



From the Heart



Newsletter No. 39

4th December, 2024

COMING UP AT OLSH...

DEC 2024

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
Wed 18th	Student Christmas party day
Thu 19th	Students Last Day
Thu 19th	Celebration Mass at OLSH Church and Picnic dinner at school

JAN 2025

Tues 28th & Wed 29th	PUPIL FREE DAYS —Staff Professional Learning
Thurs 30th	Grades 1-6 return for 2025
Fri 31st	Foundation students begin

elements of Magnify Sandhurst. Magnify Sandhurst is a huge undertaking, which uses the best evidence we currently have available to ensure improvement in learning, well-being and behaviour right across the diocese of Sandhurst.

Previously, we have sent home a letter detailing the professional learning that staff will be undertaking in 2025 and the pupil free days associated with this.

If you don't believe that you have received either of these letters, please contact the office so that they can be forwarded to you immediately.

Key Dates

Looking ahead in our calendar, please note the important following dates

- December 4 – Summer Sports – year 3-6 students
- December 5 – final 2025 prep orientation
- December 6 – Gym and Swimming – session 3
- December 10 – Statewide Orientation Day (students move up to their new grade for 2025)
- December 13 – Gym and Swimming – final session
- December 17 – Grade 6 celebration
- December 18 – Whole school Christmas party and activities
- December 19 – Students final day, Year 6 Graduation liturgy – 6.00pm, Community gathering back at school

Cheers,
Craig

From the Principal...

Dear Parents,

I can't really believe that I am sending this newsletter out with December 4th as the date – seriously where has this year gone!! Astonishingly, we have only just over 2 weeks of school left with lots to do in this short amount of time.

I know that for many of you the recent rains are definitely not required and have put harvest on hold as well as impacting the quality of the grain being harvested. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those on the land and we sincerely hope that this season still provides the opportunity to reap something from this harvest.

Advent Liturgies

We had our first Advent liturgy on Monday, and this is just another reminder that we are having these liturgies to start the day over the next 2 Mondays also - December 9th and 16th. Please come along and be a part of this if you can.

Letter from CES Executive Director – Kate Fogarty

Last week, we emailed out a letter from our Executive Director, Kate Fogarty, as she explained in detail the various



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

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School News



Summer Sports Cluster



Second-Hand Uniform

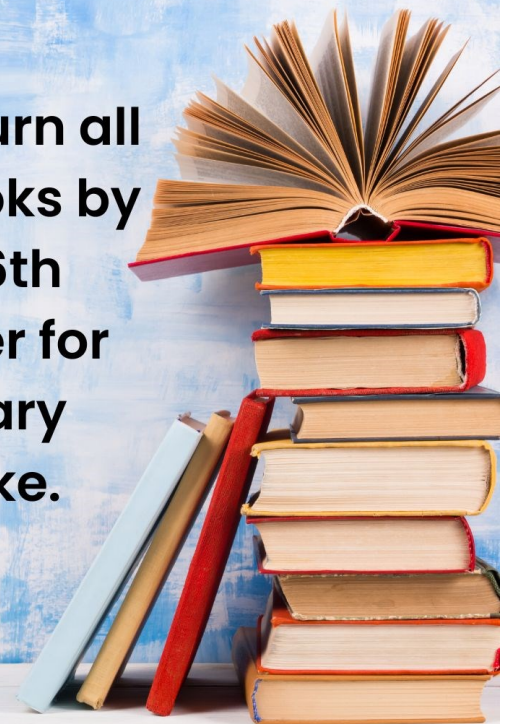
We have lots of
size 8, 10 and 12 uniform

Please feel free to come in
before/ after school and help
yourself.

If you have good quality
uniform that your child has
grown out of, please feel free
to swap for the next size up
or donate!



Please return all
library books by
Friday 6th
December for
our library
stocktake.



OLSH SCHOOL

Christmas Party

**WEDNESDAY 18TH
DECEMBER**

ACTIVITIES AND SHARED LUNCH

**FAMILIES TO PLEASE SUPPLY A
PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE FOR
LUNCH**

FOOD CAN BE HEATED UP

**LEARNERS CAN WEAR
CHRISTMAS OUT FIT AND
BRING A TOWEL AND A
CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR
WATER PLAY**



Catholic Identity



This coming Monday, the second week of advent, the Grade Five students will present their liturgy, and on the final Monday of the school year, Grades 3/4 and 6 will conclude the series of liturgies. Families are warmly encouraged to attend.

The first week of Advent focuses on hope.

The core purpose of Advent is maintained across the greater Church: to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ



Advent awakens us not only for the birth of Christ but also for the beginning of a new year in the Church.

The word Advent comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning "a coming, approach, arrival."

The Advent wreath is a centuries-old Christian tradition that holds four candles representing the four Sundays of Advent. The wreath's circular shape and evergreen colour represent God's infinite and everlasting love for us.

Reminder of two remaining Advent liturgies in the Chevi centre.
Monday 2nd and the 9th at 8:55am

Thank you to the junior class for leading the first Advent liturgy



Community News



LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

AT THE COUNTRY CUPS



O'SULLIVANS TRANSPORT
**ELMORE
PACING CUP**
@ LORD'S RACEWAY, BENDIGO
18, DECEMBER 2024

CONTACT ERIK @ BENDIGO (03) 5449 3205 FOR BOOKINGS
EMAIL ELMOREHARNESSRACINGCLUB@GMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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WHAT'S ON: **FREE ENTRY**

- DINING/FUNCTION BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
- PONY TROTS
- LIVE MUSIC
- BBQ
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- CHRISTMAS THEME
- DUAL-CODE RACE NIGHT



ELMORE POOL UPDATE

Thanks to a generous grant from Lockmore Financial Services, our bathrooms have received a much-needed refresh! Best of all, you can now enjoy a warm shower before and after your swim! As our pool facilities improve, we're excited to offer more opportunities for the community to stay active and engaged.

WATER AEROBICS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We're considering running Aqua Aerobics classes, but we need to know if there's enough interest!

Proposed Times Tuesday mornings or Friday afternoons
Cost \$17 per class

If you'd like to join, please fill out the expression of interest form using the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/Elmoreaqua>



SWIMMING LESSONS ARE BACK THESE HOLIDAYS!

For school aged children (4 and above)

Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 PM

Instructor: Holly Thompson **Cost:** \$15 per lesson

For individual lessons (for adults or babies), swim instructor Maree Macague is available.



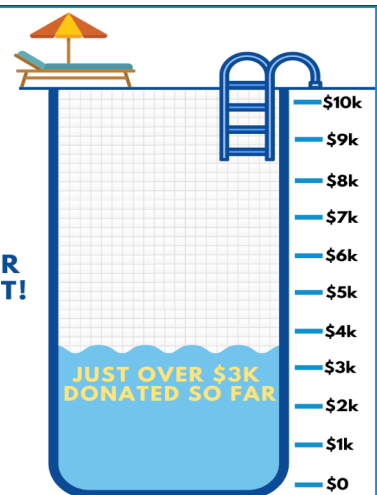
If you're interested, please fill out the expression of interest form <https://bit.ly/Elmoreswim> or using the QR code so we can organize lessons and contact you with details.



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Whether a big or small donation, we appreciate you helping us to fill the pool!

NAME: Elmore Swimming Pool
BSB: 633 000
ACC: 128745817



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 15 & 16 February 2025

ELMORE SUMMER
SEND OFF BALL
Presented by
Lions Club of Elmore

**We need
your help to make
our event a success!**

We're asking for volunteers to please pick a shift or two over the weekend of Feb 15-16 2025

SATURDAY

**TICKET HUT/TRAFFIC
MARSHALLING**
8:00AM - 12:00PM
11:30PM - 3:30PM
6:30PM - 7:00PM

**BAR
(Servers need RSA)**
7:00PM - 10:30PM
7:00PM - 1:00AM

KITCHEN
6:30PM - 10:00PM
7:00PM - 10:30PM
10:00PM - 1:00AM
10:30PM - 1:30AM

CAR PARK SECURITY
9:00AM - 2:00PM
2:00PM - 7:00PM
7:00PM - 1:00AM

SUNDAY

BREAKFAST
6:00AM - 10:00AM
9:00AM - 11:00AM
(Extras will help with event pack down)

**CAR PARK &
CLEAN UP**
9:00AM - 12:00PM

Register by Sun 5 Jan 25 via: <https://tinyurl.com/charityball-vol25>



ELMORE TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY CHILDRENS GIFT REGISTRATION

CHILDREN AGED 12 & UNDER

If you would like your little one to receive a gift from Santa at the Town Christmas Party, please register via the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/ElmoreGiftReg>

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 11TH DEC 2024



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.