



# From the Heart



Newsletter No. 2

9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### FEBRUARY 2023

Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Elmore Fields Days AGM
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Beginning of Year Mass & Picnic (6pm)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday Liturgy (2.30pm)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Swimming Carnival

### MARCH 2023

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Photo Day
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Elmore Tractor Pull
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings

### APRIL 2023

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palm Sunday
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 1
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Monday
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Term 2 (Staff)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day – Staff Curriculum Day
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Term 2 (Students)

### BEGINNING OF YEAR MASS AND PICNIC

A final reminder that our beginning of the year Mass will be held next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 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

Did you have your learning conversation? If you missed out, or forgot to book, please be in contact with your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to have this important conversation, thank you.

### LUNCH ORDERS - MONDAY AND THURSDAY

Lunch orders began with a bit of a whimper this week, with no students opting to take up this opportunity. We will watch this space over the next few weeks and see if it is worth our while (and the Bakeries') in continuing to have this as an eating option each Monday and Thursday.

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE - OSH CLUB

Just a reminder that OLSH students are able to access Out of School Hours Care at Elmore Primary School each night of the school week. The bus that picks up our country bus travellers, then goes directly to EPS, which means that students going to OSH care can simply hop on this bus and get dropped off right at the side gate, with the OSH club staff waiting to escort them inside. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more about this.

## From the Principal ...

Dear Families,

I'm glad that winter's blast we had last week is behind us - how bizarre was that?

On a very serious note, at this time I think that it is so important that we stop and pray for those people so dramatically impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Tragic events such as this are hard to explain and justify to children, and to ourselves, but as a Catholic community we believe in the power of prayer to help those suffering and for those who are endeavouring to help rescue the many hundreds of people still trapped in the insidious rubble caused by the quakes.

### AGE APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO NEWS

Unfortunately, news broadcasters and social media outlets have little to no concern for children having access to events like these recent earthquakes so therefore the content that is broadcast is often quite graphic in nature and potentially very disturbing for children to witness. With this in mind, please be aware of what news children are viewing as it can create an emotional response that can be difficult for them to overcome.

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## ELMORE TRACTOR PULL – SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Last week I received an email to see if our school community was interested in being part of the volunteer group which helps support the running of the Elmore Tractor Pull. With the Elmore Charity Ball cancelled for this year, I wondered if this might provide an opportunity for us to put our volunteer efforts into this event, which would then serve as one of our key fundraising initiatives for the year??

There are two categories of volunteer, helping on the track or working more behind the scenes. If you think you might be able to help out please fill out the attachment to this newsletter and send it back to school as soon as possible, thanks.

Have a great week everyone!

*Craig Simpson (Principal)*

# School News



## Beginning of the Year Mass

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 6pm

OLSH Church

Picnic Tea at School Afterwards

All Welcome.

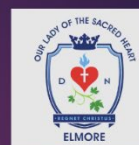
## Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

2:30PM

OLSH SCHOOL

ALL WELCOME.



*Denise Nihill (Religious Education Leader)*

# LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Lakota, Dawn, Ruby, Chase & Ashley for being named our Learners of the Week!



## LOCAL EXCURSION PERMISSION ON PAM

Later this afternoon you should receive a request to approve a permission form on your child's PAM account. This permission form is to cover all 'Local Excursions' for the remainder of the school year.

A local excursion is defined as an excursion that is within walking distance of the school that does not involve adventure activities. Examples of things that would be considered a Local Excursions are trips to the church, combined events with Elmore Primary school and Foodshare volunteering.

We ask that you give permission via PAM for this as soon as possible. This will remove the need for a permission form for every event. Parents will simply be notified of the upcoming excursion via SeeSaw, email or the newsletter, so they are aware their child will be offsite.



## GETTING BACK ON SIMON EVERYWHERE - SCHOOL HOLIDAY UPDATE



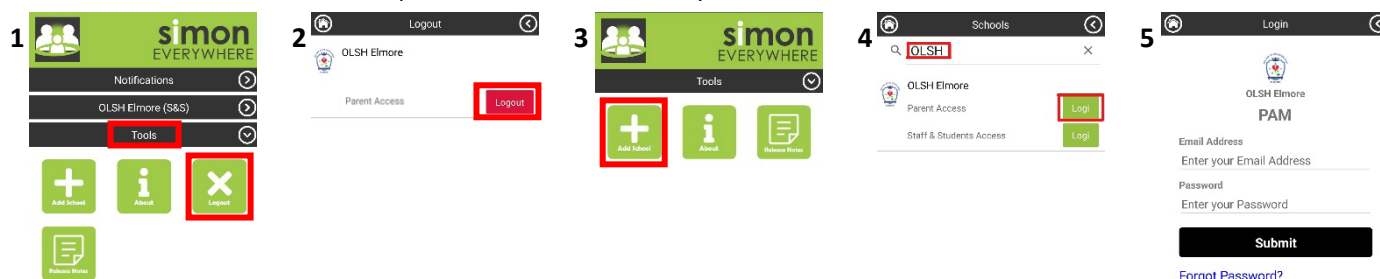
Over the school holidays, the team at SIMON completed a significant update to improve the security of PAM and the SIMON Everywhere app.

As part of this update, all parents were assigned new log ins using their email address as their username and sent a link to create their own password.

**In order to get your SIMON Everywhere app re linked to your new account,** you will need to 'Logout' of OLSH Elmore and then use the 'Add School' button to log back in with your updated username and password. To do this:

1. open your SIMON Everywhere app, click on the 'Tools' bar and click on the 'Logout' button.
2. On the next screen, press the red 'Logout' button.
3. Re-add OLSH by clicking the 'Add School' button
4. Search for 'OLSH Elmore' in the school list & click the green 'Login' button next to 'Parent Access'
5. Enter your new username (your email) and the new password and click submit.

**Note:** The forgot password button is currently not working. If you have forgotten what you set as your password, please contact the office to have a password reset link sent to your email.



**Please note:** If you did not completely uninstall and reinstall the SIMON Everywhere app after the last major update (in September 2022) you will also need to do this to enable all functions of the app. Checking the app for updates within the app store will not work. The app must be completely removed and reinstalled to receive the latest updates.

## STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

Thank you to those families that have checked and returned their 'Student Information Checklist' forms that were sent home last week. If you haven't returned yours yet, we ask that you do so ASAP, even if no changes are needed.

It's also great to see that more than 2/3 of our students have also had their medical profile reviewed and updated on SIMON already. If you haven't done so, please log in to your PAM/SIMON Everywhere account and update these details as soon as possible. Students photo permissions are also included in the medical profile this year.

## 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 was included in last week's newsletter, or can be found in the Knowledge bank on PAM/SIMON Everywhere and on the school website (<https://www.olshelmore.catholic.edu.au/parents/lunch-order/file>) and for future reference.



## 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.

## 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 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](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.

# Community News

Community Bank  
Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

Community Bank  
Sunshine Coast

Community Bank  
Malvern East

Community Bank  
Heathcote & District

Community Bank  
Dandenong Ranges Gr

## 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.

SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION FORM

2023  
**NETSET GO**  
AGES 5-10  
COMMENCING THURSDAY  
27TH OF APRIL  
4:15PM- 5:15PM  
EVERY THURSDAY  
IN TERM 2  
ELMORE NETBALL CLUB



## ELMORE TRACTOR PULL VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick any roles you would be happy to volunteer for.

All shifts will vary in time and duration between 11.00am – 10.30pm on the day

### TRACK- BASED ROLES

- Points Scorers Assistants**
  - Record results on scoring sheet and program
- Pit Marshall**
  - Ensure that competitors are in the correct pulling order and are on the track on time
- Weighbridge Operator & assistant**
  - Record all details on the day of the pull and hand to scorer of the day immediately after class has been weighed
  - Assistant is to check drawbar heights and record findings
- Hooking & Unhooking**
  - Two people for each sled at each end of the track to assist with hooking and unhooking of tractors
- Wet Smudger Driver**
  - Must be a competent tractor driver
- Dry Smudger Driver**
  - Must be a competent tractor driver

- Telehandler & Tow off operator**
  - Must be a competent tractor driver
- Water Truck Operator**
  - Must be a competent tractor driver
- Four Wheel Motorcycle drivers**
  - Must be competent motorcycle drivers

### OTHER ROLES

- Gate Keepers**
  - Scanning attendee tickets on entry
  - Assisting attendees to purchase tickets at the gate
  - Cash handling and use of EFTPOS machine
- Parking**
  - Directing attendees on entry on where to park
- Merchandise Tent**
  - Assisting with selling merchandise
  - Cash handling and use of EFTPOS machine