



# From the Heart



Newsletter No. 23

12th February , 2025

## 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

### MARCH 2025

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

### APRIL 2025

Wed 2nd	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
Fri 4th	<b>Last Day of Term (3 weeks holiday)</b>
Tues 22nd to Thurs 24th	<b>PUPIL FREE DAYS</b> — Staff Professional Development
Mon 28th	School returns—first day back for students

## *From the Principal...*

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to our first school community get together for 2025. It will be a liturgy at 6pm and be followed by tea—with many taking up the convenience of ordering pizzas from the Elmore Pizza shop.

Interestingly, the early church, which the apostles helped set up with their followers after Jesus' death and resurrection, followed a similar format to our school community gathering.

The families from the local village and area would gather regularly at someone's house or community gathering spot. They would listen to the Word of God, reflect on what they heard and think about ways they could change their lives for the better. Then they ate and drank as a community, cementing their relationships as one big Christian family.

From what I have experienced in my time at OLSH, the school community is indeed a mirror image of this early church.

See you all on Thursday evening.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar of events can be accessed from the school's website at any time at <https://www.olshelmore.catholic.edu.au/community/calendar> This is a live calendar and, as the school learns of events, it is uploaded straight onto the website. So, please check in regularly.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

There will be a pupil free day on **Wednesday, April 2nd** for staff to receive professional learning on the new Behaviour Education Program. The program, which is mandated by Catholic Education Sandhurst, will be implemented in Term 2.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The students are certainly off to a sensational year! As of today, there has been 100% attendance by the students. There will be appointments, illnesses and other wellness matters, but what a cracking start by the students!

Cheers,  
Matt

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

W: [olshelmore.catholic.edu.au](http://olshelmore.catholic.edu.au) PH: 5432 6254 E: [principal@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au)

# School News



## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Term 1, Week 2: Congratulations to Lakota, Ken, Mackenzie, Sunny, Lachlan and Chevi for being named our Learners of the Week!

### LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Next **Wednesday 19th February**, we are holding our initial learning conversations between parents and teachers. This is an opportunity for you, as parents, to pass on information about your child and help set them up for a positive school year ahead. This also helps to build strong relationships between school and home and ensure that we are working together for the betterment of each student. Please take the time to logon via PAM to make an appointment or call the office on 5432 6254.

### 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.



**THIS PAGE CONTAINS  
IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
YOUR SCHOOL FEES.**

## OLSH School Fees for 2025

Statements for the 2025 school fees were sent home last week. Thank you to those families who have already paid! Your receipts will be sent home shortly.

- If you wish to start a direct debit agreement with the school, please contact the office for an application form.
- 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. There is a new form that needs to be completed for all existing and new applicants, 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.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)



CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$154.

**HOW TO APPLY:** New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the site listed below. If you received a CSEF payment in 2024, you do not need to complete an application form in 2025 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances (e.g. a new child starting school) or your concession card details.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/resources>

## CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) 2025



The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance from the Victorian State Government to assist families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school. The allowance is available to parents who are required to:

- drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to school (if there is no school bus)
- or drive their child more than 4.8 kilometres to meet the nearest school bus to the school
- the child must attend their closest government or non-government school (Catholic)
- the allowance is based on kilometres travelled and not based on any financial eligibility

Distance is calculated by the shortest practical route from home to the school or from home to meet the nearest school bus to the school. Distance can be calculated by using Bing Maps. Application Forms are available from the school office and must be completed by a parent/guardian.

Parents who received the Conveyance Allowance in 2024 do not need to complete a new form in 2025 unless their family circumstances have changed in 2025 (i.e. a Foundation child commenced in 2025). If you have recently changed address please advise the office if you are no longer eligible. Application forms need to be completed and returned to the office by Monday, 10 March 2025.

If you're unsure if you may be eligible, please do not hesitate to contact Nerida in the school office.

# 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.

# Catholic Identity

COME JOIN US , AND WELCOME THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

LITURGY

6 PM

THURSDAY 13TH

CHEVI CENTRE



PIZZA AND  
COMMUNITY  
GATHERING



## JUBILEE PRAYER

**Christ Jesus, on whom the Spirit rests, Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Christ Jesus, bringer of Good News, Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Christ Jesus, liberator of captives and all who are oppressed, Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Christ Jesus, restorer of sight, Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Christ Jesus, proclaimer of the year of the Lord's favour, Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Christ Jesus, in whom the Scripture was fulfilled, Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Lead us all to be signs of your hope in our world.**

**Amen.**

# 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!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 15 & 16 February 2025



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>



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child’s school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



## 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.

---