



COMING UP AT OLSH...

FEB 2025

Thu 13th	Parish Mass @9:30am Welcome Liturgy in Chevi Centre @6pm
Sat 15th	Elmore Charity Ball
Wed 19th	Learning Conversations
Fri 28th	Cluster Swimming

MAR 2025

Tue 4th	Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes from 8am)
Wed 5th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2:30pm
Mon 10th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 12th	Naplan Begins
Tue 18th	School Photos
Fri 21st	Harmony Day
Mon 24th	Naplan Closes
Wed 26th	Cluster Cross Country

APR 2025

Wed 2nd	Lenten Mass
Fri 4th	Last Day of Term (3 weeks holiday)

From the Principal...

February 5th, 2025

Dear Parents,

Last week I alluded to the effective learning programs that are in place at OLSH and that I would provide greater detail in this newsletter. The research and evidence based programmes are part of the diocesan wide MAGNIFY project which you would have heard about last year (and which is promoted on banners art the front of the school and office foyer). The project includes the following key programmes and initiatives.

1. The Neuroscience of Learning—Each year researchers understand more about the way the human brain learns. The teachers will regularly participate in professional learning so they better understand and can be responsive to the needs of their students.
2. Improves Literacy Outcomes— Literacy is the most basic building block for learner growth. OLSH is implementing informed evidence, Structured Literacy Approach in line with the recommendation of the Gratton Report “The Reading Guarantee”.
3. Low Variance, Knowledge Rich Curriculum—Sandhurst Catholic Schools have partnered with OCHRE Education to provide a quality low-variance curriculum. In 2025 the curriculum areas will be English and Maths. Providing a low variance curriculum, will ensure the teachers address relevant curriculum content and have access to meaningful activities and assessments.
4. Positive Learning Environments—The best curriculum in the world will not be impactful unless the classrooms are calm, ordered and safe. From the beginning of Term 2, OLSH will be implementing a common, evidence informed Behaviour Curriculum.

As you can see, OLSH will be at the cutting edge of worldwide curriculum developments.... And the staff in for a full and busy year.

Newest OLSH Staff Member

A big and warm welcome to Jo Webb, who started today at OLSH as the schools MHIPS teacher. Mental Health in Primary Schools is a government funded project to help schools support the mental health and wellbeing of students. OLSH is extremely fortunate to secure the services of Jo, who has extensive experience in the area of Mental Health and Wellbeing in both schools and health settings. Parents will hear more about this project throughout the course of the year.

Cheers,
Matt

School News

OLSH School Fees for 2025

Statements for the 2025 school fees will be sent home in the next few days. Families are asked to make payment as soon as possible.

If you already have a direct debit agreement in place with the school, you will be contacted by email to set up your payments for the year.

If you hold a current Centrelink Concession Card (such as an eligible healthcare card or pensioner concession card) you will be eligible for fee relief. The Diocese of Sandhurst has placed a cap on the amount of school fees for Centrelink Concession Card Holders at \$520 per student for 2025. This cap will be applied after any other available concessions have been applied to your account. To be eligible, you must have a current Centrelink Concession Card and complete a direct debit form or enter into a payment plan with Centrepay. Please call in or contact the office to complete the new application form. Any family who is not eligible for a Centrelink Concession Card but who is concerned about the payment of their fees, is asked to contact the Principal as soon as possible to discuss this.

Health Care Card HCC 2025 update

For Primary School families

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) is pleased to inform Primary School families holding a valid Health Care Card (HCC) that you are eligible for a significant reduction in School fees for the upcoming year, including all fees and levies.


We understand that many families have varying circumstances and in response to the rising cost of living expenses, we are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance.

Please be assured that this support is provided to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive in our school community. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the school office.

3 simple steps

- 1 provide a copy of your HCC to the school office
- 2 complete a Camps, Sports & Excursions Form (CSEF)
- 3 set up a direct debit arrangement at the school

If you've already submitted your HCC, completed the CSEF form, and have a direct debit in place, no further action is needed – the discount will be applied automatically.



Welcome to our 2025 Foundation students



Our three prep students have only been at school for 3 days, but they have settled in so beautifully in the school environment. A big welcome Lachie Bramucci, Mackenzie Howie and Harriet O'Sullivan to our OLSH family



Catholic Identity

Religious Education

OLSH

Theme- Pilgrims of Hope



Classroom Highlights

Buddy activity

Pilgrims of Hope

Yesterday we shared with our buddies how we can be "Pilgrims of Hope" at OLSH school.



WELCOME TO 2025

I have the privilege of leading the school in Religious Education this year. Term One is a busy time with significant events in the liturgical calendar.

The children will attend parish Mass on Thursday, 13th February, at 9:30 AM.

In the evening, we will gather for a liturgy at 6:00 PM in the Chevi Centre, followed by a shared meal.

Ms. Nihill

Jubilee Year

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.



Community News



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

Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 15th

1pm-3pm

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

Registration & season details

Prizes & giveaways

2nd hand uniforms available

Cold drinks & icy poles - (gold coin donation)

2025 REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Visit our website at www.epsomfc.com.au to register

Come & have a kick - there'll be games & activities for all. Chat to members of the club & find out about playing at Epsom FC in 2025. Email secretary@epsomfc.com.au for further details.

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!

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

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Uniforms can be ordered at any time:

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

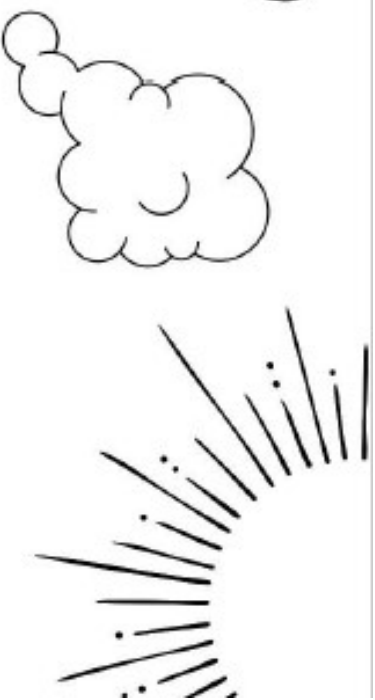
Families are also welcome to go through our stock of second hand items. Call the office to make a time.

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

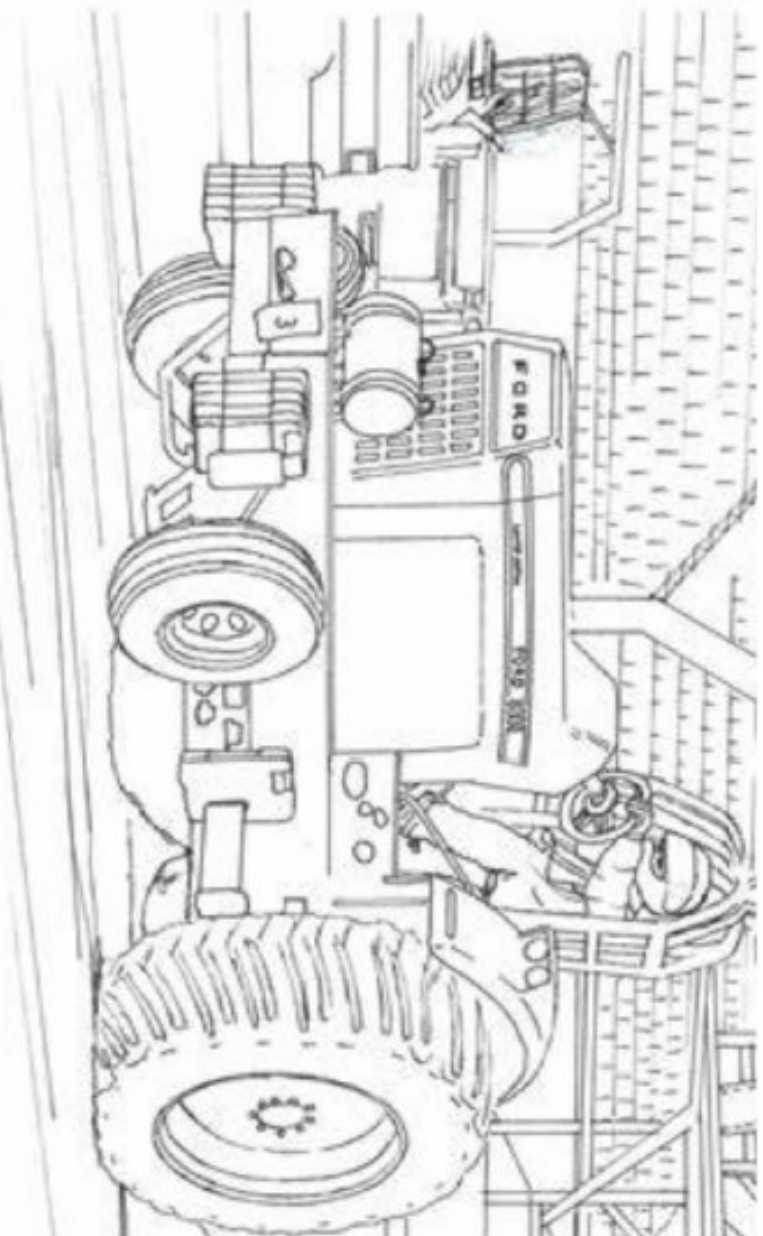
Register by Sun 5 Jan 25 via: <https://tinyurl.com/charityball-vol25>

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ELMORE TRACTOR PULL



15TH
MARCH
2025



**PRIZES FOR WINNERS: FAMILY PASSES AND CHILDREN'S PASSES!
ENTRIES CLOSE 8TH MARCH 2025.**

Name:
School:
Phone:

Age:
Email:

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