



# From the Heart



Newsletter No. 37

23th November, 2023

## COMING UP AT OLSH...

NOVEMBER 2023	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5/6 Camp - Canberra
Thu 23rd	Foundation Transition Day
Fri 24th	Gym & Swimming
Thu 30th	Foundation Transition Day
Fri 31st	Gym & Swimming
DECEMBER 2023	
Tues 5th	Orientation Day (Catholic Schools)
Wed 6th	Cluster Summer Sports Day
Fri 8th	Gym & Swimming
Tues 12th	Orientation Day (Govt Schools)
Wed 13th	Classroom celebrations day
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year/ Graduation Mass
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gym & Swimming Last Day Term 4 (Students)

## From the Principal...

I am writing this newsletter whilst on camp with our Year 5 and 6 students. I must say it has been a wonderful experience so far and the weather has been extremely kind to us! Our intention is to leave Canberra at 8.00am on Friday morning and be back in Elmore by 3.30pm. We are all really looking forward to seeing you all again!

### Swimming and Gym

Swimming and Gym continues this week, this being our first of four consecutive weeks. A reminder that students need to be at school by about 8.50am please so that we can be ready to take the bus in soon after 9.00am knowing that we have accounted for everyone.

### Prep Transition

We had a lovely foundation transition session last Thursday, with our four transition students for 2024 being with us for the afternoon. We feel blessed to have Zara Whitfield, Jasper Whitehead, Willow Coote and Liam Chapman getting ready to be school children next year. They will join again this Thursday and next before concluding their transition program with our school orientation day on Tuesday December 5 - which will be a whole day at school.

### Graduation Mass and End of Year Gathering

Please note that Thursday, December 14 is the date we have set aside for our end of year mass and graduation ceremony for our Year 6 students. This will begin at 6.00pm at the Church and then continue back at school as is custom. Next week we hope to be able to send out meal orders for families to be able to order a pizza via the onsite pizza van we will have available.

Craig Simpson

Principal

### Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Our Grade 5 & 6 students are currently in Canberra on an education tour of the national capital. The students are being given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

You Are Invited To

**OLSH**  
**Graduation**  
**Mass**

6 PM

**THURSDAY**  
**14TH DECEMBER**

Please come and celebrate with us  
as we farewell our Grade Six  
Leaders.

ZYRAH WEEKS   CHARLIE HOLMBERG   RUBY DANKERS

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

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# School News

## Combined School Highlights—Ninja Warrior

Last Wednesday, Elmore Primary, OLSH and Shinebright Preschool came together to enjoy a day of activities and fun. Students were mixed together and rotated around the different events. The highlight was the Ninja Warrior course, where students raced around the different obstacles and competed for the best time! This day was made possible due to the combined efforts of our parents in raising funds through a cake stall at last year's Federal Election. Keep an eye out in the EPA for more pictures from the day.



## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



WEEK 7: Congratulations to Roy, Reece, Frankie, Charlie and Ruby for being named our Learners of the Week!





I pray for people  
experiencing poverty  
around the world and  
that with proper care  
they become  
sustainable again.  
May we be Christ to  
them.  
Hear our prayer



Hudson



Help farmers grow drought-resistant crops this  
Christmas.

This Christmas gift can help a child go to school



GIVE A GIFT

Change  
lives



Caritas  
AUSTRALIA

Global Gifts  
Caritas Australia

<https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts/>

This Christmas, give a gift that can change a life, support a family  
and transform a community.





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## PERFECT FOR CHRISTMAS!

### ORDERS DUE FRIDAY- 1st DECEMBER

Don't forget, you can order books online  
from Book Club.

Issue 8 of the Scholastic Book Club  
catalogue is now online. Ordering books  
through Book Club is an easy way to offer  
students the best in children's books for  
the home and to encourage independent  
reading for fun. Plus, the school receives  
vouchers from any sales that we can use  
to buy more books!

Please order and pay online via:

[https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/  
parent/login.aspx](https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx).



## Christmas Food Share Drive

**WE ARE COLLECTING:**

HOT CHOC SACHETS	CHOC COATED PEANUTS
PRETZELS	BON BONS
CHIPS	M&M'S
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS	SHORTBREAD
CHRISTMAS CAKES	CUSTARD
FRUIT MINCE TARTS	CANDY CANES
APPLE CAKES	CHRISTMAS LOLLIES
COOKIES	TINNED HAM
PEANUTS	SOFT DRINKS
	JELLY

**MAKE A  
DONATION TO  
THOSE IN NEED**

**DONATIONS CAN  
BE DROPPED AT  
THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE**

# Community News

Our sunflowers are very close to blooming, a big thank you to the children who have been watering! We have a wide variety for sale as a gold coin donation. If interested in the next few weeks please see Ms Nihill.



## Sunflower Fundraiser for Elmore Food Share

Elmore Library Agency

## Storytimes 2023

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

LAST SESSION:

Monday 4th

December



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



**OSHClub**

Week 8 Term 4's Program

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms can be ordered at any time:

- Phone Hip Pocket on 5480 1027 or
- Visiting Hip Pocket at 173 Pakenham St, Echuca.

We are grateful to them for working with us to provide school uniforms.



DAY	ADVENTURE 1	ADVENTURE 2	ADVENTURE 3	ADVENTURE 4
<b>MONDAY</b>	Homework club: Fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Sheep tag: Can you outrun the fox and not get tagged. Or do you need the farmers help to save you from the fox?	Draw to music: Come and have some music draw time to recharge the batteries after a big day of school.	Keep up Balloons: This is a great way to build hand-eye coordination as well as have fun.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Homework club: Fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Children's meeting: This enables the children to have a say in the adventures we are running at Play and Stay and raise concerns.	Garden check: Maintain out flowers and veg that we have planted. # Bunnings donated our gardening equipment#	Playground play: Come have some free play on the playground, show off them skills you have to the staff.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Homework club: Fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Mindful moment: Have a few minutes to unwind and relax, with our short meditation moment.	Cricket: Test your batting and bowling skills with this game of cricket.	Rubber eggs: Science experiment, where we turn real eggs into eggs without their shells giving them the impression of rubber.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Homework club: Fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Garden check: Maintain out flowers and veg that we have planted. # Bunnings donated our gardening equipment#	Gaga: See if you can survive and not be hit with the ball.	Snap: Can you out-snap the educators?
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Homework club: Fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Fish kites: Let's make a fish kite that the children can use to fly around.	Don't ring the bell: Can you pass the jar of beads around without having them make a sound.	Uno: Are you able to understand the game of uno and play with all students