



# From the Heart



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10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### AUGUST 2023

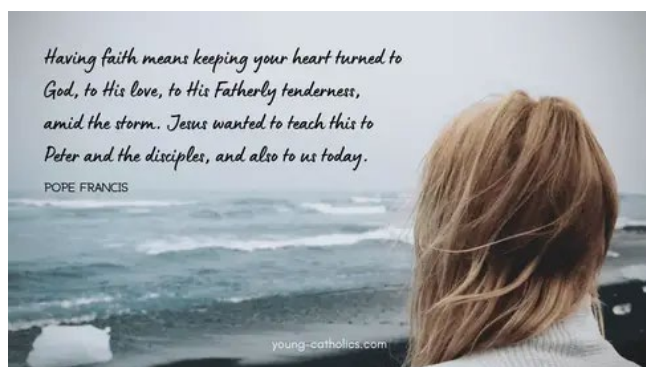
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Campaspe Cluster Athletics
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ian McBurney Sustainability Visit
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Advisory Council Meeting – 7pm
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Parade – 9am
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	The Blurbs Performance – 9.30am
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Discovery Centre Excursion
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rochester Secondary Transition Day
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast

### SEPTEMBER 2023

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Staff PD</b>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Season of Creation Mass – 11am
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Father's Day
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Festival of the Sacred – Echuca
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Campaspe Cluster Science Day
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	OLSH Athletics Day
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day Term 3</b>

### OCTOBER 2023

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>First Day Term 4</b>
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elmore Field Days
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 3/4 Camp – Echuca
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	PSG Meetings



## From the Principal ...

Dear Families

### STUDENT ABSENCES AND LEGISLATION

One of our requirements in being a Child Safe School and to ensure that we are complying with government regulations in ensuring that we know where all children are all of the time, during school hours. Part of this responsibility is communication between home and school when a child is absent for a day or for a more lengthy period of time. The school and home both have responsibilities when it comes to this. As a parent, it is your responsibility to inform the school as soon as possible in the day if you know your child is going to be absent, preferably before 8.55am. This can be done via SIMON/PAM, email or by calling the office. As a school it is our responsibility to contact parents if there has been no notification sent to school and the child is not here. This is to make sure that we avoid the awful scenario of parents thinking their child is at school when they are in fact not here. Therefore, we will be tightening up on this and making contact with parents when children are not at school and we have not received notification in regards to why this is the case. Thanks for your understanding with this.

### CLUSTER ATHLETICS - AUGUST 14

Next Monday, August 14, all students from Years 3 - 6 will join with the other schools in our cluster for the Athletics day, which will be held at the Flora Hill Athletics Track in Bendigo. Events will begin at 10.00am with the day concluding at 2.30pm. Children will take a bus to this event. Permissions forms were sent via SIMON earlier in the week. If for some reason, a child will not be in attendance can you please inform your child's teacher as soon as possible, thanks.

### IAN MCBURNEY VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL

Next Wednesday we are very excited to have Ian McBurney from the Bendigo City Council come and talk to our learners about sustainability and environment. Ian has so much knowledge around the little things we can be doing to ensure the long-term future of our environment. This fits in really nicely with what the students are learning about in Religious Education and also in our Science classes.

### CLASSROOM TEACHERS - RE ACCREDITATION

Next Thursday and Friday, Janette, Lizzy and Kim are off for their next instalment of Religious Education Accreditation in Shepparton. Myself, Denise and Ellie Hayes will be supporting all learners over these two days.

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

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### BOOK WEEK AND THE BLURBS

Week 7, which begins on August 21 is Book Week. The theme this year is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Our book week dress up day will be Thursday August 24, with our book week parade to take place at 9.00am under the COLA. Following this parade, our students will be treated to a special performance by a group of Bendigo musicians known as 'The Blurbs'. This performance will go for about one hour. All parents and friends are invited along to be a part of all these lovely experiences.

### WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

On Friday August 25, we will have a whole school excursion to the Discovery Centre in Bendigo, followed by some lunch and a play at the Botanical Gardens in White Hills. This connects in with our Science focus at the moment which is Earth and Space. Part of our trip to the Discovery Centre includes a one-hour session in the Planetarium, which should be brilliant! Permissions for this will be released next week.

### PUPIL FREE DAY - SEPTEMBER 1

Please note that Friday, September 1st will be a pupil free day. Our staff will be engaging in a professional learning day with a specific focus on 'writing'.

Craig Simpson

*Principal*

## School News

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Cassidy, Regan, Bess, Jack & Amelia for being named our Learners of the Week!



### FUNDRAISING FOR LOCAL FAMILY

As advertised in this week's EPA there are two collection tins raising funds for the funeral of an Elmore resident and the ongoing care of her two children. Please support this family if you can. Collection tins are in the Elmore IGA and Community Bank for the next few weeks.



## MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY – 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

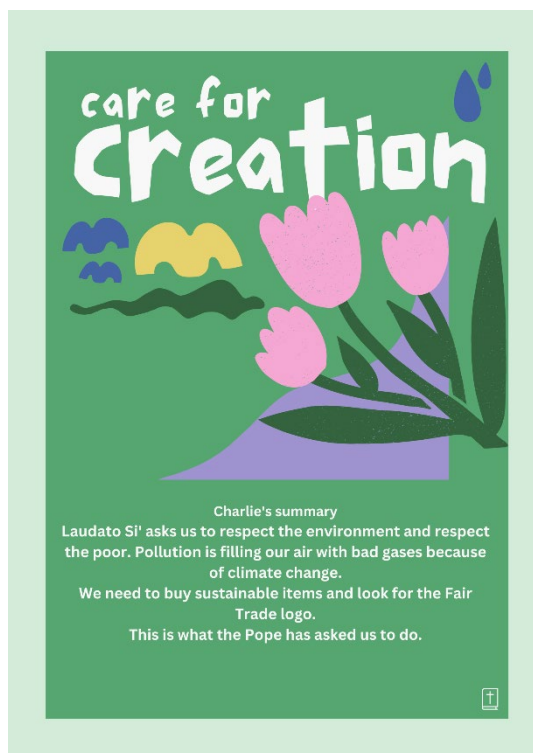
We remember Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. She was the eldest of eight children, Melbourne-born Mary knew hardship and poverty. Her charity began at home and her childhood piety blossomed into a faith based on action. This care and responsibility for others, the desire to provide better circumstances for the impoverished, fuelled her life's work as a teacher and leader, consoler and companion.

Like Jesus she walked with the poor and weak, those on the fringes of society, the unlettered, unfed and unloved. Over the years the Josephite sisters opened convents, orphanages, refuges and schools and reached out to those whose lives were lean, something they still do energetically today for those on the margins of society.



## LAUDATO SI'

Charlie has fantastic knowledge about Laudato Si', the Pope's encyclical about caring for our common home.



## SUSTAINABILITY

The middle learners have been working on sustainability messages for the newsletter. Dawn and Hayden have created some great reminders.



## FESTIVAL OF THE SACRED

Our Grade 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Echuca on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August to participate in the Festival of the Sacred. The children have been working hard with Ellie Hayes and visiting members of the Australian School of Performing Arts (ASPA) to get performance ready. Ticket are available for FREE for friends and families who would like to attend via the link and QR code below.



**Tuesday 5 September 2023, 1pm**  
**St Mary's Primary School – Brigidine Centre**  
**Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from**  
 St Patrick's PS Pyramid Hill • St Mary's PS Cohuna • St Mary's PS Echuca  
 St Joseph's PS Kerang • Our Lady of the Sacred Heart PS Elmore  
 St Joseph's PS Rochester

**This is a FREE event for all families and friends of our school communities.**  
 Bookings essential: [forms.gle/Enew1LpA6Ge5fxiC7](https://forms.gle/Enew1LpA6Ge5fxiC7) (or scan QR code).  
 Please allow time to locate parking.












## SAVE THE DATE

### Friday 1st September

World Day of Prayer for Creation



**Sandhurst Diocese Launch  
of the Season of Creation**

Venue: **Notley Picnic Ground, Whipstick Forest**  
Greater Bendigo National Park

Time: **Mass celebrated by Bishop Shane**  
at 11 am followed by a picnic lunch

**ALL PARISHES & SCHOOLS** are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful venue. It's also the first day of spring and National Wattle Day!



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023



A Mighty River  
Arrives 5:24

## Community News



**Lambs on Grass - Meet local farmer  
Jess Conlan / Thursday August 24**

Jess Conlan, with her mother Jo, operates an 850Ha sheep property called Tumbywood near Elmore.

Jess is a 2022 Nuffield Scholar who is travelling internationally to research improved ways of grass finishing lambs.

Some of the research objectives include looking at summer active pastures, grazing management techniques and trace mineral balancing.

Come to this field day on farm on August 24 to learn the role of multi-species crops in the Tumbywood farming system.

The field day will start at the Elmore Community Hub, then travel to the property for a practical session in the paddock with a multi-species crop.

To register click the following link: [Eventbrite Booking Link](#)