



COMING UP AT OLSH...

DEC 2024

Wed 18th Student Christmas party day

Thu 19th **Students Last Day**

Thu 19th Celebration Mass at OLSH Church and Picnic dinner at school

JAN 2025

Tues 28th & Wed 29th **PUPIL FREE DAYS**—Staff Professional Learning

Thurs 30th Grades 1-6 return for 2025

Fri 31st Foundation students begin

APR 2025

Fri 4th **Last day of Term 1**
(Reminder that term 1 holidays are 3 weeks long)

Mon 28th **Term 2 commences**

From the Principal...

December 18th, 2024

Dear Parents,

As my time at OLSH draws to a close I have a whole raft of feelings flooding through me. Mostly, I am just so grateful for my time at the school and for the relationships I have been able to forge throughout these past three years. The Elmore community is a wonderful thing, and your children are a magnificent reflection of the values you, as parents, espouse. I feel super blessed to have been a part of your lives for this period of time and will carry these memories with me forever.

I am also incredibly appreciative of Matt Mann's offer to step in as Acting Principal for Term 1 next year, as Lisa finishes up her time in Tallangatta. Matt feels a deep connection to our community and school in particular, and I know these feelings are reciprocated. Plus, he will keep doing music and band on Thursdays – what a bonus!

Lisa Hitchcock visit

On Monday, our staff and students, and even a couple of parents, had the pleasure of meeting our new principal for 2025 (starting in Term 2), Lisa Hitchcock. Lisa has such a wonderful warm presence and a super friendly disposition, which everyone who met her on Monday will attest to. Lisa originally hails from Rushworth and was Lisa Jessup before getting married. She also has lots of relations in Colbinabbin, mainly Morgans!! Lisa was also super impressed by the lovely reception she got from everyone she met. I can see already that the Hitchcock / OLSH combination could be an absolute ripper.

End of Year Liturgy and Community Gathering

On Thursday, December 19, we have our end of year liturgy and community gathering to honour our Year 6's who are moving on and to say farewell to another school year.

The Liturgy begins at 6.00pm in the Church.

After our Liturgy we will come back to school for our meal and to hear the musical performances of the children. And please remember that for dinner you have two options:

Subway (the order is up on Canteen Hub and will be delivered on the night)

Rochester Pizza (you only need to ring and place your order and pay over the phone – please call 5484 1990) - these will be delivered also

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School News

Goodbye and Good Luck

Unfortunately, at this time of year we also say farewell to families who are finishing up at the school. We wish the Hayes family, the Skeers family and the Jenner family all the best as their last child finishes their time at OLSH. Additionally, we also say farewell to the Holmberg family, the Weeks family and the Nzegwu family as they begin exciting new schooling ventures in 2025. To all these families we say a massive thank you for your contribution to school life here at OLSH and wish you all the best for this next phase of your life – you will all be greatly missed!

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will come home in two forms today – via hard copy and electronically through your email. Please let us know if for some reason you do not receive your child's report via either of these forms. The reason for both, is that we have noticed in the past that quite a large portion of families were not accessing reports when they were only shared electronically – hopefully this circumvents this issue.

First Day 2024 The first day for students in 2024 is Thursday, January 30th. When school resumes please ensure that each child brings the following items;

- Tissues – 1 family sized box
- School hat
- Drink bottle
- Headphones to keep at school for use with ipads and computers.
- Art Smock

Christmas Platter Reminder

Thank you for all the beautiful food bought in by families for today's Christmas Party. If you sent a platter/container without a name on it, please pop in and collect today or tomorrow.

Cheers, for the final time as principal,
Craig.



FOUNDATION TRANSITION DAY



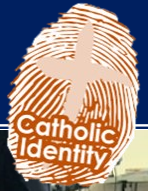
School News



Christmas Party



Catholic Identity



Grade 3/4 Nativity

**Merry Christmas
from OLSH Elmore.
2024**

Community News



Second-Hand Uniform

We have lots of size 8, 10 and 12 uniform

Please feel free to come in before/ after school and help yourself. If you have good quality uniform that your child has grown out of, please feel free to swap for the next size up or donate!




ELMORE POOL UPDATE

Thanks to a generous grant from Lockmore Financial Services, our bathrooms have received a much-needed refresh! Best of all, you can now enjoy a warm shower before and after your swim! As our pool facilities improve, we're excited to offer more opportunities for the community to stay active and engaged.

WATER AEROBICS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We're considering running Aqua Aerobics classes, but we need to know if there's enough interest!

Proposed Times Tuesday mornings or Friday afternoons
Cost \$17 per class

If you'd like to join, please fill out the expression of interest form using the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/Elmoreaqua>



SWIMMING LESSONS ARE BACK THESE HOLIDAYS!

For school aged children (4 and above)

Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 PM


Instructor: Holly Thompson **Cost:** \$15 per lesson



For individual lessons (for adults or babies), swim instructor

Maree Macague is available.

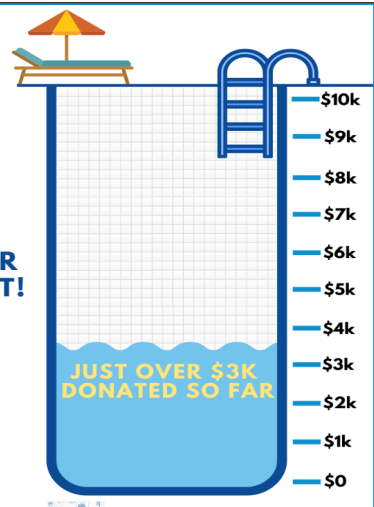
If you're interested, please fill out the expression of interest form <https://bit.ly/Elmoreswim> or using the QR code so we can organize lessons and contact you with details.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Whether a big or small donation, we appreciate you helping us to fill the pool!

NAME: Elmore Swimming Pool
BSB: 633 000
ACC: 128745817



JUST OVER \$3K DONATED SO FAR

FOOD SHARE

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- PASTA
- RICE
- CEREAL
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CORN
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- BAKED BEANS
- TEA
- COFFEE
- DRIED FRUITS
- LENTILS

ELMORE FOODSHARE'S LAST DAY FOR 2024 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 9AM-10:30AM. OUR FIRST DAY BACK FOR 2025 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 9AM-10:30AM.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms can be ordered at any time:

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



Families are also welcome to go through our stock of second hand items. Call the office to make a time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

15 & 16 February 2025

ELMORE SUMMER SEND OFF BALL

Presented by Lions Club of Elmore

We need your help to make our event a success!

We're asking for volunteers to please pick a shift or two over the weekend of Feb 15-16 2025

SATURDAY		SUNDAY
TICKET HUT/TRAFFIC MARSHALLING 8:00AM - 12:00PM 11:30PM - 3:30PM 6:30PM - 7:00PM	KITCHEN 6:30PM - 10:00PM 7:00PM - 10:30PM 10:00PM - 1:00AM 10:30PM - 1:30AM	BREAKFAST 6:00AM - 10:00AM 9:00AM - 11:00AM (Extras will help with event pack down)
BAR (Servers need RSA) 7:00PM - 10:30PM 7:00PM - 1:00AM	CAR PARK SECURITY 9:00AM - 2:00PM 2:00PM - 7:00PM 7:00PM - 1:00AM	CAR PARK & CLEAN UP 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Register by Sun 5 Jan 25 via: <https://tinyurl.com/charityball-vol25>

