



## From the Principal...

### COMING UP AT OLSH...

#### June 2025

Thu 26th	8:40am Let's Bee Better Readers
Fri 27th	Subway Lunch order day Learning Showcase of classrooms at 2:30pm
Mon 30th	School Advisory council at 7pm

#### July 2025

Wed 2nd	Drop In @ Drop Off with Jo Webb
Thu 3rd	8:40am Let's Bee Better Readers Student reports released
Fri 4th	Last day of Term 2 Pick up at 2:30pm

#### TERM 3

July Wed 23rd	Learning Conversations
July Fri 25th	Pyjama Day (more info to come)

#### Newsletter – 25 June 2025

Dear Families and Friends of OLSH,

What a great term we have had at OLSH. We invite our families to the **Learning Showcase at 2:45pm this Friday** so we can celebrate and share all of the great learning and work that our students have accomplished.

On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are reminded of Jesus' boundless love for the world—a love that inspires everything we do at our school as heart people who share His love with all. Today, our senior students embodied that love in action through their visit to FoodShare, where they shared the generous donations of our students, families and staff and gave their time to support those in need. Their compassion and service are a beautiful reflection of the heart of Jesus and the sharing of God's abundant love.

This Feast day began in the 1600s and became a part of the universal church's liturgical calendar in the 1800s on the Friday after the Feast of Body and Blood of Jesus – which was last Sunday. The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart charism of Jesus' love inspire us in all we do - our learning, relationships and social justice, we strive to follow Jesus' example living with kindness, humility and a deep sense of love and purpose.

Thank you to our student leaders who shared the inspiring story of the


OLSH sisters in Elmore last Friday with the OLSH Associates last Friday. They were such a loving and generous presence in the community for 90 years.

We are very grateful for the beautiful carving of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Infant Jesus so generously gifted to OLSH Elmore from the OLSH College in Bentleigh. This is proudly displayed in our school foyer.

We also have our VRQA Review onsite visit on Friday, an important opportunity for us to learn, grow, continually improve and strive for excellence in all that we do.

With peace and blessings,

Lisa Hitchcock



**Loving God,**

**We give thanks for our OLSH community and for Your love revealed in so many ways in the people and creation.**

**We are Heart people who are Faith-filled**

**We are Heart people who Reverence Relationships**

**We are Heart people who Pursue Excellence**

**We are Heart people who Touch the Hearts of Others**

**May our community continue to share the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and His great love with all.**

**We make this prayer through Jesus Your Son.**

At OLSH we acknowledge and pay respect to the Dja Dja Wurrung people, the original custodians of the land on which our parish school is located. We pay our respects to elders past and present and commit to actively work alongside First Nations People for reconciliation and justice for all.

# School News

## Parent Engagement at OLSH: School Advisory Council & Class Reps

Our School Advisory Council will meet on **Monday 30 June at 7pm** in the staffroom – or online. Thank you to those members who have let me know they are not available.

**If you are not able to attend please email Lisa – lhitchcock@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au**

We are very fortunate to have two new school council members. Thank you to these parents for accepting this important role for OLSH. We look forward to welcoming you to the council on Monday night.

## Garden and Grounds Get Together

On **Sunday 20 July** – the last day of the holidays – we will have a garden and grounds get together to do some jobs and enjoy a BBQ lunch. We will start at **10:30am** and have lunch at **12:30pm**. Please send a text to the school **0436 005 225** to let us know if you are able to come along **by Friday, 4 July** for catering purposes.

## End of Term

We will finish our term on **Friday, 4 July at 2:25pm** to work in with the school buses. There will be no assembly on our last Friday of term.

## 2024 Report to the Community

Our 2024 Annual Report to the Community is available on our school Website, [at this link ARSC](#) / QR Code and as a printed hard copy in the school office. I am grateful for the work of Craig Simpson and Matt Mann on this important communication to our OLSH community.



## PSG Meetings

Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend the PSG meetings on Monday. These are such great opportunities to celebrate all of the work and achievements of our students.

## Semester 1 Reports & Term 3 Learning Conversations

Our Term 3 Learning Conversations to discuss your child/ren's Semester 1 report, achievement, progress and future learning will be held on **Wednesday, 23 July**. Semester 1 student reports are due to be sent home on **Thursday, 3 July**.

Times for the learning conversations will be **8:00-8:45am and 2:00-5:00pm**. These will be shared via PAM tomorrow.

With our current workplace agreement, the times for learning conversations with teachers is restricted. I encourage you to make a time within these times.

Those families who had a PSG meeting this week do not need to book an additional Learning Conversation. If you have any questions or concerns about Learning Conversations, please contact Lisa.

## Pyjama Day – Friday 25 July

We will once again support the Pyjama Foundation with a Pyjama Day at OLSH on Friday 25 July. Wear your favourite pair of PJs and help to raise vital funds to support children living in foster care. Please use the QR Code below if you are able to donate to support foster kids with big dreams.



## COVID-19

There have been recent reports of COVID in our community. Please continue to test if your child has any symptoms and follow the Victorian Department of Health recommendations for primary school students' COVID-19 exclusion.

## Primary school and children's services centre exclusion for COVID-19

Children diagnosed with COVID-19 are recommended to isolate. They should not attend school or childcare until 5 days after the date of the positive PCR or rapid antigen test result for COVID-19 and until acute symptoms of COVID-19 have resolved.

## Acute symptoms include:

- runny nose
- sore throat
- cough
- shortness of breath
- fever, chills and/or sweats.

# School News

## Divisional Soccer



**OLSH - CAMPASPE CLUSTER DIVISIONAL SOCCER**

Congratulations to Chase on making it to the Divisional Soccer competition with the Campaspe Cluster. We are so proud of him and all of the Campaspe Cluster team for being in the very first Campaspe Cluster soccer team and for their teamwork, determination and enthusiasm!

**Chase's Soccer Report**

On Wednesday 11 June, I went to the Campaspe Cluster Divisional Soccer in Bendigo. It was very cold and foggy. We played 3 games, and our team scored a goal in one game. There were some really good teams there. I am looking forward to doing it again next year.

## Subway at OLSH

This **Friday 27 June**, we will enjoy Subway for lunch! Please use the flyer below to order.



**WELCOME TO CANTEEN HUB**

**GETTING READY TO PLACE YOUR FIRST ORDER**

- 1 Create a new profile at [app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer](http://app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer)
- 2 Add Profile: Set up children or yourself under the Profiles tab
- 3 Search for your school via postcode or name
- 4 Select your class
- 5 Head to Order Now
- 6 Select the person you are ordering for
- 7 Select items from the approved menu & finalise your order
- 8 To place orders for multiple people. You will be asked when you finalise your first order if you would like to place another order for another profile (person)

help@canteenhub.com    www.canteenhub.com.au

## Let's Bee Better Readers

We have our reading each **Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40am**. We invite our families to join us and enjoy our students' reading each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40am!

Parents can complete the volunteer process after reading on either day.

Thank you to our families who have been able to join us and start the volunteer process.



Each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40am we will gather in the OLSH library to read!

We would love to you to join us if you are able!

**LET'S BEE BETTER READERS**

## Hot Lunches at OLSH for Winter

The children are loving the hot lunches at OLSH. Thank you for sending along the lunches in foil with names clearly marked on them.



## 2026 Foundation Enrolment

We are currently accepting enrolments for our 2026 school year. Please pass this information to any families you know with pre-school children.

See Flyer on following page.

## Magnify Sandhurst

There are some great insights into Magnify Sandhurst and Catholic Education on these locally produced podcasts.



## Drop In @ Drop Off

Remember our Wednesday's Drop In @ Drop Off! We invite you to join us Wednesday mornings at drop off time in the Chevie Centre. Thank you to our families that have been able to join Jo!

Please let us know if there is another time on Wednesday or Friday that you would like to catch up with Jo.



**MHIPS**  
Mental Health in Primary Schools

**DROP IN @ DROP OFF**

JO WEBB OUR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING LEADER WILL BE IN THE CHEVIE CENTRE EACH WEDNESDAY 9AM-10AM TO MEET OUR FAMILIES ALL WELCOME

## Elmore OSH Club

Elmore OSH Club are currently holding a raffle to support The Smith Family – Learn today, change tomorrow. Raffle tickets are available from OLSH to purchase or raffle books to sell.

**Raffle books now available from the OLSH school office – buy a few tickets or take a whole book!**



**THE DREAM BOOKS**    **The Smith Family**    **OSH Club**

**RAFFLE**

ELMORE OSHCLUB is fundraising for The Smith Family Dream Run this June and we would like your help to reach our goal of raising \$900 to support this noble cause!

**PRIZES:**

- 1st: \$50 Gift Card to Elmore Victoria Hotel Motel
- 2nd: \$20 Gift Card to Molly and Max Elmore
- 3rd: Large Pizza Gift Card from Elmore Pizza
- 4th: \$20 Gift Card to The Elmore Bakery
- 5th: \$20 Gift Card to Molly and Max Elmore
- 6th: Large Pizza Gift Card from Elmore Pizza
- 7th: 2 free coffee cards for The Elmore Bakery

Gift Cards kindly donated by the local businesses listed above. We thank them for their community spirit and generous support!

Raffle Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5  
Available at OSHClub

Raffle drawn on the last Friday of term! *Enter Now!*

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**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART ELMORE 2026 ENROLMENT**

*Quality and affordable education for all - welcoming everyone!*

Choose Excellence and Empowerment

Choose Courage and Compassion

Choose Acceptance and Achievement

*Choose Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Elmore*

All inclusive fees from \$10 a week - no more to pay \*

**ENROL NOW**

**Enrolments close 30 May 2025**

For more information or to book a tour  
(03) 5432 6254  
principal@olshelmore.catholic.edu.au  
www.olshelmore.catholic.edu.au

\*Subject to eligibility



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**Principal:** Lisa Hitchcock

School tours are available and enrolments applications accepted throughout the year please contact the school office.

### Orientation Day:

Tuesday 9th December, 2025  
11.45am - 1.45pm

### Foundation Orientation Program - Little Chevies

Come & try Little Chevies Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 12:45pm-1:45pm  
Come & try Little Chevies Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> - 2:15pm-3:15pm  
Friday Oct 24th - 9:00am - 11:00am  
Friday Oct 31st - 9:00am - 11:00am  
Friday Nov 7th - 9:00am - 11:00am\* *OLSH Mission Day*  
\*optional but must attend with a parent\*  
Friday Nov 14th - 9:00am - 11:00am  
Tues Dec 9th 11:45am - 1:45pm

We are People

- who TOUCH the of others
- who are Faith Filled
- who Pursue Excellence

**Please contact the school for any further information or to discuss alternative tour options**

## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Term 2, Week 8: Congratulations to Zayde, Dawn, Lola, Zara, Chase and Lachie for being named our Learners of the Week!

## Circles how they lead to school wellbeing and a more effective learning environment.

The symbolism of circles is ageless. A circle can represent wholeness, continuity, universality, unity, inclusion, equity and protection. Using a circle formation as a means of social interaction is both historical and cross-cultural.

Using Circles and integrating within the learning environment is a safe and positive way of developing.

What happens in a Circle Session?

- self-awareness, knowledge and skills
- knowledge, understanding and acceptance of others
- pro-social behaviours
- a sense of belonging and connectedness
- a focus on positive, solution focused thinking
- resilience, increased emotional resources and wellbeing
- collaborative decision making, conflict resolution and problem solving
- whole child, whole school wellbeing.



A typical half-hour Circle looks like;

- Reminder of the guidelines:
- everyone has a turn and when one person is talking everyone else listens
- you do not have to say anything; you may pass
- there are no put-downs- only personal positives.

Mix- up activity:

- Mixing it up is an essential feature of Circles as it provides opportunities for individuals to interact with each other. It happens several times a session before paired activities.
- Pair- share with feedback of paired interviews.
- Whole Circle activity or game
- Calming activity to close the Circle.

A theme for the Circle might look like positive communication, belonging, respectful relationships, friendship and cooperation, conflict resolutions.

If you would like more information about the Circle Solutions for Student Wellbeing, please reach out to Jo Webb or if you are available pop in on a Wednesday 9-10am to learn more about what OLSH has been putting into the classroom to support Whole school Mental Health and Wellbeing.

# Child Safeguarding

## Child Safe Team

As part of our Child Safeguarding Policy and Practices we are asking all our parent volunteers to complete our Child Safe Volunteer Process. All referees for our volunteers can complete the online reference form. This is available on our school website as a link and QR Code as well as in our newsletter below.

# Catholic Identity

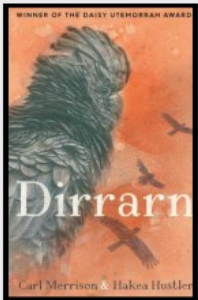


**Today, our Grade 5/6 students walked to Elmore Food Share carrying an impressive 90 cans of food.**

They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of unpacking, arranging, and displaying their contributions, and engaged with members of the local community. With confidence and creativity, they became persuasive “salespeople,” encouraging locals to take home a loaf of bread topped with Biscoff or a can of baked beans.

It was great to see our senior students interacting so naturally and respectfully with others in the community. Our goal of raising awareness and sharing with those in need was clearly achieved today.

**Well done to our senior students for their generosity, teamwork, and community spirit.**



As part of our novel study *Durrarn*, the Grade 5/6 students have been researching native birds and creating their own sculptures inspired by what they've learned. This project has sparked great enthusiasm and engagement, with students showing creativity, curiosity, and attention to detail throughout the process.

We look forward to showcasing their impressive sculptures this Friday.

God of peace, bearer of hope,  
we seek your help  
for the peoples of the Middle East.  
Quiet the clamour of war  
and guide us towards peace.  
Where there is hatred and division  
sow seeds of calm and openness.  
Where there is destruction  
help us to rebuild.  
Where children are crying  
bring an end to tears.  
Shelter your peoples and protect them  
Guide them and keep them from harm.  
Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear  
and breathe whispers of hope.  
Amen.



  
**ELECTRIC WONDERLAND**  
 4 July – 20 July 2025







School Holiday Fun!

[electricwonderland.com.au](http://electricwonderland.com.au)  


 Scan for more information or to book tickets

The Immune Deficiencies Foundation presents International Entertainment Australia's...

Circus Quirkus provides relaxed theatre performances for children and young adults...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible and accessible seating at all shows).
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when going to the theatre (sensory friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- without access or opportunity to live theatre.



Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...

Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an accessible and inclusive environment, where you are welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

Featuring a brand new show host and performers, along with some old favourites. \*moving, flashing lights, upbeat and sometimes dramatic music. One hour show, no interval. Suitable for all ages.

**ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.**

\*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.

RED ENERGY ARENA BENDIGO (STADIUM)	
SHOW DATE	SHOWTIME
<b>TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025</b>	<b>6.00 PM</b>

To book tickets, please email your name and the number of tickets you require to...

[meredithnewman@showintent.com.au](mailto:meredithnewman@showintent.com.au)

or call / text **0404-367-782**

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED




**4 - 7 YEAR OLDS**

A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!



**8 - 12 YEAR OLDS**

Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!





**Bendigo School Holiday Program**  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Weeroona Oval  
 9am to 3pm - \$55 which includes a football  
 A day of footy fun!







# DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY?

FITZY! FITZY!

**FEATURING:**  
**Famous Fitzpatrick Cup & Medal**  
 Giveaways, skills acquisition and a whole lot more...

WHO WILL WIN THE FITZPATRICK MEDAL





## JUNIOR FOOTY

# FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



THE PROGRAM CATERERS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

**MONDAY, JULY 7**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 8**  
 8.30am - 5.00pm

Venue:  
 Tom Flood Sports Centre  
 (Barnard Street)

REGISTER ONLINE

