



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 30

5th October 2023

COMING UP AT OLSH...

OCTOBER 2023

Mon 9 th	PSG Meetings
Wed 11 th	PSG Meetings
Sat 14 th	Referendum Voting Day
Mon 30 th	Rochester Secondary Transition Day

NOVEMBER 2023

Mon 6 th	Pupil Free Day
Tue 7 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Fri 10 th	Mission Day
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Gr 5/6 Camp - Canberra

DECEMBER 2023

Tue 19 th	Last Day Term 4 (Students) - TBC
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From the Principal ...

Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that your holidays provided a change of pace for you that was a nice reprieve from the order and routine of school life. Congratulations to all our Collingwood fan base - it was a remarkable Grand Final!

Also, congratulations to those in our school community who were involved in local netball and football grand finals - we have a lot of winners in our midst!!

TERM 4

Our school term has started off with a bang, with the Elmore Field Days done and dusted as you read this and we have our Year 3 and 4 students off at Billabong Camp.

Thank you so much to all of our families who volunteered their services at the Field Days, either with the catering side of things or with the waste management. This is now our one and only fundraiser for the year and it is greatly appreciated that people put in the time and effort to support their local community and also our school.

GOOD LUCK LIARNA

In the last week of Term 3, Liarna informed me that she is taking on a new position with State Trustees. This means that next Thursday will be her last day with us. I know you will join me in thanking Liarna for her outstanding work at our school from the beginning of last year and wish her all the best for the future.

NEW FLAG POLES

You may have noticed that we had three new flagpoles erected out the front of the school. This now allows us to fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags beside our Australian flag. Many thanks to Mark Ingram for his work in getting this done for us over the school holidays.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



SCHOOL SURVEYS

Next Monday, you will receive an envelope with details for you to be able to access and complete a 'school satisfaction survey'. These surveys are being conducted by Orima Research Group, on behalf of Catholic Education Sandhurst. Parents, staff and students will all complete these surveys, which will give us a greater understanding of the things we should keep doing as a school and the things we can get better at.

These surveys take about 20 minutes to complete and need to be done, online, by October 27, please.

Craig Simpson
Principal

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

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School News



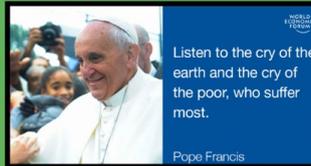
HATS ON FOR TERM 4

A reminder to all families that hats are mandatory for all outdoor play during Term 4. We have hats available for purchase at the school office if you need a new one.

The Season of Creation concluded on the 4th of October with the "Feast of Saint Francis" the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.



Lakota and Lola beautiful images of Sunflowers for SEASON OF CREATION.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JUNIOR
By the end of this unit students should be able to:

1. Articulate examples of how we care for others.
2. Identify ways we participate in Jesus' mission by sharing in a loving way with people in need

MIDDLE
By the end of this unit students should be able to:

1. Name examples of services in their own community and throughout the world
2. Explain the meaning of Mission as service as it was modelled and taught by Jesus.

SENIOR

By the end of this unit students should be able to:

1. Articulate their understanding of the mission in their own context.
2. Identify ways in which they can continue the mission of Jesus.

OUR SOURCE OF LIFE UNITS IN TERM FOUR IS ABOUT MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.



As we conclude the "Season of Creation" for 2023, it is worth noting that Pope Francis has issued a new encyclical titled "Laudate Deum," which serves as an update to his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si."

In his latest encyclical, Pope Francis emphasizes the urgent need for a more substantial response, towards climate change expressing concern that our current efforts fall short. Pope Francis asserts that the stewardship of our shared planet is inherently tied to Christian faith.

This prayer by Pope Francis appeared at the end of his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si'. It is for all who believe in God who is the all-powerful Creator.



"A prayer for our earth"

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

— Pope Francis, *Laudato si'*



PREMIERSHIP PREDICTED!

Congratulations to our students and staff who correctly predicted the team who would go on to win the AFL Premiership this year!

Amelia, Dawn, Regan, Ms Nihill, Mrs Randal & Mrs Colbert all showed us their fortune telling prowess by choosing Collingwood as the team to win all the way back at the beginning of the season!

Elmore
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Term 4 2023

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& BREAKFAST
CEREALS**

Community News

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· BOXWARS · FACE PAINT BY CHILDREN · LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK ·

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2023
11AM - 8PM · ROCHESTER RECREATION RESERVE
-DJA DJA WURRUNG, TAUNGURUNG, YORTA YORTA COUNTRY-

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