



## COMING UP AT OLSH...

### DEC 2024

<b>Fri 13th</b>	Gym & Swimming
<b>Mon 16th</b>	Avent Liturgy 8:55am—Gr 5 Room
<b>Tues 17th</b>	Gr 6 Celebration Day
<b>Wed 18th</b>	Student Christmas party day
<b>Thu 19th</b>	<b>Students Last Day</b>
<b>Thu 19th</b>	Celebration Mass at OLSH Church and Picnic dinner at school

### JAN 2025

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

## *From the Principal...*

December 11th, 2024

Dear Parents,  
 Welcome to Week 10. We started this week in absolute stunning fashion with our Year 5 students hosting our Week 2 Advent liturgy. The time and effort that they put into this was fantastic and it provided with a wonderful reflection of what a fortunate part of the world we live in and how many people in the world are currently displaced from their homes and living in fear and uncertainty. It was also terrific to see many parents and members of our community present – for anyone who can make it along, we will be having our third and final Advent Liturgy in the Chevi Centre at 8.55am next Monday morning.

### Staffing for 2023

I know that you will join me in congratulating Janette on her exciting new appointment as Assistant Principal of Tarnagulla Primary School. Whilst Janette will be greatly missed for her professional expertise and personal attributes, this is a wonderful advancement for her career. As stated in the letter that came home on Monday, this has also necessitated some movement amongst our current staff, with the classroom structure as follows:

F – 1 Kim Portwine (and Sandra Price)

Yr 2-4 – Lizzy Forbes (and Sandra Price)

Yr 5-6 – Denise Nihill

The above also circumvents a significant staffing reduction that is due in 2026 due to the decline in student numbers throughout the school.

### New Principal Announcement

Today you will have received a letter from CES indicating that Lisa Hitchcock has been appointed principal of OLSH from 2025 onwards. Lisa is currently acting principal at Tallangatta in the Northeast, and will see this position through to the end of Term 1 next year. We are so fortunate therefore, that Matt Mann has agreed to be acting principal for Term 1 – this is a wonderful result for the school all round. Whilst Matt needs no introduction, Lisa will be new to everyone. Let me assure you that she is a person and educator of the absolute highest quality and that you are truly blessed that she will be joining our magnificent community next year. I really look forward to you all getting to know her, and in coming to recognise her many wonderful personal and professional attributes.

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# School News

## End of Year Liturgy and Community Gathering

Next week we have our end of year liturgy and community gathering to honour our Year 6's who are moving on and to say farewell to another school year. Please note some important information in relation to this:

Our Liturgy begins at 6.00pm in the Church. This is a liturgy and not a Mass, as Father Caldwell is unable to make it to this timeslot

After our Liturgy we will come back to school for our meal and to hear the musical performances of the children.

For dinner you have two options:

- Subway (the order is up on Canteen Hub and will be delivered on the night)
- Rochester Pizza (you only need to ring and place your order and pay over the phone – please call 5484 1990) - these will be delivered also

## Swimming

For Friday's swimming session all students are required to do a swim and rescue whilst wearing 'normal clothes', so could all students please bring along an extra pair of shorts and a shirt to wear over the top of their bathers for this session, thanks.

## School Fees 2025

Along with this newsletter, you will be receiving notice of the school fees for 2025. Please be advised that school fees will increase by 3% as suggested by CESL and in line with CPI increases. A huge thanks to Nerida for her work in pulling this all together.

## Health Care Cards 2025

It is really important for our school to be fully aware of those families who have a Health Care Card. Families with a HCC are entitled to significant school fee reductions, but this cannot be applied if we do not know about it. So, please, contact Nerida if you have a Health Care Card, or if you think you will have one in 2025.

## Key Dates

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

### Week 10

December 13 – Gym and Swimming – final session

### Week 11

December 17 – Grade 6 celebration

December 18 – Whole school Christmas party and activities

December 19 – Students final day – 3.25 finish, Year 6 Graduation liturgy – 6.00pm, Community gathering back at school from 7.00pm

Cheers,  
Craig



**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 OUTFIT AND  
BRING A TOWEL AND A  
CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR  
WATER PLAY



# Catholic Identity



## Highlights Catholic Identity 2024



Lenten Mass



# FOODSHARE



Ash Wednesday



Caritas fundraises



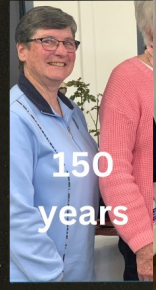
Year Nine visit



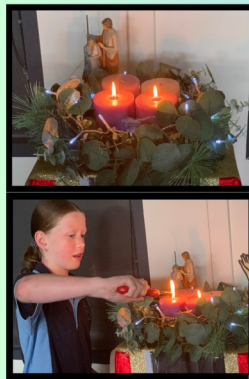
Advent



Sacraments



150 years



Someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals. Luke 3:16

Advent Week Two  
Well done Grade Five!

Advent



**FOOD SHARE**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- PASTA
- RICE
- CEREAL
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CORN
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED SPAGHETTI
- BAKED BEANS
- TEA
- COFFEE
- DRIED FRUITS
- LENTILS

ELMORE FOODSHARE'S LAST DAY FOR 2024 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 9AM-10:30AM. OUR FIRST DAY BACK FOR 2025 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 9AM-10:30AM.

# 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.

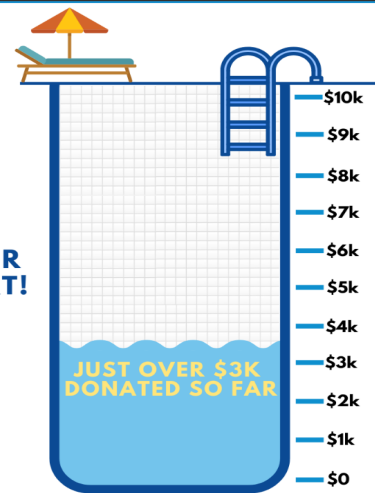
If you're interested, please fill out the expression of interest form <https://bit.ly/Elmoreswim> or using the QR code so we can organize lessons and contact you with details.



**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



## 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

## 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

### SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## 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.