



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 16

29th May, 2024

COMING UP AT OLSH...

MAY 2024

Fri 31st Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Feast Day

JUNE 2024

Fri 7th Whole school excursion to Bendigo
Book Club 4 orders close

Mon 10th **King's Birthday Public Holiday**

Tues 11th **PUPIL FREE DAY**—Staff PD

Wed 12th Mad About Science—incursion for all students

Mon 17th Mr Simpson away on Long Service Leave for remainder of Term 2

Thu 27th **Last Day of Term 2**—Open classrooms and assembly
Reports sent home.

Fri 28th **Pupil Free Day**—Staff First Aid Training

JULY 2024

Mon 15th **Pupil Free Day**—Learner Diversity staff training

Tue 16th First Day back for learners

From the Principal...

Dear Families,

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, otherwise known as OLSH, was a school that was started in 1902 by what we refer to as lay teachers, teachers not affiliated to a specific order of nuns or brothers. In the 1920's the parish priest, Father Ryan, believed that the school would be better placed to have its administration taken over by an order of nuns, which is when the Sisters of the Lady of the Sacred Heart took over the running of the school. Jules Chevalier, a French Catholic priest, was the person who initially founded the OLSH sisters, which is why we acknowledge his legacy in our school. Today we remembered our OLSH heritage with a liturgy to honour the feast day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, which is a special recognition of the role that Mary, the mother of Jesus, has played in the foundation of our school, and other schools named in her memory.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please keep Hudson, Amelia, Reece and Jimmy in your prayers, as they participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Tuesday. They have been preparing with Denise over these past few weeks and are ready for this important initiation into the Catholic Church.

Pupil Free Day - Tuesday June 11

Please note that we have allocated a pupil free day for the day after the King's Birthday - Tuesday June 11. Our staff will use this as a professional learning day.

Cross Country Results

Yesterday, we had Jimmy, Regan and Frankie competing at the Regional Cross Country event in St. Arnaud, which was a wonderful effort. They all did an amazing job and Frankie, who came in first place, now gets to compete at the state cross country championships in Melbourne which I think is on June 25. Good luck Frankie!

The Anxious Generation

I am currently reading a book that I think should be compulsory reading for all parents, it is called ***The Anxious Generation***, by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt. It takes an in-depth look at what has caused so much anxiety and depression in young people in the western world. Basically he states that several things have created a perfect storm for rewiring our children's brains from a very young age. Most significant of these is that childhood, for many children, has moved from a play based experience to a phone based experience. Play allows for children to safely explore the world and begin to take managed risks, which eventually help them to navigate the world. Phones, and other such devices, on the other hand deprive children of these invaluable play experiences, therefore harming their development and capacity to function effectively in society. Additionally, he claims that many parents are generally over-protective of their children when playing and under-protective of children when they are online and that we need to reverse this. There are many other things I could tell you about this amazing book, but instead I will just direct you towards this article with gives a reasonable summary of the main arguments he makes and the suggestions he gives for making this better. I encourage you to read it!

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/mar/21/the-anxious-generation-by-jonathan-haidt-a-pocket-full-of-poison>

Whole School Attendance Data

A responsibility that I have is to ensure that parents are aware of the status of our school attendance data, at least once per term. The state government sets the parameters for what it deems to acceptable attendance. These parameters are:

- Above 95% = at standard (missing less than one day per month)
- Between 95 - 90% = keep watch (missing around one day per fortnight)
- Below 90% = at risk (missing more than one day per fortnight)

At this point in time here is how we are stacking up as a school:

- Above 95% = 13 students
- Between 95 - 90% = 9 students
- Below 90% = 15 students

Our overall attendance is averaging 88.7%

This serves as a good reminder to us all of the importance of children getting to school as much as possible. Illness and family holidays cannot be avoided but it is important that wherever possible our children understand that they are at school every day.

Whole School Excursion

Another reminder that on Friday, June 7th, all students will be attending a whole school excursion to The Central Deborah Goldmine in Bendigo, followed by a Talking Tram ride through the city and hearing all about the local history and landmarks. This will be preceded by lunch and a play at the Botanical Gardens in White Hills. This excursion is courtesy of government well being money into schools, which could also be spent on learning experiences. Permissions with details for this have been sent home this week.

Long Service Leave

I will be out on long service leave from June 17th until the end of the term!

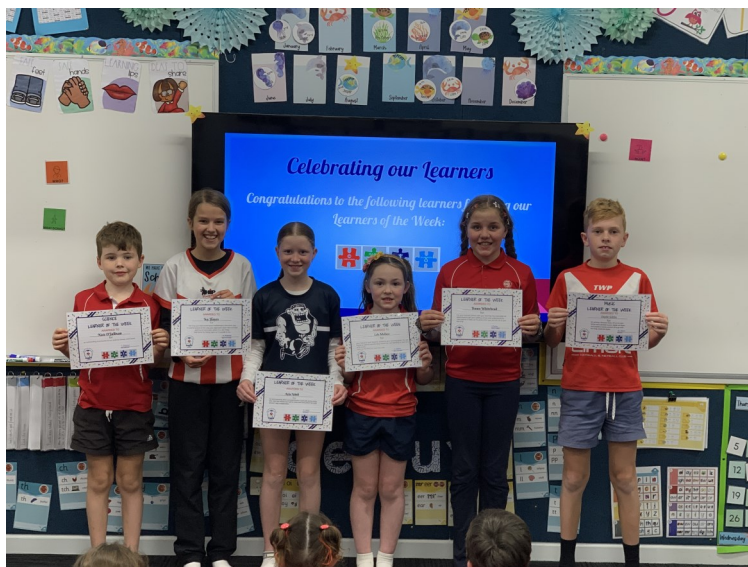
Cheers
Craig

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

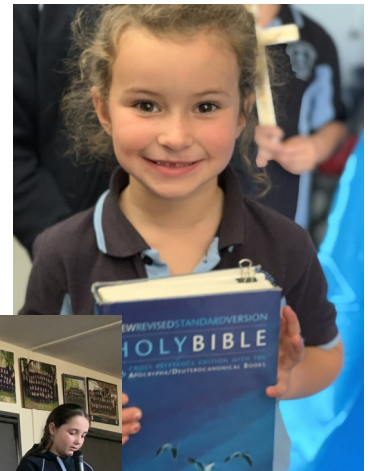


WEEK 5 : Congratulations to Nate, Ivy, Ayla, Lola, Dawn and Zayde for being named our Learners of the Week!

School News

Our Lady of The Sacred Heart Feast Day Liturgy

Today we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. We also recognise the 150th anniversary of the founding congregation. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is the title given to Mary by Jules Chevalier. This title focuses on the relationship of love between, Jesus and Mary, the same relationship. Of love between Jesus and Mary, the same relationship of love we are invited to participate in and have with each other. A very big thank you to Sister Lee and Sister Shirley who joined us from Melbourne, along with the Parishioners and parents who joined us on this special celebration.



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.



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SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club issue 4 is now available.

Orders will close on **Friday, 7th June**.

Use this link to access or set up your online account:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Orders are delivered for free, straight to the school for easy pickup.

Don't forget, every purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards.

We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

Catholic Identity



FIRE

Yesterday, the Grade Five and Six leaders learned about Fire Carriers. FIRE stands for Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education. FIRE Carriers are elected within the student body to represent students on the school's journey to reconciliation, and to educate the school community about the local Aboriginal story.

The Sandhurst Diocese is committed to providing pathways to connect with Indigenous Australians, of learning and understanding Aboriginal spirituality and how it aligns with Catholic identity.

Talk with your child about this opportunity, We hope that many of our senior learners will apply for this position. The commissioning ceremony will be held in the next few months, more information to follow.

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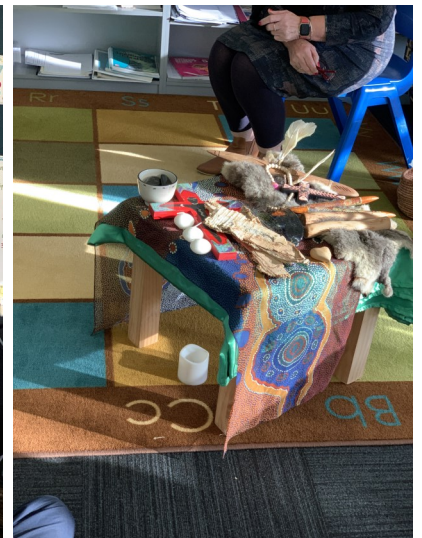
was very active in supporting Aboriginal reconciliation by participating in the FIRE Carrier Project.

"My invitation to everyone is that in your everyday power, in your work place, with your regular authority, with your everyday resources, turn your mind occasionally to what you can do, for the benefit of all Aboriginal people"
Professor Michael McDaniel Wiradjuri man

Opening The Doors Foundation
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

THIS IS AN INVITATION AND A COMMITMENT

Each FIRE Carrier commits to nourishing and educating the school community about the Aboriginal Story of the School and surrounds in order to build awareness of Aboriginal issues in the community we live in and respect the original custodians of the land.



*Happy Feast day of
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart*

"Mary, as Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is both Mother of God and is also Mother of us all."

Fr Jules Chevalier msc



*Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Celebrating 150 Years
Honoring Our Past, Rejoicing in Our Present, Embracing Our Future*



Community News



LODDON CAMPASPE
MULTICULTURAL SERVICES PRESENTS:

ZINDA ECHUCA

SUN 16TH JUN 2024
11AM - 3PM | ST MARY'S HALL,
224 ANSTRUTHER ST, ECHUCA VIC

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
KIDS' ACTIVITIES • ARTS & CRAFTS

LCMS.ORG.AU/ARTS-EVENTS

2024 Cushion concerts

Coming to a Cushion Concert book
Coming to a Cushion Concert is a book written and illustrated by Liz Duthie and designed by Jacqui Lynch.

It's just \$5 at the Box office and a great way to relive your concert experience.



2024 dates

- Saturday, 22 June 2024
- Tuesday, 16 July 2024
- Friday, 9 August 2024
- Thursday, 12 September 2024
- Wednesday, 9 October 2024
- Saturday, 9 November 2024
- Wednesday, 4 December 2024



LITTLE DREAMERS Bendigo Young Carer Holiday Program



Tuesday 2nd July, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Ages 6-16

Paint and Nibbles

Spend a creative day with Little Dreamers and channel your artistic side with painting, followed by fun games and snacks!

Food supplied. Transport not provided. Bookings are essential.

Library Agencies
Storytimes 2024
Nurture your child's listening and learning skills in fun-filled sessions of stories, songs and rhymes. FEB-JUN

MON 5 FEB
MON 19 FEB
MON 4 MAR
MON 18 MAR
MON 15 APR
MON 29 APR
MON 13 MAY
MON 27 MAY
MON 24 JUN



For more information please phone 5449 2790 or visit neqr.vic.gov.au/children



COME & PLAY

Carlton AFLW Community Camp 2024.

BENDIGO

Carlton AFL are coming to the Bendigo region as part of the AFLW Community Camp. FREE Come and Play program for girls aged 5-12 to meet some AFLW Players and have some football fun!

WHERE

Weeroona Oval - Bendigo

WHEN

4.00 PM - 5.00 PM
Tuesday 18th of June

SCAN TO REGISTER

