



## COMING UP AT OLSH...

NOVEMBER 2023	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Day
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5/6 Camp - Canberra
DECEMBER 2023	
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year/ Graduation Mass
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 4 (Students)

## From the Principal...

November 2, 2023

Next week makes for a circuit breaker of sorts as our students have a four day weekend, with Monday being a pupil free day (Report Writing for staff) and Tuesday being Melbourne Cup holiday. So, just to reiterate, there is no school this coming Monday and Tuesday, November 6 and 7.

### Year 5/6 Canberra Camp - Nov 20 - 24

Last Tuesday we sent out an information pack to all families with forms to sign and send back and detailed information about Canberra Camp, please make sure you have attended to these. Also another reminder that any medication that needs to be taken whilst on camp must be accompanied by the 'Medication Authority' form which is to be signed by your GP.

### Mission Day - Nov 10

We look forward to having many visitors to our school next Friday for Mission Day. Please let me know if you require any further information in regards to how you can support the day.

### Ninja Warrior Day

Last year, the three Elmore educational institutions, combined to create a cake stall for the Federal Election. We combined the funds raised - from memory around \$1600, to create an experience that all primary school students, and preschoolers could enjoy. Well, this is finally taking place on Wednesday November 15 at Elmore Primary School. Aaron Taylor, principal of Elmore Primary, has organised for the Ninja Warriors, which is basically obstacle course and physical challenges appropriate to all age groups, to come along and entertain us. Children are to wear their normal sports uniform on the day and are to bring along their food as normal. We will walk the children down from school with activities to begin at 9.30am and go through to lunch time.



### Fishing Rods

The Victorian Fishing Authorities have gifted all students in year 5, in Victoria (from what I can gather) a fishing kit which includes a fishing rod, reel with line, tackle box with some hooks, sinkers, swivels and a lure, as well as a Kids Guide to Fishing. Enjoy.

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## Staffing and Classes 2024

I am so happy to announce that we have no staff moving on in 2024. Looking at the current numbers of students in our different year levels at the moment, I have decided that for 2024, we will break our classes into the following groupings.

- F-2 (8 students) - to be taught by Janette Colbert
- Year 3/4 (10 students) - to be taught by Lizzy Forbes
- Year 5 - (8 students) to be taught by Denise Nihill
- Year 6 - (10 students) to be taught by Kim Portwine

This structure allows us to avoid 2 relatively small classes in the junior and middle school, whilst having a relatively large number in the senior school. It also means that we will get to fully utilise the skill set of each classroom teacher who will be able to work quite intently with each student in their care - a rare and treasured position to be in. To accommodate this additional classroom we will utilise what is now the library space and convert it back to a classroom, as it has previously been.

*Craig Simpson*  
Principal

# School News

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK 4 : Congratulations to Charlie, Ken, Lakota and Arlia for being named our Learners of the Week!



### MISSION DAY LUNCH ORDERS

Thank you to those families who have returned their lunch order & volunteer forms for Mission Day. If you have yet to return yours, please do so first thing **WEDNESDAY MORNING**.

If you are not planning to order any lunch, please let your teacher know so that we can make note of this.







# ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st

On the feast of All Saints, we are asked to reflect on the lives of the saints. We can often think of saints as perfect people, but their greatest witness is how they coped with the ordinary difficulties of their life, and how they courageously showed the love of God to others. We also remember and pray for all those who have died on the feast of All Souls. Some of these people may only be known to God. Others are people whose love, sacrifice and fidelity we have seen for ourselves and who have inspired us. They saw God in this world and are now fully alive to him in the next.



## Remembering the Saints

**L**iving God, in whom there is no shadow or change,  
We thank you for the gift of life eternal,  
and for all those who, having served you well, now rest from their labours.  
We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten,  
who have died and entered into glory.  
We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice that, for them,  
'all is well, and all manner of things will be well.'  
God of Jesus and our God, mindful of all who have gone on ahead of us,  
teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and place,  
to follow their example to the best of our ability:  
to feed the poor in body or spirit,  
to support and comfort those who mourn,  
to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,  
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
to cherish and learn from the merciful,  
to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.  
Let us clearly recognise what it means to be called the children of God,  
and to know we are to be your saints  
neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength  
but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Saviour.  
Amen!

From a prayer by Bruce Prewer



# Community News

Elmore Library Agency

## Storytimes 2023

Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes.

11.30am-12pm  
Elmore Athenaeum Hall  
62 Michie Street

NEXT SESSION:

Monday 6th  
November

REMAINING SESSIONS:

Monday 20 November  
Monday 4 December



For more information please phone 5449 2790  
or visit [ncgrl.vic.gov.au/children](http://ncgrl.vic.gov.au/children)



## Junior TENNIS Tournament

• 5TH OF NOVEMBER  
9AM •

### Round Robin

Divisions 1, 2 & 3  
Entries emailed to  
[rochesterlrc@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterlrc@gmail.com)  
or Karen Taylor  
0448557139

COST  
**\$10**  
PER PLAYER

NO PARTNER NO PROBLEM  
We will sort it!

Rochester Lawn Tennis Club

ROCHESTER SECONDARY COLLEGE

## 2024 YEAR 7

FAMILY INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 13TH

NOVEMBER

9:15AM TO 4:30PM

CALL TO BOOK

(03) 5484 1844

Please bring any reports or relevant  
paperwork to the interview.  
Orientation Day:  
Tuesday 12th of December



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Elmore  
Food Share

# Foodshare Term 4 2023

## CANNED GOODS & BREAKFAST CEREALS

