



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 4

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COMING UP AT OLSH...

FEBRUARY 2023

Fri 24 th	Cluster Swimming Carnival
Tue 28 th	Advisory Council Meeting

MARCH 2023

Mon 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 14 th	School Photo Day
Sat 18 th	Elmore Tractor Pull
Fri 24 th	National Ride to School Day
Wed 29 th	PSG Meetings

APRIL 2023

Sun 2 nd	Palm Sunday
Wed 5 th	Cluster Cross Country
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 (Staff)
Mon 24 th	Pupil Free Day – Staff Curriculum Day
Tue 25 th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 th	First Day Term 2 (Students)

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

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AUSLAN ASSISTANT

As you are no doubt aware, at OLSH all of our students are learning Auslan (Australian Sign Language). To assist us in becoming more proficient with this, we are employing Tim Pitts, who is a deaf person and signs using Auslan, to come along and join in our classes once a fortnight for 30 minutes each. Tim will begin on Wednesday 8th March. I know that everyone will make Tim feel incredibly welcome.

ELMORE TRACTOR PULL - SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

I don't think we have had any takers for helping out on this day. If you think you have sent along a form, but it somehow hasn't managed to make its way to the school office, please give us a call so that we can follow it up for you!

Have a great week everyone!

Craig Simpson (Principal)

From the Principal ...

Dear Families,

Whilst it was a hot evening last Thursday for our opening Mass and picnic back at school, we managed to avoid the extreme heat of the Friday at least!

Thanks so much to the many families who were able to make it along to our Mass and who then came to school for a low key but lovely social gathering.

Also, thanks to the great band of helpers who came along to cook pancakes on Tuesday morning for Shrove Tuesday - it was a wonderful way to start the school day.

CAMPASPE CLUSTER SWIMMING

Tomorrow, Friday 24th February, our Year 3 - 6 students will participate in the Campaspe Cluster swimming sports, to be held at the Elmore pool. All children have been assigned a division that aligns with their swimming capacity so that they are appropriately challenged and supported at the same time. Events will run from 10.00am to 2.30pm and parents and family are most welcome to come along in support.

RE ACCREDITATION

Next week, Janette, Kim and Lizzy will begin their formal studies to gain their accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic School. Whilst this is a requirement of the Catholic Education Office, I am so grateful to them for their commitment in increasing their knowledge in this key area of school life. They will be away on Thursday and Friday of next week. Myself and two other teachers will be providing coverage of the classes on these days, which will include the normal specialist program and Kelly Sports.

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

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School News



FIRE CARRIERS

Yesterday we had a visit from Troy Firebrace and Michael Chisholm. They spoke about the **FIRE** carrier project; **F**riends **I**gniting **R**econciliation through **E**ducation. *The dream of the FIRE Carrier program is to promote respect, fairness and inclusion for Aboriginal people. The FIRE Carrier promotes enculturation and reconciliation in our Catholic primary and secondary schools.* The Project which is an initiative of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the Opening the Doors Foundation and the Sandhurst Aboriginal Education team, promotes reconciliation in Victorian Schools, using the power of fire as a symbol of new beginnings, trust and understanding.

Troy played the didgeridoo to a rapt audience of Grades 3-6. They will visit again to initiate leaders into the Fire Carrier Program. We look forward to working with Troy and Michael during 2023.



PRAYER PACKS

Yesterday families received a "Prayer Pack". We encourage each family to spend some time together as a family during Lent praying for each other and the wider world. The world needs our prayers! Please set up a prayer space and send a photo. There's a prayer and a series of reflective questions to guide you.

FROM THE ASHES – THE SYMBOLISM OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes are a symbol of the seasonal regeneration that follows burning. After bushfires tree trunks remain black and leave marks on us if we brush against them. Green shoots, however, gradually emerge from ashes and sprout from blackened tree branches. In the forest death yields to life. That, of course, is also the whole point of Lent. Its ashes do not have the last word. Life continues, regenerates, and spreads from the ashes. In the Christian story the ash of bare and sinful humanity reflects the love that leads God to share the ashes of our life, the humiliation of dying naked on a cross, and to rise green from the ashes.



Denise Nihill (Religious Education Leader)

Woolworths

GOT BRICKS?

BRICKS FARM

The Junior Room is using Woolworths Bricks for fine motor development and oral language learning. If you have any spare or unwanted Bricks to donate, they would be greatly appreciated!

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Jimmy, Nate, Sunny, Harley & Zyrach (absent) for being named our Learners of the Week!



CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Our Senior School boys are leading the way with our Environmental program at OLSH!

Together, they have collaborated to establish green waste bins for each learning space and created a display to share and celebrate their learning about caring for the environment.



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 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Hip Pocket Echuca have updated their school uniform price list. The new pricelist can be found in the Knowledge bank on PAM/SIMON Everywhere and on the school website (<https://www.olshelmore.catholic.edu.au/parents/uniforms>) and for future reference.

Please note that some styles are no longer available.

Any item of uniform that does not have the school emblem, like shorts or track pants, may be purchased anywhere as long as it is dark navy and does not have a brand name or advertising on it.

School Uniforms can be ordered at any time by calling Hip Pocket on 5480 1027 or visiting Hip Pocket at 173 Pakenham St, Echuca.

SECOND HAND STOCK: We still have great quality second hand uniforms at the school available to anyone who needs them for a small donation. Please don't let these go to landfill—come and have a look in case we have what you need.





OSHClub is our local provider of After School 'Stay & Play' Care at Elmore Primary School! The program at Elmore Primary School is open for the children of Our Lady of Sacred Heart Primary School with students travelling by bus to Elmore Primary at no additional cost.

From the OSHClub Newsletter - **OSHCLUB IS CHANGING:** OSHClub is moving away from the term After School Care. We are now known as Stay and Play.

As of the 20th of February, we have introduced a new program and menu into the service. We also have our new wonderfully designed purple 'Adventure Box' which includes a range of 'Adventure Activity Cards'. The students are more than happy to look through and choose from these cards to help guide our program at OSHClub.

Want to speak to Casey, our friendly local Elmore OSHClub co-ordinator, about the OSHClub program? Send through an email to elmore@oshclub.com.au

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

Community News



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Huntly Family Fun Day

Proudly sponsored by Fosterville Gold Mine

Sunday March 5, 2023



BBQ

Sausages, chicken and veggie burgers all \$2 each

Drinks \$2 each & FREE fresh fruit

- Climbing Wall
- Inflatable Water Slide
- Face painting
- S.A.F.E Archery
- Animal Farm & Pony Rides
- Live Music and Dance
- Water Fun with Huntly CFA
- Woodwork with Northern District Community Enterprise
- Airbrush tattoos
- Coliban Water refill units – PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR DRINK BOTTLE

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Welcome

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Sunday March 5, 2023

10am – 1pm

Strauch Recreation Reserve

14 Gungurru Road, Huntly

Remember to BYO towel and change of clothes for the water slide!

