teacher, informed me that she will be finishing up in her role at the end of the school term. Glenda and Paul are looking to travel and perform around our magnificent country. Whilst we are all saddened to have Glenda finish up because she is so good at what she does, we wish her and Paul all the best in this exciting new adventure. I will be looking for a replacement music teacher over the upcoming weeks.

Lastly, next Wednesday is the last one that our Foundation students will have off. Following the Labour Day long weekend, on March 14, we look forward to having our Foundation students with us full time!

Have a wonderful week ahead everyone.

Craig Simpson Principal

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## School News

ASH WEDNESDAY

(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

Lent starts small. Over forty days it will grow into a movement to change the world and us with it. But at the outset it asks us to remember that we are dust. To wear ashes on our foreheads as a reminder to keep what goes on behind our foreheads in perspective. To use the colour purple in our worship, the colour of a bruise, a reminder that we are all hurt and need healing. To take a moment of honesty. To go into our private places and shut the door and to discover the God who finds us in our secret places and brings us into the light. To think about how we spend our time and energy and what really matters.

Loving God, help us to find you once again. Our search for you asks us sometimes to be still. For You are all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness. You call us 'fellow workers.' May Lent renew our energy to find what matters And to serve your kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

Denise Nihill (Catholic Identity Leader)



#### PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION FORMS – DUE NOW

Thank you to the families who have returned their **2022 Photograph/Recording Permission forms** Any students who have not yet returned their form will have received a new copy today to bring home.

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Please ensure these forms are completed and returned to the school office **as soon as possible.** If you have any questions about the form, please speak to Nerida or Liarna in the school office.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS - ORDERS DUE NOW

School photos are on Tuesday 15th March.

Order envelopes were sent home last week with the eldest child in each family. You should have one envelope for each student.

**Please return your orders to the school ASAP**. No change will be given on the day so it is vital that parents hand in envelopes that have the correct money enclosed.

Students should wear their school uniform and black school shoes on the day.





#### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

As we start to get some chillier mornings, a reminder that school uniforms can be ordered at any time by:

- Calling Hip Pocket on 5480 1027 or
- Visiting Hip Pocket at 173 Pakenham St, Echuca.

We are grateful to them for working with us to provide school uniforms.

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Jimmy, Ivy, Reno, Zyrah & Scout for being named our Learners of the Week!



#### BENDIGO HEALTH DENTAL SERVICES: SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAMME – FORMS DUE 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

It has been great to see lots of our families returning their Dental Program consent forms ready for the Free Oral Health Screenings on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

There is still time to return your consent forms and have your child see the Bendigo Health Dental Services team! In order to adequately plan for their visit, we ask that all consent forms are returned by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. If you need another copy of the consent form sent home, or if you do not wish for your child/ren to be seen by the Dental services team, please let the school office now by phone or email <u>admin@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au</u>.



#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM - NOW AVAILABLE!



OSHClub is our new provider of After School Care at Elmore Primary School! The program at Elmore Primary School is also open for the children of Our Lady of Sacred Heart Primary School.

Parents who are interested in using afterschool care with OSHClub at the Elmore Primary School can now enrol online at <a href="https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/elmore-primary-school/">https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/elmore-primary-school/</a>

Once you have enrolled, please let the us know and advise us if you intend to use the shuttle bus between the schools to transport your child to the OSH Club.

### **Community News**

