



COMING UP AT OLSH...

FEB 2025

Fri 28th Cluster Swimming

MARCH 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

APRIL 2025

Wed 2nd **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Fri 4th **Last Day of Term (3 weeks holiday)**

Tues 22nd to Thurs 24th **PUPIL FREE DAYS**— Staff Professional Development

Mon 28th School returns—first day back for students

From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to have so many school families at last Thursday's beginning of year liturgy and tea. Something small rural schools do incredibly well is the sense of community and the strong relationships amongst its members.

An article appeared in the Age newspaper last weekend titled: Catholic Schools reap the benefits of 'back to basics' overhaul'. The article centred on Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools and the big improvement in student achievement in numeracy. This is due to an explicit instruction, step by step approach, using clear explanations and demonstrations. Just to put OLSH parents minds at ease, this exact program, which also

includes literacy and phonics, is being implemented currently in the school. While the students results at OLSH have been above standard in recent years, any extra improvement is always a good thing.

Naplan Testing

NAPLAN testing for grade 3 and 5 students will commence on Wednesday the 12th March with writing being the first test. Testing times and dates are on the school calendar.

Campaspe Cluster Swimming Sports

The annual swimming sports are on next Friday the 28th February at the Elmore Swimming Pool and are due to commence at 10:00am. The students will arrive at 9:30. The grade 2-6 students have been placed into events that match their ability.

Cheers,
Matt.

School News



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1, Week 2: Congratulations to Zara, Charlie, Liam, Lola, Roy and Ayla for being named our Learners of the Week!



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!



LUNCH ORDERS & PRICELIST UPDATE

Lunch orders are available again this year for your students through Elmore Bakery on Thursdays. We have been provided with a new price list for 2025. Please see the full list at the end of this newsletter.

SEESAW

Seesaw is one of the sources of communication between school and home. Parents are asked to make sure that they have the app downloaded and have notifications turned on. It is used to post out to parents when there is something valuable or important to share. It really helps our teachers to know that people are interacting with the posts that are sent out.



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.

Catholic Identity

Grade 5/6's beautiful prayers and thanks.

Ms Nihill
17 Feb 2025

Petition



I pray for Pope Francis who is unwell in hospital with bronchitis. May he grow stronger each day so he can continue to lead the church with wisdom and resilience. Lord hear us.

Frankie
17 Feb 2025

petition



I pray for the people who are in Queensland and are affected by the flooding may they recover quickly and stay safe. LORD HEAR US.

Chevlrace10
17 Feb 2025

Chevi @



I pray that all of the people in prison realize their actions. I hope that they know what they have done wrong. May they make good choices if they get let out. Lord Hear Us. (response: Lord Hear Our Prayer)

DAREAL cooper
17 Feb 2025

Petition

I pray that my dad will get a good night sleep after the B.N.S because he stayed until 1:30.

Kennibol
17 Feb 2025

Thanks giving



I thank God for all the animals that will always keep us company.

AYLA
17 Feb 2025

Ayla



I am thankful for all the food and water we have cause some people don't have any.

Zayde
17 Feb 2025

I pray for the people who are struggling with sadness, may they find happiness in their life

Passionate Ray
17 Feb 2025

Dawn



I pray that everyone has a safe roof over their heads, also, to be comfortable during cold and hot nights. Lord hear us.

AYLA
17 Feb 2025

Praise

I pray for my nanna that she can come home soon from her surgery.

Amelia
17 Feb 2025

Praise Amelia



I pray for all people in the war who are fighting for their country. I hope they can all come home safe to their family. Lord hear us.

DAREAL cooper
17 Feb 2025

Petition Cooper



I pray that my dog Frankie will use her time to run and burn energy after being cooped up in the back yard for 4 days.

Sunny Grace Gibbs
17 Feb 2025

Thanks giving



I thank God for all the beautiful thing in the world that he made for all the people. Lord Hear Us

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HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY



Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

**FREE
ENTRY**

**SUNDAY
FEB 23, 2025**

**10AM
TO 1PM**

STRAUCH RESERVE, 14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY

FREE ACTIVITIES:

CHAIR-O-PLANE ACTIVITY ▸ INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA ▸ AIRBRUSH TATTOOS ▸ ART AND CRAFT
SPORTING ACTIVITIES ▸ ANIMAL DISPLAY ▸ FREE HEARING CHECKS
FREE GIVEAWAYS! ▸ FACE PAINTING ▸ RENEGADES VAN INFLATABLES

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.



Child-safe event. Smoke and vape free event.
Parking available around sporting ground.

Don't forget
a towel!



FOODSHARE

**Tuesday's & Thursday's
11am to 12pm**

**ROCHESTER SHIRE HALL
43 MACKAY STREET
*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO
OPENING HOURS**



Initiated by Rochester Community House
Community Core
Additional funding from Community Bank, Elmora, Lockington and Rochester
Delivered by AMICA (Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association)

Scan the QR code to apply

Flood Relief Grants

Round Two of the Rochester Community Access Flood Relief Funds are NOW OPEN!

All applications must be submitted online, if you require assistance to apply (please bring bank details and proof of residency) or would like more information about eligibility, please visit Community House.

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*The Elmore
Bakery*

Phone: 03 5432 6558

2025 LUNCH PRICE LIST

PLAIN PIES/PASTIES.....\$6.00
SAUSAGE ROLLS\$4.50
HOT DOGS..... \$3.70...with Cheese\$4.00
PARTY PIES/PASTIES/SAUSAGE ROLLS\$1.50
GF Pies \$10.50 GF Sausage Rolls \$9.50

Salad Rolls/Sandwiches
(with Meat) \$7.00
Ham/Chicken/Roast Beef
Tomato, Onion, Cucumber,
Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce &
Beetroot

Salad Rolls/Sandwiches
(NO Meat) \$6.00
Tomato, Onion, Cucumber,
Cheese, Carrot, Lettuce
& Beetroot

Plain Sandwich \$3.50
Cheese or Vegemite
Plain Meat Roll \$5.00
Ham/Chicken/Roast Beef

HAM & CHEESE TOASTIE \$5.50

FRUIT SALAD \$8.00 (seasonal)

GRANOLA & YOGHURT \$7.00

SAVOURY ROLLS

Cheese & Bacon \$2.50
Cheese & Vegemite Scroll \$2.50

CAKES/SLICES

Cinnamon Donut \$3
Iced Donut \$3.40

DRINKS

FRUIT JUICE (Impressed/Mojo) \$4.00 (Apple & Orange)
300ml OAK Flavoured Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry only) \$3
600ml Water \$3.00

Please write name and order clearly on the outside of an envelope or paper bag and place money securely inside.
All prices include GST. Products can be purchased with sauce at no extra charge. Prices are subject to change.
