



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 38

24th November 2022

COMING UP AT OLSH...

NOVEMBER 2022

Fri 25	Swimming & Gym
Sun 27	First Sunday of Advent
Wed 30	PSG Meetings

DECEMBER 2022

Fri 2	Swimming & Gym
Mon 5	CMC Year 6 Parent Meeting
Tue 6	CMC Orientation Day
Fri 9	Swimming & Gym
Sat 10	Confirmation/Eucharist Mass @ 6.30pm
Tue 13	Orientation Day
Tue 13	RSC Orientation Day
Tue 13	Reports go home
Wed 14	Swimming Fun Day
Thu 15	Music Concert @ 2.30pm
Thu 15	Last Day Term 4 (students)
Thur 15	Graduation / End of Year Mass @ 6pm
Fri 16	Last Day Term 4 (staff)

JANUARY 2023

Mon 30th	First Day Term 1 (Students)
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From the Principal ...

Dear Families,

This week we have been served a brilliant reminder of why our Catholic Schools play such an important role in our faith community. On Tuesday, Jimmy, Nate and Reece were baptised here at OLSH, with all students there to witness and support them at this time. The boys were also supported by their families and Godparents, and Father Junray did a magnificent job of leading everyone through this delightful ceremony. As a school, we are truly blessed to have the talents and faith of Denise Nihill leading us on these occasions and are once again so thankful for the work she did in preparing the children for this event and in organising the liturgy.

PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

On Wednesday of next week, we are holding our Program Support Group meetings for those students who receive additional support through NCCD funding. Janette Colbert does a brilliant job of coordinating these sessions and in supporting all families, students and staff through this process. Janette has sent out a timetable letting everyone know what their allocated time is, please be in contact as soon as possible if this does not work for you.

WELCOME BACK SANDRA

Next week we welcome back Sandra Price who has been on long service leave and been travelling around the countryside. It will be lovely to have Sandra back on board. We are also extremely grateful to Zahra Hayes who has stepped in for Sandra over these past few weeks and done such a wonderful job.

SWIMMING AND GYM

Tomorrow, our swimming and gym program continues with swimming at the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre which is in Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo and at Jet's Gym in Golden Square, Bendigo. As per last week, students will need to bring along their food and drink for the day. We will leave school at 9.15am and return around 3.15pm.

ACCESSING OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For those families who want to make sure they stay up to date with what's coming up at OLSH, you can now add our Community Calendar straight onto your device by simply following this link if you use Google Calendar - [Google Community Calendar Link](#) , or this link for iOS devices - [iOS Community Calendar Link](#).

ROCHESTER SECONDARY COLLEGE TRANSITION INTERVIEWS

RSC will be holding interviews with 2023 Year 7 families next Wednesday 30th November. Please see the flyer in the Community News section for more information.

Have a great week everyone!

Craig Simpson (Principal)

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School News



SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please remember to pray for Axel, Nathan, Isabella, and Ivy as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist/Confirmation at 6:30 pm on Saturday the 10th of December at OLSH church. We invite all OLSH learners to come along and support our candidates. We need a choir to assist Mr. Simpson on the guitar and help make this a memorable occasion. Please let Ms. Nihill know if you can attend.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nate, Jimmy, and Reece were baptised on Tuesday in front of family, Godparents, and the school. We sincerely thank Father Junray for traveling from Bendigo to be with the OLSH community and sharing his joyful presence with us.



ADVENT

The first week of Advent begins on Sunday 28th November. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year in the church calendar. The church has three liturgical cycles: A, B and C. This year we will be return to Year A, which focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.

The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. When we light the candles on the wreath, it symbolises the coming of light (Jesus) into the world.

Candle 1 (violet): represents hope

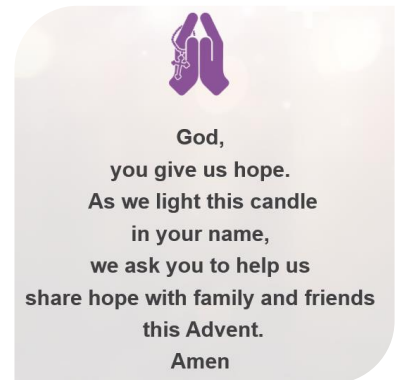
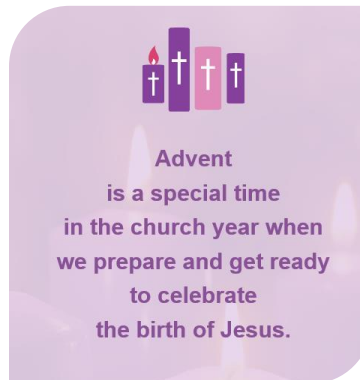
Candle 2 (violet): represents peace

Candle 3 (rose): represents joy

Candle 4 (violet): represents love

The central white candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Christ.

This Advent we will learn, act and pray for a more just and fair world – a world full of hope, peace, joy, and love.



- Denise Nihill (Religious Education Leader)



TERM 4 PSG MEETINGS

Term 4 PSG Meetings will be held next Wednesday 30th November. All parents of children involved will have received a reminder text message today with their allocated time. All PSGs will be attended by your child's classroom teacher, learning support officer, and myself. - Janette Colbert (Leader of Learning Diversity)

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Isabella, Zayde, Chae, Roy & Charlie (not pictures) for being named our Learners of the Week!



BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8 - ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

Issue 8 of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue is now online. Ordering books through Book Club is an easy way to offer students the best in children's books for the home and to encourage independent reading for fun.

Book Club orders must be placed online via <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>

No cash orders will be accepted at the school office.



Community News

WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO

ELMORE KINDERGARTEN'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 6PM

Past teachers, families, and committee members all welcome

BBQ tea provided, BYO drinks, this is combined our end of year celebrations and AGM



Families of 2023 Year 7s

Help us get to know your child!

Interviews with families of 2023 Year 7 students will be held on **Wednesday 30th November** at Rochester Recreation Reserve - Windridge Oval Rooms from 9am to 4pm

Interviews will run for 20 minutes and can be booked by contacting RSC on **0476 974 105** or **0476 937 200**

Another date to mark on your calendar **Tuesday 13 December is Orientation Day.**

We look forward to seeing our 2023 Year 7 cohort then!