



## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### MARCH 2025

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

### May 2025

Mon 12th	Catholic Education Week
Thurs 15th	School Open Day

## *From the Principal...*

Dear Parents,

A big thank you to Denise Nihill, who prepared and organized last week’s Ash Wednesday liturgy. It was rich in Lenten symbolism and importantly, every student was involved in the prayer. This is active involvement in our faith and is exactly what God is calling us to do in Lent.

I hope families were able to assemble the Lenten prayer focus kit (that Denise thoughtfully put together) in a place that will prompt you to reflect on your Christian commitment and move you to:

- give your time to assist people in need
- act on a long overdue reconciliation with another person
- Put aside some money to give to an aid or organisation that provides basic necessities to the poor and dispossessed.

The above are only some examples of actively living our Christian faith and being true to Christ’s message of

Love, Care and Forgiveness.

I will be away on leave from this Friday the 14th of March to Tuesday the 25th of March inclusive. I will be travelling to China with some of my family members including my 86 year old mum!! While the timing is not ideal towards the end of term, I had already organized this trip before Catholic Education Sandhurst asked me to be acting principal of OLSH. In my absence, Mrs. Joan Coldwell will be Principal. Joan has been principal of St. Monica’s, Kangaroo Flat and St. Joseph’s, Quarry Hill and will fit into OLSH life beautifully, so please give her a warm welcome when you see her around.

### NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy)

Naplan commenced today for our Grades 3 and 5 students with writing. The remainder of the tests will be conducted as follows.

- Monday 17 March—Reading
- Tuesday 18 March—Conventions of Language
- Wednesday 19 March—Numeracy

### Cluster Cross Country

The Campaspe Cluster Cross Country Run will be held on Wednesday the 26th March at the Elmore Events Centre (Fields Day Site). The event is for all students—Foundation to Grade 6. A permission form will be sent home today with all students.

Cheers,  
Matt

# School News

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Term 1, Week 6: Congratulations to Ayla, Charlie, Harriet, Amelia and Willow for being named our Learners of the Week!



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are on Tuesday, 18th March.

Order envelopes were sent home last week

**Please return your orders to the school ASAP.** No change will be given on the day so it is vital that parents hand in envelopes that have the correct money enclosed or pay via EFT as per the instructions on the order envelope.

Students should wear their school uniform and black school shoes on the day.

## MHiPS (Mental Health in Primary Schools)



Hello OLSH School Community,

Just sharing the below link that you may like to explore in understanding and supporting children's mental health.

The Emerging Minds Website has great information and resources and within the link provided for families there is a short-animated video clip that you may like to watch in understanding child mental health.

[Understanding and supporting children's mental health - Emerging Minds](#)

Thanks

Jo

# Catholic Identity



# Pilgrims of Hope



**Walkathon and Hutbuilding**  
Let's walk in solidarity for refugees.  
Fundraiser Caritas

**Friday 4th April - Last Day of Term**

For our hutbuilding to be successful we need the following-  
tarpaulins, blankets, seed bags, hessian, wooden stakes, sleeping bags and any item which would contribute to creating a temporary hut or home. Please label and send to school to be stored in the art room.

Please see Ms Nihill.



**Ash Wednesday**  
(5<sup>th</sup> of March 2025)

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.

**UNITE** ♥  
**AGAINST**  
**POVERTY**  
**this Lent**



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA**  
**PROJECT**  
**COMPASSION**

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



# Community News



## Elmore Auskick Centre is looking for a Coordinator

**Role:** To ensure all participants have fun and make new friends whilst developing AFL skills. We are pleased to offer the following exclusive coordinator incentive in 2025:

**\$** \$50 Discount on your child's 2025 Auskick registration fee or \$50 AFL Store Voucher if you don't have a child in Auskick

**Interested in becoming the Coordinator or would like more information?** Please contact Participation Coordinator - Maddy Pieper on [madeline.pieper@afl.com.au](mailto:madeline.pieper@afl.com.au) or 0488 777 412

## ELMORE PS 150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS COMMUNITY FAIR

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 10AM - 3PM

### UNLIMITED ACTIVITY PASS

EARLY BIRD PRICE \$25 OR \$30 ON THE DAY

**JURASSIC ADVENTURE**

**INFLATABLE BUNGEE-RUN**

- INFLATABLES
- INTERACTIVE REPTILE DISPLAY
- PLAYGROUP PLAY CENTRE
- TEMPORARY TATTOO
- CFA FIRE TRUCK
- VICTORIA POLICE CAR + STAND

INCLUDES 1 X SAUSAGE AND SOFT DRINK

**FOR THE GROWN UPS**

- 25+ Market Stalls
- Extensive historical Displays
- Student Art Displays
- Commemorative tea towel, pavers and local wine
- Food and Drink
- Live entertainment
- Licensed Bar

**PAST AND PRESENT STUDENT AND STAFF PHOTO AT 1PM**

CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 54326247 OR EMAIL [ELMORE.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:ELMORE.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU) TO PRE-PURCHASE UNLIMITED ACTIVITY PASSES, TEA TOWELS, PAVERS AND WINE. ALL ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY

ELMORE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS

# SEASON LAUNCH FAMILY DAY \$1000 DRAW

**EXTRAVAGANZA**

**SATURDAY  
5TH APRIL  
12PM**

**AT ELMORE  
REC  
RESERVE**

**TICKETS**

**\$30 ADULTS  
KIDS FREE\***

TICKET INCLUDES:  
 LUNCH & NIBBLES  
 TICKET INTO \$1000 DRAW  
 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Join us to celebrate the start of the 2025 season

**\$1000 cash draw**

Come mingle with new and current members

Meet the coaches

Our Family Fun Day is packed with activities for all ages, including:

- FACE PAINTING
- KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
- LAWN GAMES
- FAIRY FLOSS

**TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH  
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

NOTE: THERE WILL BE FOOTBALL & NETBALL TRAINING ON FROM 10:30AM, SPECTATORS WELCOME

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## Play in the Garden Day

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK  
A DAY OF FUN, CONNECTION, LEARNING AND PLAY

**10AM - 1PM  
TUESDAY MARCH 18**  
GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE  
BOSQUET STREET, WHITE HILLS

**FREE EVENT**  
FOR CHILDREN  
UNDER 6 YEARS  
OF AGE

**LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:**

- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EARLY YEARS SERVICES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FACE PAINTING
- CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- LIBRARY ACTIVITIES
- ART AND CRAFT
- ANIMAL FARM
- PONY RIDES
- BUBBLES
- SENSOY PLAY
- LOW COST PLAY IDEAS
- SPORTS GAMES AND GYMNASTICS

FREE FRESH FRUIT • \$2 SAUSAGES and VEGGIE BURGERS • COFFEE AVAILABLE  
Coliban Water refill unit available please remember to bring your drink bottle.  
 Child-safe event. Smoke and vape free event.



# Community News

Year 7 2026 Information Night – Join Us at RSC!

We're excited to welcome future Year 7 students and their families to Rochester Secondary College's Information Night! This is a great opportunity to explore our wonderful school, meet our staff, and learn about the exciting journey ahead.

 Date: Wednesday March 26... [See more](#)



**OPEN NIGHT**

All prospective parents, carers and students welcome.

Come along and discover all that Rochester Secondary College has to offer.

**MARCH 26TH: TWO SESSIONS - 4:30PM & 5:30PM**

[Learn More](#)  Our Contact (03) 5484 1844  More Information [www.rochsec.vic.edu.au](http://www.rochsec.vic.edu.au)

## OPEN DAY 2025

4.30-7pm, Wednesday 26 March  
Coolock Campus, Junortoun

Join our welcoming community in 2026  
to learn the skills you need to thrive!

Discover our innovative educational facilities and spacious grounds, including the new Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct. Learn about the College's academic, creative and sporting programs at our Open Day.

Learning activities  Information stalls  
Guided tours  Live music  BBQ

**Enrolment enquiries:**  
Audra Petri, College Registrar  
5445 9100 | [enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@cmc.vic.edu.au)  
A Ministry of Mercy Education Ltd | ABN 69 154 531 870



**CATHERINE  
McAULEY  
COLLEGE  
BENDIGO**

*celebrating 150 years*  
1876 - 2026

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Register online – [cmc.vic.edu.au](http://cmc.vic.edu.au)



## 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.



**HOLIDAY FOOTY FRENZY**

**MONDAY 7TH & TUESDAY 8TH APRIL**  
**8.30AM - 5PM**  
**ATKINS ST, NORTH BENDIGO**

**AGES: 5 - 14**  
**SNACKS AND LUNCH PROVIDED**

**MORE INFO AND SIGN UP HERE**

**1 DAY - \$80**  
**2 DAYS - \$150**

Who will win the Fitzpatrick Cup?