



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 19

18th June, 2025

COMING UP AT OLSH...

June 2025

Wed 18th	Drop In @ Drop Off with Jo Webb
Thu 19th	8:40am Let's Bee Better Readers
Wed 25th	Drop In @ Drop Off with Jo Webb
Thu 26th	8:40am Let's Bee Better Readers
Fri 27th	Subway Lunch order day Learning Showcase of classrooms at 2:30pm
Mon 30th	School Advisory council at 7pm

July 2025

Wed 2nd	Drop In @ Drop Off with Jo Webb
Thu 3rd	8:40am Let's Bee Better Readers Student reports released
Fri 4th	Last day of Term 2 Pick up at 2:30pm

TERM 3

July Wed 23rd	Learning Conversations
July Fri 25th	Pyjama Day (more info to come)

From the Principal...

Dear Families and Friends of OLSH,

As we approach the end of the semester, it is wonderful to experience the learning and growth happening at OLSH firsthand. I feel very blessed to be able to work with students and teachers in the classroom.

Our wonderful OLSH teachers are currently in the process of writing the end-of-semester reports. These reports are a testament to how well our teachers know each child, recognising their unique strengths and areas for growth. Students' reports will be released to families on Thursday 3 July. The upcoming PSG (Program Support Group) Meetings – 23 June, the Learning Showcase – 27 June and Learning Conversations – 23 July will provide valuable opportunities for us to discuss your child's development and progress in detail and set goals for the future.

There is much to celebrate at the end of a semester filled with new learning opportunities, fun, great experiences and challenges that are helping us to grow!

This week we have welcomed Macy Larkin to OLSH. Macy is working as an LSO whilst Sandra is on leave this week. We thank Macy for joining us, and we will welcome Sandra back next week!

I would also like to highlight that this week is Refugee Week and World Refugee Day on Friday, June 20. At OLSH there was a time for spiritual reflection and prayer at the pilgrimage held Term 1 to recognise the plight of refugees, and our responsibility to be aware of what is happening in our world and do what is within our means to stand in solidarity with these people. This week provides a time for us to pray and reflect on the experiences of refugees and the importance of compassion and support for those seeking safety.

With peace and blessings,

Lisa Hitchcock

“Whoever welcomes a migrant welcomes Christ.”

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities.”

Pope Francis's prayer intention for June 2024



Refugee Week

Coordinated by
Refugee Council of Australia

At OLSH we acknowledge and pay respect to the Dja Dja Wurrung people, the original custodians of the land on which our parish school is located. We pay our respects to elders past and present and commit to actively work alongside First Nations People for reconciliation and justice for all.

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

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School News

PSG Meetings

We will hold our PSG meeting **next Monday, 23 June**. The families involved will be called with their time. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Term 3 Learning Conversations

Our Term 3 Learning Conversations to discuss your child/ren's Semester 1 report, achievement, progress and future learning will be held on **Wednesday, 23 July**. Times for the learning conversations will be **8:00-8:45am and 2:00-5:00pm**. These will be shared via PAM next week.

With our current workplace agreement, the times for learning conversations with teachers is restricted. I encourage you to make a time within these times.

Those families who have a PSG do not need an additional Learning Conversations. If you have any questions or concerns about PSGs or Learning Conversations, please contact Lisa.

COVID-19

There have been recent reports of COVID in our community. Please continue to test if your child has any symptoms and follow the Victorian Department of Health recommendations for primary school students' COVID-19 exclusion.

Primary school and children's services centre exclusion for COVID-19

Children diagnosed with COVID-19 are recommended to isolate. They should not attend school or childcare until 5 days after the date of the positive PCR or rapid antigen test result for COVID-19 and until acute symptoms of COVID-19 have resolved.

Acute symptoms include:

- runny nose
- sore throat
- cough
- shortness of breath
- fever, chills and/or sweats.

Divisional Soccer



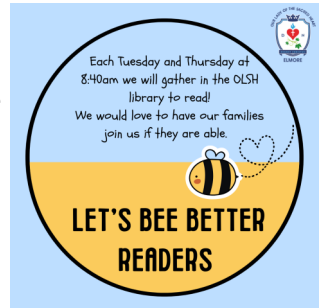
Subway at OLSH

Next **Friday 27 June** we will enjoy Subway for lunch! Please use the flyer below to order.

Let's Bee Better Readers

We have our reading each **Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40am**. We invite our families to join us and enjoy our students' reading each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40am!

Parents can complete the volunteer process after reading on either day.



Hot Lunches at OLSH for Winter

The children are loving the hot lunches at OLSH. Thank you for sending along the lunches in foil with names clearly marked on them.

Drop In @ Drop Off

Remember our Wednesday's Drop In @ Drop Off! We invite you to join us Wednesday mornings at drop off time in the Chevie Centre. Thank you to our families that have been able to join Jo!

Please let us know if there is another time on Wednesday or Friday that you would like to catch up with Jo.



Parent Engagement at OLSH: School Advisory Council & Class Reps

Our School Advisory Council will meet on Monday 30 June at 7pm in the staffroom – or online. I am very grateful we have interest from our community to join the council. All are welcome to nominate for our council.

We are looking for a class representative of each class. This role is to share information or reminders to families and provide some opportunities to connect with each other for a coffee or social catch up. We have a class parent representative for our Junior class, and we are looking for two more for Middle and Senior classes!

School News

2026 Foundation Enrolment

We are currently accepting enrolments for our 2026 school year. Please pass this information to any families you know with pre-school children.



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Enrolments close 30 May 2025
For more information or to book a tour
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*Subject to eligibility



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School tours are available and enrolments applications accepted throughout the year please contact the school office.


Orientation Day:

Tuesday 9th December, 2025
11.45am - 1.45pm

Foundation Orientation Program - Little Chevies

Come & try Little Chevies Friday May 23rd - 12:45pm-1:45pm
Come & try Little Chevies Thursday May 29th - 2:15pm-3:15pm
Friday Oct 24th - 9:00am - 11:00am
Friday Oct 31st - 9:00am - 11:00am
Friday Nov 7th - 9:00am - 11:00am* *OLSH Mission Day*
optional but must attend with a parent
Friday Nov 14th - 9:00am - 11:00am
Tues Dec 9th 11:45am - 1:45pm

We are  People

- who TOUCH the  of others
- who are Faith Filled
- who Pursue Excellence

Please contact the school for any further information or to discuss alternative tour options

Magnify Sandhurst

There are some great insights into Magnify Sandhurst and Catholic Education on these locally produced podcasts.



Elmore OSH Club

Elmore OSH Club are currently holding a raffle to support The

Smith Family – Learn today, change tomorrow. Raffle tickets are available from OLSH to purchase or raffle books to sell. Please see the flyer below.



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.



Child Safeguarding

Child Safe Team

The Child Safe Team are currently reviewing our Child Safe Risk Register to ensure we are continuously improving our Child Safeguarding at OLSH.

As part of our Child Safeguarding Policy and Practices we are asking all our parent volunteers to complete our Child Safe

Volunteer Process. All referees for our volunteers can compete the online reference form. This is available on our school website as a link and QR Code as well as in our newsletter below.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Elmore is a

Child Safe School



we are committed to child safety at all levels

As a child, you have the right

- to tell someone if you are unhappy
- to have fun and do activities you enjoy
- to have a say and be heard
- to be provided with information
- to be allowed to be a child and be treated with respect
- if you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child, to feel proud and strong in your own culture

If you do not feel safe, you can talk to one of our Child Safeguarding Officers.

Mrs Lisa Hitchcock

Mrs Denise Nihill

Mrs Kim Portwine

Mrs Lizzy Forbes

As a school community we work together to ensure we are child safe and that we empower student voice



Volunteer Referee Check Online Form QR Code



School News



Year 7 Transition

RSC



Rochester Senior Secondary Experience Day

What We Enjoyed Yesterday:

- **Ken:** *I enjoyed woodwork because you had to be creative—and I like creative things.*
- **Cooper:** *I enjoyed woodwork because it was different and English because we made wanted posters.*
- **Dawn:** *I enjoyed the woodwork because it was different, and I got to keep my work.*
- **Ayla:** *I liked seeing lots of familiar faces and enjoyed woodwork because it was something different that we don't do at our school.*
- **Amelia:** *I enjoyed the woodwork because we were sanding down wood.*
- **Zayde:** *I enjoyed woodwork because it was fun and interesting.*

What We Found Challenging:

- **Ken:** *I was challenged by humanities because I had to know where the oceans were.*
- **Cooper:** *I was challenged by humanities because I couldn't remember the oceans, and it felt a bit boring.*
- **Dawn:** *I was challenged by Humanities because the map activity was difficult.*
- **Amelia:** *I was challenged by humanities because I wasn't familiar with the oceans.*
- **Frankie:** *I was challenged by humanities because I didn't know the oceans.*
- **Zayde:** *I was challenged by English because the clues were difficult.*

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Term 2, Week 7: Congratulations to Frankie, Harriet, Amelia, Bess, Willow and Ken for being named our Learners of the Week!



Mental Health and Wellbeing
Leader Role



Circle Solutions at OLSH

As part of the MHiPs promoting whole-school approach to building social, emotional and positive healthy relationships. OLSH staff have been incorporating Circle Solution sessions within the classrooms.

Circle Solutions is based on research evidence found in the fields of mental health and resilience, positive psychology, neuroscience and effective educational practice.

Circle sessions establish understanding values and behaviours for “learning to be” and “learning to live together” that are reinforced outside these sessions in schools and community contexts.

Circle Solutions is based on the ASPIRE principles:

Agency- Students are given structured opportunities to take decisions on things that concern them and responsibility for making things happen. Students themselves build a positive emotional climate for learning.

Safety- No one has to say anything if they do not feel confident or ready to do so. Activities are in pairs, groups or the whole circle.

Positivity- The focus is on strengths and solutions- what we want, rather than what we get rid of. Circles actively promote positive feelings, including laughter. This enhances emotional resources and connectedness.

Inclusion: There is an expectation that everyone will work with everyone else. No one is left out and all are encouraged (without pressure) to join in. Every person is important in the group.

Respect: Participants listen to each other and do not take up more than a fair amount of attention. There are only personal positives and no put downs.

Equity: Everyone has an equal voice and opportunity to participate in all activities.

Catholic Identity

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ this weekend celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. When the disciples shared the food Jesus had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.



"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

**Well done Grade 5/6
our supply of tins for
EFS is growing!
We visit next Wednesday
25th!**



**All welcome to come to the
Chevie Centre this Friday 20th
at 3:30pm to see Sister Shirley
and Sister Lee.
We will read the submission to
the EPA together and celebrate
the DOLSH legacy to Elmore.
Cup of tea provided!**



WELCOME TO CANTEEN HUB



GETTING READY TO PLACE YOUR FIRST ORDER

- 1 Create a new profile at app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer
- 2 Add Profile: Set up children or yourself under the Profiles tab
- 3 Search for your school via postcode or name
- 4 Select your class
- 5 Head to Order Now
- 6 Select the person you are ordering for
- 7 Select items from the approved menu & finalise your order
- 8 To place orders for multiple people. You will be asked when you finalise your first order if you would like to place another order for another profile (person)



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FITZY!**



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MEDAL**



JUNIOR FOOTY

FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



**MONDAY, JULY 7
TUESDAY, JULY 8**
8.30am - 5.00pm

Venue:
Tom Flood
Sports Centre
(Barnard Street)

REGISTER ONLINE



THE PROGRAM
CATERS FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED



PLAY



4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!

8 - 12 YEAR OLDS



Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!

Bendigo School Holiday Program
Friday 18th July at Weeroona Oval
9am to 3pm - \$55 which includes a football
A day of footy fun!



Newsletter

NEXT WEEKS PROGRAM

Week 9 term 2 This week's program was designed by students as well as with staff, using children's meetings/ parents meetings.

DAY	ADVENTURE 1	ADVENTURE 2	ADVENTURE 3	ADVENTURE 4
MONDAY	Children's meeting: This enables the children to have a say in the adventures we are running at Play and Stay and raise concerns	Homework club: A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Netball: Let's try out some netball skills and see if we can score a goal	Chess: It's time to get our strategy skills on and work out how to play the game of chess. For the younger ones, we could try checkers.
TUESDAY	Children's meeting: This enables the children to have a say in the adventures we are running at Play and Stay and raise concerns	Homework club: A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Basketball: Let's practice our basketball skills	Draw to music: Canvas art Let's take some time to relax, paint, and listen to some great music.
WEDNESDAY	Mindful moment: Take a minute to reset and unwind after a big day at school	Homework club: A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Among us: This game will have to be taught to educators.	Beyblades: They are back, it's great to see everyone work together to help others in this game.
THURSDAY	Cup cakes: Let's make some cup cakes to take home for a yummy snack.	Homework club: A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Step Game, playground: This is like tag, but you only have a few steps before you are frozen.	Draw to music: Canvas art Let's take some time to relax, paint, and listen to some great music.
FRIDAY	Children's meeting: This enables the children to have a say in the adventures we are running at Play and Stay and raise concerns	Homework club: A fantastic way of giving your child extra support in a fun and creative environment	Nerf target shooting: Test your skills and see if you can hit the targets.	Draw to music: Canvas art Let's take some time to relax, paint, and listen to some great music.



RAFFLE

ELMORE OSHCLUB is fundraising for The Smith Family Dream Run this June and we would like your help to reach our goal of raising \$300 to support this noble cause!

PRIZES:

- 1st: \$50 Gift Card to Elmore Victoria Hotel Motel
- 2nd: \$20 Gift Card to Molly and Max Elmore
- 3rd: Large Pizza Gift Card from Elmore Pizza
- 4th: \$20 Gift Card to The Elmore Bakery
- 5th: \$20 Gift Card to Molly and Max Elmore
- 6th: Large Pizza Gift Card from Elmore Pizza
- 7th: 2 free coffee cards for The Elmore Bakery

Gift Cards kindly donated by the local businesses listed above.

We thank them for their community spirit and generous support!

Raffle Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Available at OSHClub.

Raffle drawn on the last Friday of term!

Enter to Win

Raffle books
now available from
the OLSH school
office – buy a few
tickets or take a
whole book!

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.
