



# From the Heart



Newsletter No. 04

21st February, 2024

## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### FEBRUARY 2024

**Mon 26th** School Cluster Swimming Carnival

### MARCH 2024

**Wed 6th** Yr 5/6 Puberty Night (7pm—8pm)

**Friday 8th** **Spirituality Day—Pupil Free Day**

**Mon 11th** **Labour Day Public Holiday**

**Tue 12th** School Photos

**Wed 13th** NAPLAN Writing Testing begins (year 3 & 5's)

**Sat 16th** Elmore Tractor Pull

**Tue 19th** NAPLAN Reading Testing begins (year 3 & 5's)

**Wed 20th** Lenten Mass/Beginning of Year Mass

NAPLAN Language Conventions

NAPLAN numeracy

**Thu 21st** Harmony Day

**Fri 22nd** Ride to School Day

Open Classroom Day (2:30pm—3:30pm)

**Mon 25th** NAPLAN catch up session

**Thu 28th** **Last Day of Term**

**Fri 29th** Good Friday

**Sun 31st** Easter Sunday

### APRIL 2024

**Mon 1st** Easter Monday

**Mon 15th** **Term 2 Begins**

**Thu 25th** **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

## *From the Principal...*

February 21st,

Dear Families,

Well, I am putting these words together whilst sitting at home having tested positive for Covid on Monday morning. I must admit that it has hit me a little harder than I might have anticipated, leaving me very lethargic and listless. Hopefully though I will be back up and about over the next few days, but I am still required to stay away from school until the start of next week. I just want to pass on a huge thank you to the OLSH staff who have rallied and covered off on all sorts of things this week in my absence - I greatly appreciate it!!

I apologise for the spanner that this has thrown in the works for our Beginning of Year Mass this week, but we will let you know as soon as we can about our new date for this - at this stage we are looking at the possibility of combining our Lenten Mass (March 20), down by the river, with our Beginning of Year Mass and making them one special event.

### **NAPLAN News from 2023**

On receiving the results for our Naplan testing in 2023, which is the National Literacy and Numeracy testing for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Australia, I was aware that our students had performed admirably but I was unaware until last week just how well they had really performed. I received a phone call from another principal (who is currently on sick leave and is investigating these things) to tell me that little old OLSH in Elmore had the highest reading and writing data in Year 3 for the whole of the Sandhurst Diocese AND IS IN THE TOP 10 IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA!! In fact, when I looked

*closely at all our results for our Year 3 and 5 students we have performed incredibly well right across the board, in reading, writing and maths.*

This is an amazing result for our students and a great endorsement to our learning and teaching program here at OLSH. Our teachers deserve recognition for the work and commitment that they display each and every day in ensuring that our learners get what they need in order to thrive at school.

### **Cluster Swimming Sports - February 26**

Next Monday our Year 3 - 6 students will participate in the Cluster Swimming Sports here in Elmore. Students will walk from school to the pool shortly after 9.00am and then return around 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to sign their children out at the pool if they are there to collect them.

### **Staff Spirituality Day - March 8th - Pupil Free Day**

A further reminder that Friday March 8th is a pupil free day, as, our staff will be joining other staff members from our Northern Plains Cluster (Kerang, Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Echuca, Heathcote, Inglewood and Rochester) for a 'Spirituality Day' to be hosted at St. Mary's Primary School in Echuca.

**REMINDER:** Please if you have not already done so, jump onto PAM and update your child/ren's Medical Information. Thanks.

**Craig**

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

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# School News

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



WEEK 3: Congratulations to Ken, Josh, Ayla, Lakota, Liam and Reece for being named our Learners of the Week!

## Elmore Charity Ball

### Summer Send Off Ball - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March

Parents are reminded that we need your response to volunteer at the ball by Friday, 23rd February. Details were emailed to parents on Monday.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Bar
- Breakfast and clean up.
- Car park security / traffic management
- Car park waste (Sunday morning)
- Kitchen (must wear shirts with sleeves to meet Food Handling Guidelines)
- Rosters & transporting volunteers.
- Ticket Hut & Gate Marshalling

There is no limit to the number of volunteers we can supply and we are asked to supply a minimum of 2 Volunteers to work on Sunday morning from 9am, 10th March for Car Park Waste. This activity will be compensated at 1.5 the normal rate.

If you are working at the bar you will need a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate and need to send a copy to [admin@elmorecharityball.net](mailto:admin@elmorecharityball.net)

The Volunteer Registration List and contact forms are attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for supporting your school in this fundraiser.





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into compassion  
**Turn fashion**

God of all hope.  
We pray for our world with all its beauty and need.  
We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.  
May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take the courage to share, especially with those who don't have what they need. Move us to act in the company of your Spirit, showing compassion and asking for justice. Now and for all future generations.  
Amen

## Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Beginning of the Year Lenten Campaspe River Mass.

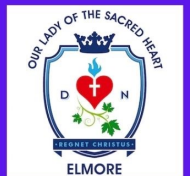


Come and celebrate the beginning of our school year together.

When- Wednesday, March 20th  
@2:30pm

Where- On the banks of the Campaspe River, behind Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School

Bring a chair!



## Ash Wednesday





# Project Compassion

Week one of our Caritas Fundraising was a raging success. Our 3/4 students sold Zooper Doopers to raise money for Project Compassion. Thank you to everyone who contributed. All funds raised are going to assist in the fight against poverty both in Australia and across the world. See below for the upcoming class fundraisers.



## OLSH 2024 CARITAS FUNDRAISING

### EASTER RAFFLE

TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME IN WEEK 5

RAFFLE DRAWN AT OUR OPEN AFTERNOON/ ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY 22ND MARCH.

**Casual Clothes Day on  
Thursday March 14th**  
with an Easter Item collection.  
Donations will be used to  
make up hampers.



**LENT  
2024  
GRADE FIVE**



Clean out those cupboards and bring your best  
quality clothing to school!

Swap it out for something fresh and new while  
helping those in need.

Plus, with just a gold coin donation to Caritas, you're  
making a big difference in the world.

**LET'S TURN FASHION INTO  
COMPASSION  
TOGETHER!**



Elmore  
Foodshare

**Foodshare  
Term 1  
2024**

CANNED GOODS  
& BREAKFAST  
CEREALS





# Community News



## REGISTRATIONS OPEN



### Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024



**Come & join us - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!**



**No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.**



**Non-Competitive Juniors**  
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

**Competitive Juniors**  
Under 12's, 14's & 16's



**Senior Competitive**  
Youth, Women, Men's

**Junior registrations close 8 March**  
Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact [secretary@epsomfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@epsomfc.com.au)  
Visit [www.epsomfc.com.au](http://www.epsomfc.com.au) or [www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer](https://www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer)



## UNDER 12 GIRLS FOOTY



Rochester Junior Football Club invites girls who are interested in playing competition football, to join our Under 12 girls team.

**Who:** Girls born in 2012, 2013 or 2014

**When:** Season starts 12th April. Games will be played on Friday nights

**Where:** Training will be held in Rochester, Tuesdays at 4.30pm. Games will be played in Bendigo

### Need more info?

Casey James, President 0418 190 877  
Tom Mangan, Coach 0409 504 212

# HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY  
FEB 25, 2024

10AM  
TO 1PM

**FREE ACTIVITIES:**  
 THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE  
 WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA • ART AND CRAFT  
 SPORTING ACTIVITIES • FACE PAINTING • FREE GIVEAWAYS!  
 RENEGADES FAN VAN - INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

**FOOD/DRINKS:**  
 BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS  
 - ALL \$2 EACH • FREE FRESH FRUIT • COLIBAN WATER  
 REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

Limited shade - bring along your hat and chair.

**STRAUCH RESERVE**  
 14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY



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## ELMORE FIELD DAYS

OCT 1, 2 & 3 2024



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FIELD DAYS

ElmoreEventsCentre

Elmore Equestrian Park



NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM Week 4 term 1's program was developed by using our children's meetings, observations, and children's requests.

DAY	ADVENTURE 1	ADVENTURE 2	ADVENTURE 3	ADVENTURE 4
MONDAY	<b>Homework club:</b> A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	<b>Football skills:</b> Come and practice their football skills for the upcoming junior Runnymede season.	<b>Color clash challenge:</b> being part of a team and using teamwork to complete tasks and little games. Are you able to work together and get through the challenges?	<b>Spidey senses:</b> In a quiet place with all your friends can you feel, listen, and smell things that are around you, a mindful moment.
TUESDAY	<b>Homework club:</b> A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	<b>Children's meeting:</b> This enables the children to have a say in the adventures we are running at Play and Stay and raise concerns.	<b>Evacuation procedure:</b> This task needs to be completed twice a term to meet with the NQS.	<b>Playground play</b> Come have some free play on the playground and show off the skills you have to the staff.
WEDNESDAY	<b>Homework club:</b> A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	<b>Playground tag:</b> on the playground, are you able to not get tagged?	<b>Draw to music:</b> Relax with some music and do some fun drawings. Your choice of what you chose to draw, or you can use one of the printed pics to colour	<b>Rock the boat:</b> Are you able to use your origami skills and build a paper boat that can float?
THURSDAY	<b>Homework club:</b> A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	<b>Round the world&lt;</b> basketball. Are you able to take shots at the basketball hoop from all areas of the court to shoot a hop?	<b>Mime masters:</b> Come and test out your miming skills. Might even be able to design your own makeup.	<b>Kindness challenge:</b> Can we design a way that we can use kindness to support our fellow OSHClub/ school kids?
FRIDAY	<b>Homework club:</b> A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	<b>Disappearing islands:</b> Can you work as a team to remain in while the hoop islands keep disappearing.	<b>Dance break:</b> Get some energy out and display your mad dance skills.	<b>Uno:</b> Test your uno game with the educators, can you win.

**LIONS CLUB OF ELMORE CHARITY BALL 9th & 10th March 2024 VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION LIST**

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**LIONS CLUB OF ELMORE CHARITY BALL**  
**9th & 10th March 2024**  
**VOLUNTEER CONTACT & CERTIFICATE LIST**

We understand that it may be time consuming to collect this information, but please provide the details as requested for this year's 18th Annual Ball.

As stated on the letter please provide your organisations volunteer public liability.

If you do not have this you will require to sign a waiver on arrival stating that you are volunteering at your own risk.

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