



## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### AUG 2024

Thu 8th	Preps 100 days of school
Mon 19th	Book Week Dress up / The Blurbs
Fri 23rd	Cluster Athletics
Thu 29th	Father's Day Breakfast

### SEPT 2024

Fri 13th	Classrooms open and Assembly
Fri 20th	Last Day of Term—2:25pm finish

## *From the Principal...*

Dear Families,

It's nice to see some slightly warmer weather on the radar. Our winter seems to have taken on some extra bite this year, so I think it will be good for all our spirits to have the opportunity to enjoy a bit more sunshine.

### **Feast of the Assumption**

Next Thursday, we celebrate the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary plays a special role in our church as she took on the responsibility of saying 'yes' to God and becoming the mother of our church and for raising Jesus. We will have a liturgy here at school to start the day and honour this occasion.

### **New Playground**

The replacement of our senior playground has started. The old equipment is gone, and we are waiting for the new stuff to be put in its place. This is part of a two-stage process to really upgrade this back part of the school. Part 2 will happen next year, when we reconstruct the area around the playground to turn it into a natural, integrated play space.

### **School Satisfaction Surveys**

It is getting close to that time of year again, when I will be sending out information for families to log into ORIMA surveys and complete a survey on life here at OLSH. Beginning next week, all staff, parents and students from Years 4-6 are invited to contribute to these surveys which help us to know the things we are perceived to be doing well and those areas where we should be expending a bit more energy and effort. Families will receive a letter with log in details to be able to complete the survey, thanks.

### **Bullying No Way Week**

Bullying can be a significant issue for some people, particularly young people, as they try to navigate some of the confusion that can be associated with adolescence and childhood. Bullying is a sometimes-confusing concept, but is best defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior among people that involves an imbalance of power. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

It is not uncommon for children (or adults) to be involved in disputes or disagreements, and for this to cause some discomfort for a child, however, bullying, as the above definition describes, is an ongoing issue with an imbalance of power – not a one-off problem.

At OLSH, I feel we are blessed with the way our students respond to each other and the way they interact in the classrooms and in the yard – it is a delight to see how they play in such an integrated way in the playground. So, whilst I feel we are in a great position here at OLSH, it is imperative that should you feel your child is ever the victim of school-based bullying that we address this as quickly as possible.

Many thanks to all the parents and staff from our various schools who have supported these days and transported children to and from the respective venues.

# School News

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Term 3, week 2: Congratulations to Sunny, Nate, Lucy, Nathan and Cooper for being named our Learners of the

**Reading is magic**

**Book Week 2024**  
Get ready to rock your outfit on Monday, August 19th!

Special visit from the blurbs @2pm

**ELMORE FIELD DAYS CATERING COMMITTEE**

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**SEPT 26 - OCT 4**

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## Senior Playground

Learners took their last photos and had their last play on the old senior playground last week. Work has now begun on a 2 year project to build a new immersive play space to integrate a more natural, earthy space for our learners to enjoy.



# Community News

Elmore Field Days is nearly upon us again, this year we are again looking for families to volunteer their time to help our school and the community by assisting in waste management throughout the event.

A letter with volunteer timesheets, timetables and information will be sent out in the coming week.

Please contact the office if there are any questions or concerns.

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# Catholic Identity



Mary McKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those not supporting her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first saint.

In preparation for the Feast of Mary MacKillop on August 8th, students in grades five and six have been very busy creating art using black paper, colored chalk, PVA glue and black paint. Each school in the Sandhurst Diocese faces the challenge of selecting only five pieces of spiritual art to enter.

