



# Newsletter

Term 3 Week 5 Thursday, 20 August 2020

## Principal's Message [principal@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au)

Dear Parents,

First of all, congratulations to Chris Ji in Year 6 who was a finalist this week in the Junior Lord Mayor of Melbourne competition which is run every year by the City of Melbourne. This competition was opened up to all year 4,5 and 6 students. They received a record number of entries this year and Chris made it to the final 5. He then had to meet with the panel of judges:

- Lord Mayor **Sally Capp**
- Channel Nine newsreader **Peter Hitchener**
- Radio 3AW presenter **Denis Walter**
- Uncle **Andrew Gardiner**, Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elder
- 13cabs head of client services **Simon Purssey**
- Melbourne Day chairman **Campbell Walker**.

Well done, Chris. We are very proud of you.

Happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week. We wish them lots of laughter and happiness:

### Term Dates

#### **Term 3:**

Mon 13th July -  
Fri 18th September

#### **Term 4:**

Mon 5th October -  
Fri 16th December

Max McKenna

Leo Tait

Quincy Stephens-O'Brien

Macey Carlisle

Eoin McMullan

Billy Elliott



There have been a number of parents who have been asking for more one on one time between their child and their teacher. This is great but please be mindful that if the teacher is not with your child, they are probably working with other children at that time. Our classroom teachers' days are filled with explicit teaching in small groups, class meetings, responding to emails and seesaw messages and planning and analysing data.

Thank you for your continued support in everything we are doing in remote learning. Remember to spend time as a family, have some down time, get outside and off screens when you can and make the most of your time together. Just a reminder I am on leave now so please contact Mark if you need anything.

I would like to put something together for our dads for Fathers' Day as we won't be able to celebrate in person with each other. Please send through photos, poems and special messages to my email address – [jfreeman@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jfreeman@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au) – by the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### **School Address**

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There is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding Sacraments this year. As a school and Parish, we will be continuing with the Sacramental Program as best we can, however some programs and dates have had to be modified, changed or postponed due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. We are in constant communication with the Parish to work through these unprecedented times and we will keep you informed of any changes.

We encourage all families to make the time each week to watch the Parish Masses via their website or YouTube channel, as a way of supporting their child on their faith and sacramental journey. During this time more than ever we remind parents that they are the primary educators of their child's faith.

Parish Website <https://olmcsunbury.com/>

Parish YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMZcUE0gMNBxSiGMOhSCqLA>

#### EUCCHARIST UPDATE

The Sacrament of First Eucharist Preparation Program has currently been postponed until further notice. The Parish and School have come to the agreement that we have done all we can at this point in time working remotely. You will be notified as soon as any further changes or decisions are made regarding the recommencement of this programme.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As a Parish, it has been decided digital Registration Forms for Reconciliation will be sent home to families the week beginning Monday 7th September to be completed by Friday 25th September. We will be able to provide you with further information on how we will progress with the Sacramental Preparation Program in Term 4. Decisions will be based on advice from the State Government and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Rite of Election / Presentation of Pin / Prayer Companion Mass - This weekend Confirmation candidates are expected to watch with their families the Rite of Election /

Presentation of Pin / Prayer Companion Mass. At this Mass the candidates are elected to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. As a sign that they are preparing for this special Sacrament the candidates received a Pin of a Dove (a symbol of the Holy Spirit) and are encouraged to wear this as a symbol of their preparation. Within this Mass, parents will be asked to offer prayers for their child who is preparing for their Sacrament as well as parishioners to do the same. In the following weeks, special prayers will be offered in the Prayers of the Faithful for the Confirmation Candidates.

This week we celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

#### **Gospel**

**Matthew 16: 13–20**

*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.*

*'Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you'*

God Bless,

Julie

## Wear Your Footy Colours

Snap a photo of yourself wearing footy colours so we can see which team has the most supporters in our school. Don't worry if you don't have footy colours you can wear fan gear from other sports (e.g. Soccer, Basketball, Rugby, Netball etc).

Send your photos via email to Myles Luca (myleslu@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au) by Friday 28th August to be included in the OLMC Footy Colours Slideshow.



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