



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 1

2nd February 2023

COMING UP AT OLSH...

FEBRUARY 2023

Wed 8 th	Learning Conversations (2pm – 6pm)
Mon 14 th	Elmore Fields Days AGM
Thu 16 th	Beginning of Year Mass & Picnic (6pm)
Wed 22 nd	Ash Wednesday Liturgy (2.30pm)
Fri 24 th	Cluster Swimming Carnival

MARCH 2023

Mon 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 14 th	School Photo Day
Fri 24 th	National Ride to School Day
Wed 29 th	PSG Meetings

APRIL 2023

Sun 2 nd	Palm Sunday
Thu 6 th	Last Day of Term 1
Fri 7 th	Good Friday
Sun 9 th	Easter Sunday
Mon 10 th	Easter Monday
Mon 24 th	First Day Term 2
Tue 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

A Blessing for the New School Year

With gratitude for the gift of a fresh new year
we ask blessing on our whole community—
May every classroom be a place of respect and possibility.
May every staffroom and playground be a place of
friendship and laughter.
May every hall and assembly be a place of connection.
May every library be a place of discovery.
May every tree and plant call us to care for creation.
May every snack and lunch remind us of those who are
hungry.
May every student grow in confidence and love of life.
May every teacher find daily vision and hope.
May every support worker help create a sense of belonging.
May every leader find openness and patience.
May every parent grow in wisdom.
May every name in this school be blessed
Because each person is precious
And only together can we learn and grow.

by Michael McGirr, 2023



From the Principal ...

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our new school year. It appears as though all of our children had a lovely break, with quite a few getting away on some exciting sounding adventures. We have had such a wonderful first few days together, with all students coming back ready to reconnect and continue on their respective learning journeys. Our staff have hit the ground running and we are all super excited to continue our work together and support all children in becoming the best they can be, both as a learner and as a person. Speaking of this, please see inside for the statements that we have created as a staff about our shared purpose in working with your children whilst they are with us here at OLSH.

BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS AND PICNIC

Please note that our beginning of the year Mass will be held on **Thursday 16th February**, beginning at 6.00pm in the church. This will be followed by a BYO picnic back at school as a way to bring our community together and acknowledge the new beginnings of our school year. It would be wonderful to have as many families as possible come along to this important celebration.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Next **Wednesday 8th February, from 2.00pm to 6.00pm**, we are holding our initial learning conversations between parents and teachers. This is an opportunity for you, as parents, to pass on information about your child and help set them up for a positive school year ahead. This also helps to build strong relationships between school and home and ensure that we are working together for the betterment of each child in our care. Please book your 15-minute time slot via PAM.

WELCOME LOLA

It has been delightful to have Lola Mullane join us in Foundation this year. Lola has two big brothers to look after her, but it looks like she has always been here. Well done a such a wonderful start to your school life, Lola.

SEESAW

Seesaw is our main source of communication between school and home. Can everyone please make sure that they have the app downloaded and preferably have notifications turned on. We are trying hard not to overuse it, but rather only post out to parents when there is something valuable or important to share. It really helps our teachers to know that people are interacting with the posts that are sent out, thank you.

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

W: olshelmore.catholic.edu.au

PH: 54326254

E: principal@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au

ELMORE FIELD DAYS AGM

I received an email during the week asking me to pass on to our community that the Elmore Field Days AGM is being held on Tuesday 14th February at the Elmore Events Centre beginning at 8.00pm.

Have a great week everyone!

Craig Simpson (Principal)

Our Purpose

To help in the development of each child so that they become the best **person** and **learner** they are capable of being

The Person

We aim to assist all of our students to grow in understanding of, and relationship with Jesus, while being **thoughtful contributors** to the community and who are **kind, confident** and **true to themselves**, whilst being able to **navigate the challenges** that life throws up.

The Learner

We aim to help our students to know **how learning happens** and to support them in developing **independence, self-motivation** and **self-regulation** in their own learning endeavours

School News

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Lola, Arlia, Ashley, Zayde & Charlie (not pictured) for being named our Learners of the Week!



OFFICE HOURS/DAYS

The school office has had a small change in hours this year. We will now open from 8.30 am - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday. You will find Nerida in the office Monday – Wednesday, and every second Friday (even weeks). Liarna is in the office every Thursday.

Should you try and call on a Friday (odd weeks) and the phone isn't answered, please call again! Someone will answer!

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School Fee statements for the 2023 school year were emailed to families today. These have been sent directly via our admin system, so please double check your junk/spam folder if it hasn't arrived. If you did not receive your statement, or would like a hard copy, please contact the school office.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

This afternoon, students will bring home a copy of the current contact details we have stored in our admin system for checking. We also ask that you log in to your PAM account to create, update and/or review your child's medical details and photo permissions.

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 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances (e.g. a new child starting school) or your concession card details.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2023

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 2022 do not need to complete a new form in 2023 unless their children enrolled at OLSH in 2023 have changed (i.e. Gr 6 student left at the end of 2022 or a Foundation child commenced in 2023). If your family circumstances have changed, a new form needs to be completed in 2023. If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 10 March 2023.

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

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

MORNING BUS 	
M	Junior Room (Mrs Colbert)
T	Middle Room (Miss Forbes)
W	Library (Mr Simpson)
T	Library (Ms Nihill)
F	Senior Room (Mrs Portwine)

MORNING SUPERVISION FOR BUS TRAVELLERS

Mrs Colbert has created this fantastic infographic to help our students know where they should go in the morning when they arrive on the school bus.

Please take a look with your child to familiarise yourself with this new routine.

LUNCH ORDER PRICELIST UPDATE

Elmore Bakery have provided us with a new price list for 2023. This is the first update in prices for 3 years and we thank them for continuing to offer lunch order items to us at cheaper than retail prices.

The new pricelist will be uploaded to the school website and to the PAM Knowledge bank for future reference.



Phone: 03 5432 6558

2023 LUNCH PRICE LIST - OLSH

PLAIN PIES/PASTIES.....	\$5.00
FLAVOURED PIES	\$5.70
Steak & Potato, Steak Onion, Steak & Mushroom, Steak & Curry, Steak Cheese Bacon, Bushmans	
GOURMET PIES.....	\$6.00
Chick Mush Bacon, Chick Veg, Chick Leek, Steak Pepper, Steak Kidney, Chunky Beef, Beer & Chilli, Cauliflower & Cheese, Egg & Bacon Quiche)	
Sausage Rolls OR Spinach & Feta Rolls	\$4.00
HOT DOGS.....	\$3.70....with Cheese\$4.00
PARTY PIES/PASTIES/SAUSAGE ROLLS	\$1.50

Salad Rolls/Sandwiches
(with Meat) \$7.00
Ham/Chicken/Roast Beef
Tomato, Onion, Cucumber,
Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce &
Beetroot

Salad Rolls/Sandwiches
(NO Meat) \$6.00
Tomato, Onion, Cucumber,
Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce
& Beetroot

Plain Sandwich \$3.50
Cheese or Vegemite

Plain Meat Roll \$4.50
Ham/Chicken/Roast Beef

Extras

- avocado + \$0.80
- Cheese & Bacon Roll +\$1.00
- Gluten Free Bread +\$1.00 or Wraps +\$1.50

FRUIT SALAD \$8.00 (seasonal - please call the bakery 5432 6558 to check we have stock)

GRANOLA & YOGHURT \$7.00

SAVOURY ROLLS

Cheese & Bacon **\$2.00** Pizza OR Tomato, Cheese & Onion **\$2.50** Cheese & Vegemite Scroll **\$2.00**

CAKES/SLICES

Coffee Scroll **\$3.20** Blueberry Scroll **\$3.40**
SLICES (Apple, Hedgehog, Vanilla, Jelly) **\$4.00**
MUFFINS (Blueberry OR Apple/Cinnamon) **\$4.50**
Gluten Free Carrot Cake **\$4.50**

DRINKS

FRUIT JUICE (Goulburn Valley 350ml) **\$3.80** (Apple & Orange)
Pop Tops Kiddies Fruit Juice **\$2.80** (Apple, Apple/Blackcurrant, Strawberry & Tropical)
300ml OAK Flavoured Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry only) **\$2.80**
500ml Mt Franklin Water **\$3.20**

Please write name and order clearly on the outside of an envelope or paper bag and place money securely inside.
All prices include GST. Products can be purchased with sauce at no extra charge. Prices are subject to change.



UNIFORM PRICE LIST UPDATE COMING SOON

Hip Pocket Echuca will also be supplying with an updated school uniform price list in the coming weeks. 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 continuing to work with us to provide school uniforms.

Community News



Community Bank
Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

Community Bank
Sunshine Coast

Community Bank
Malvern East

Community Bank
Heathcote & District

Community Bank
Dandenong Ranges Group

ROCHESTER FLOOD RELIEF GRANTS PROGRAM

Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester, in partnership with our colleagues at Community Bank Heathcote & District, Community Bank Malvern East, Community Bank Sunshine Coast & Community Bank Dandenong Ranges are proud to offer the Rochester Flood Relief Grants program. This program is designed to assist local community groups to replace or repair property or equipment damaged in the 2022 floods, and support projects or events dedicated to our community's recovery.

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible, applicants must be an appropriately incorporated body/auspiced by an incorporated body, be located in the Rochester area and have been impacted by the October 2022 floods.
- Applicants must confirm that funds from both their insurance provider, the Business Victoria Business and Community Sport Flood Recovery Grants (more information [here](#)) & any other grants have been exhausted prior to seeking Community Bank funding.
- Funding must be used towards the replacement or restoration of property or equipment damaged in the 2022 floods, or towards projects or events that are designed to assist in Rochester's recovery.

ASSESSMENT

- Applications for \$500 or less will be assessed within 1 week of receipt.
- Applications for more than \$500 will be assessed within 30 days of receipt.
- You may be requested to provide further information to assist with your application.
- All applicants will be notified of their outcome via phone or email.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION & MORE INFORMATION

Please send your completed application form, along with relevant quotes, recent financials & any other supporting documentation to Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester's Executive Officer Lauren Ross lross@lockmore.com.au. Lauren can also be contacted for more information via email or phone on 0413 417 055

SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION FORM