



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 11

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COMING UP AT OLSH...

APRIL 2025

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

Friday 25th **ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Mon 28th School returns—first day back for Students

Anzac Day Service @2:50pm

Tues 29th Meet and Greet Mrs Hitchcock @2:30

May 2025

Fri 9th Learning showcase & open classrooms

Mon 12th Catholic Education Week

Wed 14th Cluster Winter Sports

Thurs 15th School Open Day

Fri 16th Division Cross Country

Wed 21st Simultaneous Story Telling

From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write this first newsletter to the wonderful OLSH community. I feel incredibly blessed to join this vibrant and faith-filled community, and I look forward to working alongside our amazing students, dedicated staff and wonderful families.

As a Catholic educator, I am deeply committed to striving for academic excellence but also nurturing the growth of the whole child. I believe that each student is a unique individual, and it is our shared mission to help them grow in faith, love and learning.

Over the coming weeks, I hope to meet many of you—at the school, in the classroom and at community events. I welcome your thoughts, your hopes for our school and your partnership as we journey together in faith.

Thank you for the warm welcome I've already received.

Over our holiday break it has been a time of great sadness with the passing of valued community members and our beloved Pope Francis.

Francis the shepherd of our Catholic Church died on Easter Monday. His life was such a blessing to us all and a profound testament to humility, compassion, inclusion and unwavering faith in God's love, which he shared so generously. Bishop Shane has advised that there will be a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis this coming Thursday at 5.15pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral - Bendigo. Everyone is welcome.

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Mrs. Yvonne Frawley, a much-loved teacher at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, and her beloved husband, Brendan.

Yvonne touched the lives of many students, families and colleagues with her warmth, dedication and faith. We extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to their family and all who are grieving this profound loss. May Yvonne and Brendan rest in the eternal peace of Christ, and may perpetual light shine upon them both.

As many of you will already know of the death of Adam Tuohey. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Tuohey family on the passing of Adam, a respected local identity, beloved husband of Jamie, and devoted father to Jimmy, Bree, and Ellsie. Ellsie is a much-loved past student of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, and our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this time of sorrow.

I ask you to keep the families, friends and communities of Pope Francis, Yvonne, Brendan and Adam in your prayers during this time of grieving and immense sadness.

We are all on a Science of Learning journey at school this week. The staff have worked so hard to bring Magnify Sandhurst to life this year and are now reinforcing all this great work with neuroscience, psychology and education that will continue to support our students' growth here at OLSH. I thank our educators for all that they do in striving for academic excellence and outstanding growth for all of our students.

We are all looking forward to seeing our students back at school next week!

Peace and blessings,

Lisa Hitchcock

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

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School News



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AFTERNOON TEA



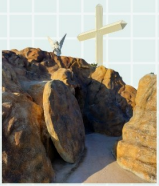
MEET & GREET

WELCOME MRS HITCHCOCK

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL
2:30PM



*Molly and Max Van Onsite!
Help us celebrate the Easter season
with an egg hunt for the students!*



Happy
EASTER



ANZAC DAY SERVICE

*Term Two
Monday 28th
April
2:50pm*

*Chevi Centre
All Welcome*



Catholic Identity

*Eternal rest grant unto
him, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light
shine upon him
May his soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed
Rest in peace.
Amen.*



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PROJECT
COMPASSION

Thank you to everyone for their kind
and generous donations to Project
Compassion this year. As a school and
community OLSH managed to raise an
amazing

\$657.05

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART - ELMORE

Our Lady of
the Sacred
Heart Elmore



I'm Uniting Against Poverty, as
part of Project Compassion.

Community News



WINTER SEASON BASKETBALL

Registrations Now Open

Mini Hoops, Junior, Intermediate & Senior

Starting week beginning May 12th
Junior and Intermediate Girls play Mondays
Junior and Intermediate Boys play Tuesdays
Seniors play Wednesday
Mini Hoops & Under 10 mixed play Thursdays

More information can be found on Stack Team App including costs, how to register for juniors, how seniors can nominate a team, what is involved, dates of season and more. All questions can be sent via email to: rochesterbasketballassociation@gmail.com

Come and be part of the fun!



Healthy Sports Rewards Expressions of Interest open to junior sporting clubs!

Would you like free vouchers for healthy experiences to use as rewards for your junior players?

Healthy Sports Rewards offers an alternative to the unhealthy food and drink vouchers often presented to junior sporting club players.

The program offers free or discounted entry to local pools and businesses like the Golden Dragon Museum, the Discovery Centre and Star Cinema.

All clubs are eligible to apply, regardless of any existing sponsorship arrangements.

Healthy Sports Rewards vouchers are limited. Express your interest by **Monday April 28** at go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/healthysportsrewards

Healthy Sports Rewards



Elmore Anzac Day Commemorative Servie

8AM FRIDAY 25TH APRIL @RAILWAY SQUARE

A short service will be held to honour those who have served for our country.



Wreaths welcome



A free BBQ breakfast will be supplied after the service as well as tea and coffee.



School Information Morning:

Thursday 15th May 9:00am - 11:00am

Principal Learning Tour:

Tuesday 6th May @ 9:00am
Thursday 8th May @ 9:00am

SHINE BRIGHT
Early Years Manager

Every Day,
In Every Moment,
Every Child Matters

Open Day

Tuesday 13th May 2025
9:00 am to 11:30 am

This is a great opportunity to make an informed decision about your child's 2026 3YO or 4YO kindergarten enrolment.

For a full list of our Kindergartens and Early Learning Centres visit www.shinebright.org.au