# From the Heart



27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### **Newsletter No. 22**

### COMING UP AT OLSH...

### JULY 2023

Fri 28<sup>th</sup>

100 Days Brighter Celebration

#### AUGUST 2023

Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rivalry Round Day
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elmore Field Day Anniversary Dinner
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Campaspe Cluster Athletics
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Parade – 9am
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	The Blurbs Performance – 9.30am
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 3
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	OLSH Athletics Day
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Campaspe Cluster Science Day
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of the Sacred – Echuca
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Father's Day

### From the Principal ...

It is lovely to have a sample of some slightly warmer weather this week. In particular, our Campaspe Cluster football team had a brilliant day for it on Tuesday. Our boys and girls handled themselves wonderfully throughout the course of the day and we were blessed to have a perfect winter's day to go with it. A huge thanks to Nick Gibbs for helping out for the whole day and providing some inspirational coaching along the way. Our team won 3 of their 5 games, narrowly missing out on a place in the final.

### ELMORE FIELD DAYS - HELP NEEDED!!

We are gradually chipping away at our requirement to fill 21 spots on the catering for the Elmore Field Day. So far, we have filled 11, leaving us with



just 10 to go. As our school's one and only major fundraiser it would be so good to have every family engage in this event.

Please use this link to get on and book your preferred shift for the Field Days: <u>https://tinyurl.com/EFDCCVolunteer</u>

### 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL - WELL DONE LOLA!!

Tomorrow, we acknowledge Lola and her 100th day of school. All of the juniors will be joining in the fun of this occasion as they celebrate being '100 days brighter'. Thanks for being such a magnificent addition to our school Lola - may you have 100's and 100's of more great school days!!

### **RIVALRY DRESS UP ROUND**

With Elmore and Mounts facing off again next weekend we will once again have our 'Rivalry Dress Up Round' to add a bit of colour and fun to day on Friday, August 4th. Students can wear the colours of their sporting team to acknowledge this.

#### NAPLAN RESULTS

This week our Year 3 and 5 students took home results from their 2023 NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 throughout Australia are required to sit these assessments each year, Students are assessed in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. This year there has been an adjustment in the way this has been reported in an attempt to make it more meaningful for parents to understand, with students being graded as either - Exceeding, Strong, Developing or Requiring Attention. Our students all did a wonderful job in showcasing their academic achievements and we are very proud of all of them. Once again, if your child's NAPLAN results caused you any concerns please check in with your child's teacher.

Craig Simpson Principal

# School News

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Nate, Zyrah, Reece, Frankie & Ashley for being named our Learners of the Week!





## **VOLUNTERS NEEDED ELMORE FIELD DAYS 2023** 28 SEPT-6 OCT 2023

We have filled 11 of our 21 shifts now for OLSH! This is a major fundraiser for our school and community!

With 21 shifts and 21 OLSH families, this is a real opportunity for everyone to get involved and feel connected!





Scan the QR code or click on the link to claim your preferred shift!

> https://tinyurl.com/ EFDCCVolunteer

#### A PRAYER FOR WINTER

Lord,

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce

..... remind us of the warmth of your love.

In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early

..... remind us that in the darkness your light still shines. In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak

..... remind us that Easter is but a short time away.

And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.

Amen

- Written by Rev. Cal Wick

### SEASON OF CREATION

In preparation for the upcoming "Season of Creation" commencing on September 1<sup>st</sup>, our senior learners have been actively engaging with Pope Francis' enlightening encyclical, "Laudato Si." This document has provided profound insights and calls to action for our community. The senior learners are beginning to understand that Laudato Si' asks us to embrace several essential principles:

- **Gratitude in Mealtimes:** One of the fundamental teachings of Laudato Si' is to cultivate an attitude of thankfulness during our mealtimes, recognising the interconnectedness of all living things.
- **Deepening Our Knowledge of Nature:** The encyclical encourages us to expand our understanding of the natural world, appreciating its intricacies and fostering a sense of responsibility towards its preservation.
- **Reducing Carbon Emissions:** Recognizing the pressing global issue of climate change, Laudato Si' emphasizes the urgent need for each individual and
- community to take decisive action in reducing carbon emissions, contributing to the collective effort in combating climate change.
- *Minimizing Materialistic Consumerism:* The encyclical highlights the detrimental impact of excessive materialism and consumerism on both our environment and spiritual well-being.

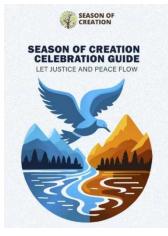
To further enhance our understanding of these critical teachings, Ian McBurney, an ecological sustainability educator, will be visiting OLSH and sharing his knowledge with us.

### SUNFLOWER PLANTATION

We have had three very busy grade 3 girls who have been weeding and preparing the ground for our up-and-coming "sunflower" plantation. A big thank you to Dawn, Chevi and Amelia for their assistance.











Australian Government



The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to advise all staff, parents and guardians that it will collect certain information about your school, its staff and student body as part of the 2023 Non-Government School Census collection (the Census).

# How and what information is collected for the Census?

Census information is provided to the department by your school legal entity (the approved authority) via the <u>SchoolsHUB website</u>.

The Census provides information about your school and the number and characteristics of the school's staff and student body during a specific reference period. Characteristics collected through the Census include:

- teaching and non-teaching staff
- students' year level and workload
- students' gender and age (as on 1 July 2023)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students
- students with disability
- students receiving distance education
- boarding and overseas students.

The names of students and staff are not collected, apart from the name, position and contact details of the staff member nominated as the primary contact for the Census.

### Census special circumstances applications

Census special circumstances applications may also be made by schools to include a student/s who did not attend during the Census reference period but otherwise meets Census eligibility requirements. Schools will provide the department with information and documents about the student demonstrating their eligibility. The department does not require personal information about a student and asks schools to de-identify any documents before providing them.

### Purpose of the Census collection

The information provided during the Census is collected by the department in accordance with the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) and the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the Regulation). The Act and the Regulation require the legal entity responsible for the administration of the school (the approved authority) to provide this information to the department to:

- Ensure the provision of Australian Government funding to schools is properly calculated and appropriately managed.
- Conduct research, statistical analysis and develop school education policy for the Australian Government.
- Meet national and international reporting obligations on school students in Australia.
- Publish and provide information about schools to the public.

### Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act, the Act and Regulation and any other applicable laws.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Census may be:

- Used or disclosed by the department for the purposes outlined above under the heading Purposes of the Census collection.
- Disclosed to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to publish on the <u>My School</u> website and include as high-level data for ACARA's National Report on Schooling in Australia.
- Disclosed to state and territory government departments and authorities in accordance with the Act and Regulation.
- Disclosed to Australian Government departments and authorities in accordance with the Act and Regulation.
- Disclosed to non-government school representative bodies in accordance with the Act and Regulation.
- Disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department decides to audit or verify the information provided by an approved authority about a school. The contracted auditor may use previously collected information or request access to individual student records for comparison purposes. The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department, if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required. The contracted auditor must handle personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act.
- Disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department.
- Used to validate data from other collections undertaken by the department.
- Used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law including under the Act or Regulation, or otherwise permitted under the Privacy Act.



Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose any of the personal information collected to overseas recipients.

You can find the department's privacy policy on the <u>Department of Education</u> website or request a copy from the department at <u>privacy@education.gov.au</u>. The privacy policy includes information about how to access or correct personal information held about you or your child, how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how the department will deal with such a complaint.

### What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. The approved authority of the school is responsible for providing the information to the department.

### Contacts for further information

Your school can provide information about data provided for you or your child for the purposes of the Census. To find out more about the Census collection and reporting, visit <u>SchoolsHUB</u>.

