



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 09

COMING UP AT OLSH...

MARCH 2024

Thu 28th Last Day of Term

Fri 29th Good Friday

Sun 31st Easter Sunday

APRIL 2024

Mon 1st Easter Monday

Mon 15th Term 2 Begins

Tue 23rd Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thu 25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Fri 26th Pupil Free Day

MAY 2024 HUB student day - Echuca

Tue 7th OLSH juniors visiting the Kinder

Sun 12th Mothers Day

From the Principal...

March 27th,

Dear Families,

The school year is definitely a relentless march forward, as witnessed by the fact that we are already at the end of term 1!!!

Over the next two weeks, I hope that all families manage to enjoy some warm weather, some downtime and some memorable moments with the family.

Lenten Mass

Our Lenten Mass by the river last Wednesday was once again an extremely special event. Thanks so much to everyone who was able to make it along and I know that you are all so appreciative of the work that Denise put into this event to make it such a memorable experience.

Caritas

Inside this newsletter, Denise has provided a lovely summary of all that has been happening around the school for our Caritas fundraising, please make sure you check this out. I just wanted to pass on my personal thanks to everyone for the incredible effort that has gone into this and the magnificent spirit of giving that has been present throughout the school over the past few weeks. The children, teachers and families have worked together to ensure that our learners have thoroughly entered the spirit of Caritas and 'in giving to others' so that we can support and care for those people in our world who are less fortunate than we are. It has been a wonderful thing to see unfold - THANK YOU!

Ride to School Day success

Last Friday we had a very successful ride to school day - except for Daisy and her flat tyre!! In total we had 30 students turn up to ride or scoot to school. It was a lovely way to start the day and a great reminder about the value of a bit of exercise to get our day off to a positive start.

Learning Showcases

We had a great turn out to our Learning Showcase last Wednesday afternoon, with most classes reporting upwards to 60% of parents coming along to check out what has been happening throughout the course of the term. We are planning on offering these experiences towards the end of each term as a way of allowing parents to know what their children are learning about and how they are going.

Last Day of Term and First Day Next Term

Tomorrow, March 28th, is the last day of Term. Students will finish up at 2.25pm. School then starts back on Monday April 15th.

Pupil Free Day - April 26th (The day after ANZAC Day)

Please note that Friday April 26th will be a pupil free day - this follows on from the day of the ANZAC Day public holiday on April 25th, which means our learners will have a 4 day weekend!

On this day, our teachers will be doing some professional learning around the teaching of writing, to ensure that we are using the best evidence possible to help all learners with this very complex task.

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

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School News

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



WEEK 8: Congratulations to Josh, Bess, Jimmy, Cooper, Jasper and Regan for being named our Learners of the Week!



Hope you all have a beautiful easter and have a safe and enjoyable break. See you all Term 2!



HELP US: If you can, we ask that instead of discarding your Easter egg wrapping over this period, please keep it and bring it to school with you after the holidays to help in a craft activity we have in mind for next term. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Funds Raised by our school community so far, far exceeded expectations and currently sits at close to **\$1000**



This week we have reflected on the events of Holy Week.

Cooper, Amelia and Dawn have demonstrated their understanding of the solemn events through their writing and drama

HOLY WEEK

The Last Supper By Cooper

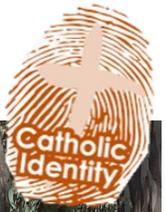
The night before Jesus died he summoned his disciples to the upstairs room for a meal of bread and wine and maybe other things. Most of the disciples were scared and worried because Jesus was saying things like “I will not be with you for much longer”.

In the Last Supper photo, there are no Judas or Peter. We know that Judas was finding the Romans to tell them where Jesus was so they could kill him and Peter must have left the supper.

The atmosphere of the room was tense and quiet. Initially, when you first look at the picture you think it’s just a group of people having a nice meal but it means a lot more than just a meal. Jesus is sharing bread and sharing wine with all of his disciples. He broke the bread and said this is my body, take it and eat it to remember me for eternity. And then he poured a cup of red wine and said this is my blood, take it and drink it to remember me.



Lenten Mass



In his encyclical "Laudato Si," Pope Francis has implored the world to care for the environment and asked us to pray outside. Last Wednesday, OLSH School did just that by celebrating Mass as a community by the Campaspe River. Similar to last year, the weather was kind after rain the previous day. Troy Firebrace, our Aboriginal Education Officer, performed "Welcome to Country," and the students sang our Sandhurst Diocese song, "Behold, I Make All Things New." We welcomed CES staff, including Colleen Hampson, leader of Religious education; Ben Higgins, Chief Operating Officer; Michael Chisholm, Senior Aboriginal Education Officer; Louise Levy, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer; and Kerry Stone, Caritas Leader. Four lamps held candles, which were powerful symbols of the "Light of Christ." Our foundation learners carried a poster with the words, "Behold I Make All Things New". Thank you to the parents who attended. We look forward to making this an annual event.



WE ARE COMPASSION IN ACTION!

Sunday the 24th was Palm Sunday, which also marks the sixth week of Project Compassion. This is Caritas Australia's six-week Lenten fundraising appeal. Project Compassion is built around the theme of "For All Future Generations". This theme has been drawn from the story of the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-20. As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work for "all future generations". As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff and families for their generosity throughout Lent. Each class has raised funds in unique ways. The middle learners donated and sold Zooper Doopers at break times raising \$128 over two weeks and in week 9 have been busy baking to sell their items at break times for a gold coin. The decorations have been very impressive! Grade Five sold pre-loved clothing and jibbitz jewels. The Year Six learners have closely collaborated with their buddies in the Junior learning space to organise our casual clothes day, Easter donations for our Easter Raffle and putting together these hampers, counting the money, and sorting tickets. We had the goal of raising \$500 for our raffle. We exceeded this expectation and raised a massive \$700 - Thank you! They have also organised the Hot Cross Buns fundraiser for the final day of term.

**Loving God,
Help us to mirror your love and mercy to those we meet.
Just as you humbly washed the feet of your disciples may we lean towards those who are most in need. May we hear the cries of the poor and respond with tenderness.
We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Community News



ROCHESTER
Easter Twilight
Market

Rochester Racecourse Recreation Reserve (4R's)

Thursday 28th March
5pm-8pm

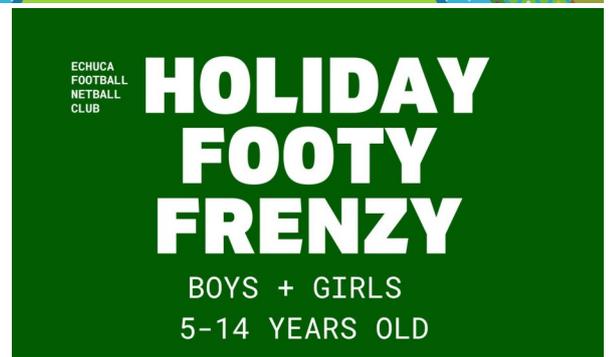


ROCHESTER
Town Market

EASTER EGG HUNT

THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH, 5-8PM

GOLD COIN DONATION, PROCEEDS GOING TO GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
4R'S, CRN DINGEE AND ECHUCA RD



ECHUCA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

HOLIDAY FOOTY FRENZY

BOYS + GIRLS
5-14 YEARS OLD



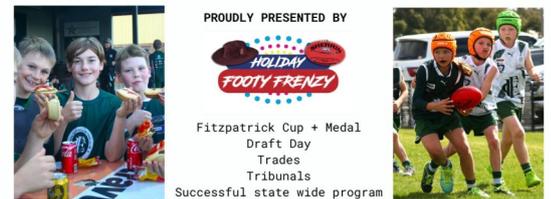
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ELMORE EASTER MARKET

Saturday
30th March 2024

Location : Railway Place Elmore

9am - 3pm



PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

**HOLIDAY
FOOTY FRENZY**

Fitzpatrick Cup + Medal
Draft Day
Trades
Tribunals

Successful state wide program

2 FULL DAYS

April 2nd + 3rd (Easter School Holidays)
8:30am - 5:00pm
\$80 for 1 day - \$150 for both days
Victoria Park, Echuca

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ELMORE
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Elmore Rec Reserve
Thursdays 4:30pm
starting 2nd May

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Community News



Who can attend:
Boys & Girls aged 4-12 years old.

General Information:
We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

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Programme activities:
Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details:
Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note:
Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

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SUPER SPORTS DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

St Joseph's Primary School - April 3rd

<p>8am - 9am</p>  <p>INTRO/CRAZY GAMES Start your day the right way with a range of crazy sports games including dodgeball, run the gauntlet & a basketball 3 point shootout! Prizes will be on offer too.</p>	<p>9am - 10am</p>  <p>SOCCER SHOWDOWN Come prepared to show off your fast feet & scoring prowess in the Soccer Showdown! The kids will have loads of fun scoring goals in our round robin match play & fun activities, as well as learn new skills!</p>	<p>10:30am - 11:30am</p>  <p>BASKETBALL BONANZA Jump, shoot and dribble your way through the day and show off your skills in our basketball challenge activities & tournament.</p>	<p>11:30am - 12:15pm</p>  <p>AMAZING RACE Show off your teamwork & problem solving skills. How quickly can you weave your way through our crazy challenges? Hidden prizes will also be included in today's Amazing Race!</p>	<p>12:15pm - 1:15pm</p>  <p>LUNCH & COACH VS KIDS GAMES After a super charged morning of sport, the kids will have time to eat, mingle with friends & play some slower paced games. Structured activities will still be offered as well as a range of free play activities.</p>
<p>1:15pm - 2:15pm</p>  <p>BIG BASH SMASH Come and show off your power hitting in our Crazy Cricket competition! The kids will learn the rules of the game, play fun & engaging team activities, as well as a 'Big Bash Smash.'</p>	<p>2:15pm - 3:15pm</p>  <p>INFLATABLE SPORTS Supersized inflatable games will help kick-start our afternoon program with Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games & more, this is one you won't want to miss!</p>	<p>3:45pm - 4:30pm</p>  <p>AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS Our little legends will show off their tennis skills in a range of fun games. A fastest serve challenge, mini tennis competition, as well as a stack of fun tennis skill activities.</p>	<p>4:30pm - 5:15pm</p>  <p>PARACHUTE GAMES What an awesome way to finish the day! Our parachute games are always a big hit with the kids. The kids will have a truck-load of fun participating in our crazy parachute games to finish the day.</p>	<p>5:15pm - 5:30pm</p>  <p>CONCLUSION & SPORTS CHALLENGES Super sports challenges & fun games will help conclude our jam-packed day of sporting action. Our team will also take this time to thank all families & be accessible for questions.</p>

FULL DAY: \$52
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8:00am - 5:30pm

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1pm - 5pm

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