



COMING UP AT OLSH...

NOV 2024

Thu 21st Prep Orientation from 2pm

Fri 22nd Gym & Swimming

Thu 28th Prep Orientation from 2pm

Fri 29th Gym & Swimming

DEC 2024

Mon 2nd Avent Liturgy 8:55am—Junior Room

Thu 5th Prep Orientation from 2pm

Fri 6th Gym & Swimming

Mon 9th Avent Liturgy 8:55am—Gr 5 Room

Tue 10th Orientation Day

Fri 13th Gym & Swimming

Mon 16th Avent Liturgy 8:55am—Gr 5 Room

Tues 17th Gr 6 Celebration Day

Thu 19th **Students Last Day**

Thu 19th Celebration Mass at OLSH Church and Picnic dinner at school

From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

The final term of the school year continues to march relentlessly towards the finish line, with each week seeming to go just a little quicker than the previous week. With this in mind, it does pay to be grateful for the present moment and to make sure we absorb as much goodness as possible from our current experiences.

This holds especially true for our Year 6 students who have only four weeks of primary school remaining and whilst it is understandable and tempting to look to the future and be excited about the new opportunities that lie ahead, it is probably even more important that they extract as much as they can from these last remaining weeks at OLSH.

They certainly are an outstanding group of young people and we, the adults of the school, will look to enjoy their presence in our school whilst the opportunity is available.

Mission Day Money

We had an outstanding result from our Mission Day Fundraiser, with **\$2,151.05** in total being raised. Again, thank you all so much for what you were able to contribute both in time and money. This amount equates to each child in our school contributing just under \$60 to the cause, which is amazing. These funds will shortly be sent off to the DOLSH sisters of South Sudan for them to continue the amazing work they do in educating and supporting young people and families living in extremely impoverished and volatile conditions.

Gym and Swimming (and Subway Lunches)

Gym and Swimming begin this **Friday, November 22nd**, with the other dates as follows:

- **Friday, November 29th** – *(this is also a **Subway Lunches day** – Rowan is going to deliver our lunches to Cooina Park for our students to consume between Gym and Swimming)*
- **Friday December 6th and 13th**

Staff, Student and Family Surveys

About 60% of our families contributed to our ORIMA surveys, which measure the degree of satisfaction all stakeholders have with the various aspects of school life. In addition to this, our students and staff also completed these surveys to give us a comprehensive insight as to the relative strengths and weaknesses that we are confronted with. I am delighted to be able to say that the degree of satisfaction that we all have with the work being done here at OLSH is outstanding. I have included 2 graphs, the family and student results, with this newsletter to assist you in seeing these outcomes for yourself (please see the next page). I am hopeful that you will be able to interpret these but please let me know if you would like assistance in knowing what these are telling you.

Cheers

Craig

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

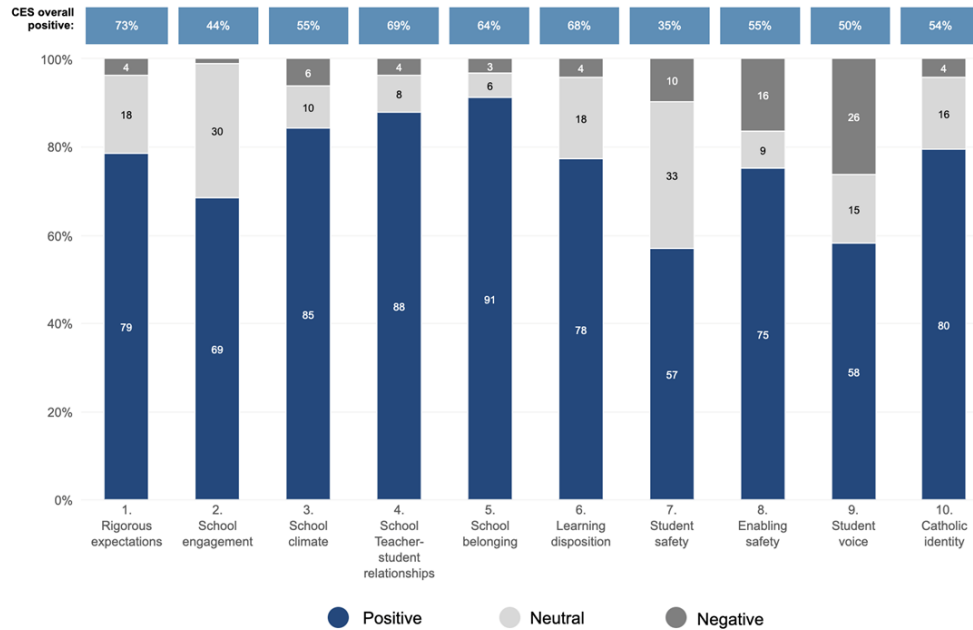
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ORIMA School Survey Snapshot

E3020 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary, Elmore Primary

2024 Student Responses Overview by Domain

2nd Level Comparison



Graph 1 - Student Responses to ORIMA surveys

To use column one, about 'Rigorous Expectations', as an example. The top figure of 73% relates to the average amount of positive responses to this question across the diocese (about 53 schools in total). The column underneath tells us that at OLSH, 79% of our students were positive that our school has rigorous expectation in relation to their learning, 16% of our students were neutral about this, whilst 4% were negative, meaning that they feel the school does not have rigorous expectations.

2024 Overall and Domain Level Snapshot - Family

1st Level Comparison

DOMAIN	DOMAIN DEFINITION	Base (n=)	CES average	2023	2024	Male	Female	Prep	Year 1	Year 2
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OVERALL	Overall school positive endorsement %	69%	81%	86%	86%	86%	- **	- **	- **	
1. Family engagement	The degree to which families are partners with their child's school.	50%	61%	74%	71%	77%	- **	- **	- **	
2. Barriers to engagement	Factors that can hinder a family's interaction or involvement with their child's school.	68%	77%	90%	91%	89%	- **	- **	- **	
3. School fit	Families' perceptions of how well a school matches their child's developmental needs.	77%	89%	89%	94%	85%	- **	- **	- **	
4. School climate	Families' perceptions of the social and learning climate of the school.	83%	93%	98%	98%	97%	- **	- **	- **	
5. Student safety*	Perceptions of student physical and psychological safety while at school.	68%	93%	90%	93%	88%	- **	- **	- **	
6. Communication	The timeliness, frequency, and quality of communication between the school and families.	72%	84%	85%	85%	86%	- **	- **	- **	
7. Catholic identity	Families' perceptions of and engagement with the overall Catholic identity of the school.	61%	65%	64%	56%	71%	- **	- **	- **	

Graph 2 - Parent responses

Go across to where the numbers begin. Column 1 is the average score across the diocese from other parents, Column 2 is the OLSH average score from 2023, whilst Column 3 is the average response from this year. On the whole, it can be seen that our parents are very satisfied with OLSH as a school, when compared to other schools in the diocese and even compared to our own high standards from last year.

School News



Christmas FOOD SHARE DRIVE

We are collecting:

hot choc sachets
pretzels
chips
Christmas puddings
Christmas cakes
Fruit mince tarts
apple cakes
cookies
peanuts
choc coated peanuts
bon bons
m & m's
shortbread
custard
candy canes
Christmas lollies
tinned ham
soft drinks
jelly

Make a donation to
those in need

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

ISSUE 8
OUT
NOW!



SCHOLASTIC BookClub

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club issue 8 is now available. Orders will close on **Monday, 25th November**.

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!

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.



Catholic Identity

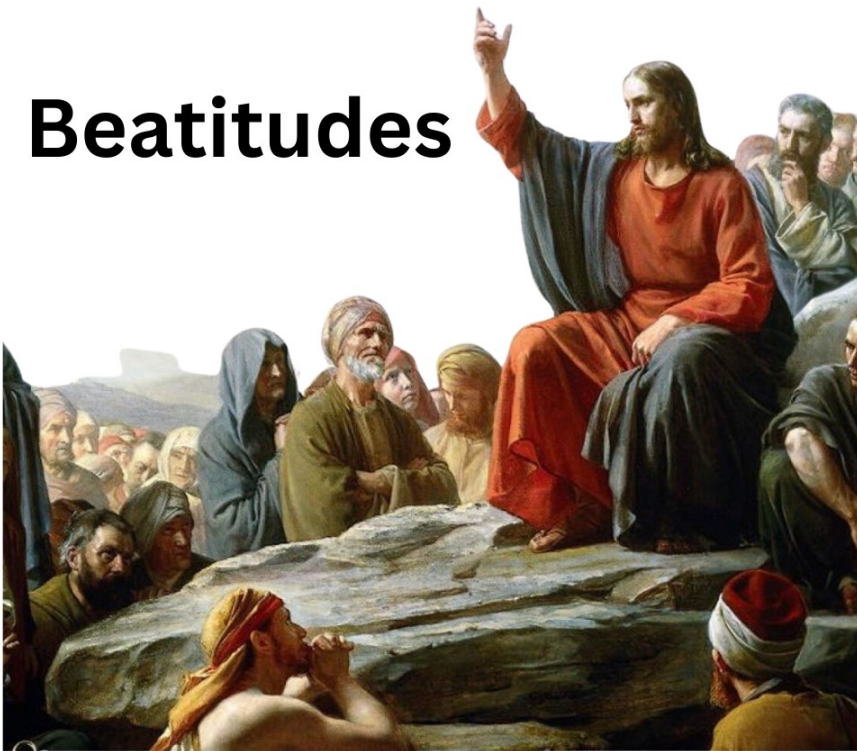


Arlia, I pray for people who's lives are impacted by rubbish

The "Beatitudes" are blessings or a way to live our lives from Matthew's Gospel

The senior learners wrote a prayer in response to the sentence, how can we meekly and humbly care for our earth?

Beatitudes



Hudson
Dear Jesus, I pray that the scientists can come up with a way to use less plastic.

Regan, I pray for the animals that live in our dirty oceans, that volunteers will help clean them up.

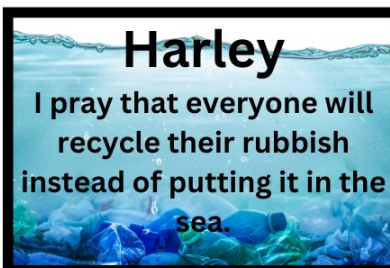
Ken, I pray that food companies will stop using plastic.



Ayla
I pray for our earth that it stays in peace and gets respected like we do.



Harley
I pray that everyone will recycle their rubbish instead of putting it in the sea.



Zayde
Let us change our attitudes so people stop littering.



Community News



ELMORE OSHCLUB ART SHOW

PRESENTED: By students of OSHClub

WHERE: In the OSHClub space

WHEN: Monday the 25th of November

TIME: 4.30 pm till 5.30 pm

All are welcome to come and look at the amazing art pieces the students have completed this year.