



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 Thursday, 12 March 2020

Principal's Message principal@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is a casual clothes day for the students and we ask that instead of a gold coin that a donation is made towards the Easter Raffle hampers. Donations of anything Easter or holiday related can be taken to the classroom or left in my office. Thank you to our team of helpers for organising this great event. Please remember to return your sold raffle tickets and money as well. Money raised will support the construction of a bike shed.

Ben Kelly, our school captain, has organised a separate Easter activity. For a gold coin donation children can guess how many Easter eggs are in the jar. Whoever has the closest guess wins the Easter eggs.

Ava Lethlean in Year 4 will be shaving her head to raise money for The World's Greatest Shave. If you would like to make a donation please place it in an envelope and hand it in to the office. Ava's shave will take place on Thursday 26th March. Congratulations, Ava. This is a wonderful thing to do.

The Year 3 and 4 students and teachers spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Camp Weekaway in Benloch. I spent Tuesday with them and they had a wonderful time. Camp is a great opportunity for students to build their independence and resilience and to become real risk takers. Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended and gave up their time away from their own families.

Please keep Mrs Amy Thompson (5/6MT) in your prayers. Sadly Amy's dad passed away after a short illness. Today a number of our staff attended the funeral in support of Amy and her family.

We desperately need helpers for the Bunnings BBQ on Easter Saturday. Thank you to the parents who have returned their slips with offers to help and to those who have made donations. I know a lot of families are away that weekend but if you are around and can spare an hour please let me know as soon as possible.

Please note that in light of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) virus outbreak, we are taking matters of hygiene very seriously (as we always do). Children and staff are reminded to wash their hand after using the toilet or after coughing and sneezing and before eating and to use tissues to blow or wipe their nose. We have hand sanitiser situated throughout the school and everyone is encouraged to use it. The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria sends out alerts where necessary. Schools have been advised to cancel all overseas trips at this point. (We didn't have any planned) Please see the attached letter for more information.

Each year teachers are entitled to attend and participate in professional learning to help enhance their practice. There will be days when your child's teacher is offsite attending such professional learning. The learning must be part of our school's Annual Action Plan and there is a requirement that each teacher follows this through when they return to school.

Please complete the Catholic Identity Survey for Parents if you haven't already done so and don't forget to come along to school on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm to discuss fundraising and community events for 2020.

Last year you helped to raise funds to purchase board games and activities for the students to use on rainy days. Each class came up with a wish list and I had great fun shopping on the weekend. Here is a photo of the preps with their games. The children were very excited when I gave them all out this week.

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School Closure

Days

Term 1

Fri March 20th

Term 2

Thur June 4th

2020 Term Dates

Term 1 :

Tue 28th January -
Fri 27th March

(Easter : Fri 10th -
Mon 13th April)

Term 2 :

Tue 14th April -
Fri 26th June

Term 3:

Mon 13th July -
Fri 18th September

Term 4:

Mon 5th October -
Fri 16th December



This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Lent.

Gospel

John 4:5–42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

"Lent stimulates us to let The Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth; who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Parents and Guardians

Our first priority at Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the health and safety of our school community.

I want to reassure you that the school is well-prepared for the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community safe from the outbreak.

Any incidents that arise will be addressed in accordance with our Critical Incident and Emergency Management Plan. We will also have access to resources and support from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As parents, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- * Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason
- * Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping students feel prepared and safe
- * Encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork, and to stay connected with the school and their teachers.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic education's response at <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>.

This is an evolving situation, but we will keep you updated as things change.

I ask that you continue to work closely with the school and to contact my office should you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students safe.

Julie Freeman

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep JR	Georgia Walters	For her wonderful efforts in home reading and word work! Great job Georgia
Prep MR	Oliver Lepua	For being a resilient and co-operative member of our prep class You are a Super Star Oliver
1 H	Ellana Qoriniyasi	For always using the disposition of determination and showing respect and support towards others when they are in the Learning Pit.
1 S	Isabella Musone	For being a risk taker and challenging herself when choosing weekly spelling words.
2 JB	Mae Russell	For always getting involved in class discussions and showing respect when listening to others ideas
2R	Lenny Lepua	For seeing a need and showing compassion to others by caring and showing respect to his fellow classmates.
3BC	Mason Searle	For displaying incredible resilience and bravery in overcoming challenges at camp.
3CC	William Newman	For being a risk taker on camp and participating in all of the activities.
4PS	Henry D'Couto	For demonstrating resilience and being willing to take on the challenge of the flying fox on camp!
4SF	Sarah Borden	For showing determination on camp and overcoming her fear of heights by going on the flying fox.
5/6 C	Ciaran McMullan	For displaying a positive attitude when undertaking learning tasks and being willing to accept challenges.
5/6 MT	Tyler Stott	For being an enthusiastic and self motivated learner, who makes the most of her learning time.
5/6R	Molly Jones	For her commitment and attitude towards learning. She is an attentive listener who asks thoughtful questions.



OLMC school will be participating in **Bullying No Way**, on the 23rd of March 2020. Each class will participate in the day by engaging in activities and lessons designed by their teachers which meets the grades needs and understandings.

Scholastic Book Club

Dear parents due to a slight glitch we are not able to send home any catalogues for Scholastic Book club. If you are ordering online you have till Friday to order. The next edition will arrive in the week of the 14th April and be due in on the 4th May. I would like to thank Melissa Chapman and Adele Dichera Luca for helping and supporting me in this wonderful endeavour. The more our children are read to, the more their ability to comprehend and learn, is enhanced.

Cheers

Evelyn Pickering Literacy and Numeracy (3- 6) Leader.

OLMC Easter Raffle and Casual Clothes Day

The Easter Raffle will be on drawn on Wednesday 25th March. But to make it a successful raffle we need your help.



Casual Clothes day will be on Friday 13th March

Instead of the usual gold coin donation we ask that you instead bring in a gift to put towards our Easter raffle hampers.

For example:

- * Games/toys – Card Games, Puzzles, toys, books, magazines
- * Non Perishable items – Jams, canned goods, pasta, crackers.
- * Decorations – Table decorations, candles, bath bombs, ornaments, trinkets, wrapping paper and cards
- * Chocolate – Easter Eggs, nibbles, lollies

Tickets: Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each and every family will be provided with 10 tickets to sell. Please return your tickets and money by Wednesday 18th March. Thank you for your help and support.



Sunbury Catholic Primary School's



Parish Enrolment Meeting for 2021

Thursday 12th March 2020

Two Sessions

9.30am and 7.00 pm

At

Sunbury Catholic Parish Centre

Riddell Road, Sunbury

(Next to St. Anne's Church)

School's Open Day

Monday 16th March 2020

Two Sessions

9.30 am and 7.00 pm

Guided tours of the school:

For more information regarding enrolment

St Anne's 8746 6800

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 9740 7344

Holy Trinity 8746 6464

RECYCLE WITH TERRACYCLE

A box is located at the School Office for all your non-recyclable oral care packaging.

What kinds of packaging are acceptable? We accept any brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging (excluding cardboard), electric toothbrush heads, interdental brushes, wisps, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush or toothpaste tube and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging.

Please use the full product before sending it in.

How much will my organisation be paid for the Oral Care Brigade? For each shipment over one kilogram, we will earn 2 points or \$.02 per unit for the school.

RECYCLE YOUR ORAL CARE PACKAGING AT OLMC!

Every year, thousands of used pieces of oral care product packaging ends up in landfills across Australia.

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OLMC SCHOOL OFFICE



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MELISSA BONAVIA

Phone: 03 9740 7344

(contact information)



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A message from the Student Environmental Team

Attention all students, parents and staff, we are collecting:

- bread clips.
- bottle caps that will be used for STEM or art activities.
- oral hygiene products like toothpaste tubes or toothbrushes (not electrical).

Don't worry these things will be put to good use. The bread clips will be taken to make the wheelchairs again. The toiletries will be taken to a recycling plant to be made into something else. We are trying to reduce waste going to landfill.

Thanks: **The Environmental Team (Lauren and Olivia, Grade 6)**

IMPORTANT UP COMING DATES—2020

Term 1	
March	
12	Prep 2021 Enrolment Information meeting 7.00pm Hot cross bun orders/money to be returned
13	Casual clothes day—(Easter raffle donations requested)
16	OLMC School OPEN DAY 9.30 am & 7.00pm
18	School Photos Easter raffle tickets to be returned Prep Faith family Programme—6.30pm
19	Interschool Athletics Carnival
20	School Closure Day—Staff Professional Learning
22	Prep Family Mass - 10.30am
23	Bullying No Way Day
24	7pm - Parent Meeting to discuss community & fundraising
25	Easter raffle drawn
27	Last day of term 1—3.15 finish
April	
10	Good Friday
11	Bunnings BBQ
12	Easter Sunday
	Term 2
14	Term 2 begins
19	160th years celebration

Prayer Roster

Thursday 2.45pm OLMC Church

All Welcome

Date	Class Presenting
12th March	5/6 R
19th March	4 SF
26th March	5/6 C



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1, 2020

13 th Mar	Emma Clements Shelley Spark Antoinetta Preston	27 th Mar	Danielle Wadden Jade Grech Christine De Veth
20 th Mar	Paula Jarski Adele Dichiera Danni Caruana		Due to earlier lunch time volunteers will be required to start at 10.15 am Thank you Sally

Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, it would be impossible without you! Please arrive at Canteen at 10.15am, and your assistance will be required until around 2.30pm. If you have long hair, please tie it back, and remember to sign in at the office before coming to the Canteen. Your lunch will be provided on the day.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please ring Sally on 0400 384 403, as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

I look forward to seeing you,

Sally Hewitt-Tacey

OLMC Bell Times

8.45am	First school bell
8.55am	Classes commence
11.00–11.30am	Recess time
12.50 - 1.00pm	Eating time
1.00–1.40pm	Lunch time
3.15pm	End of school day



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

E1038

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____



CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (28 January 2020) or term two (14 April 2020).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2020 closes on 26 June, 2020.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

March 12th 2020



Our Lady of Mount Carmel OSHClub

Service Information

- Coordinator:
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- Educators:
Alys Swales, Tegan Walker and
Melanie Nadjidie
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- Customer Accounts:
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Parent Information

PUPIL FREE DAY : Friday 20th March 2020

We have a Pupil Free Days on **Friday 20th March**, which will run if, we receive a minimum of 15 bookings. If the Pupil free day goes ahead, the session will run all day from **7:00am to 6:30pm**. There will be lots of fun activities on the day including cooking, craft, science and outside play! Bookings are made via the parent portal. Please ensure you book under 'Pupil Free day'. Bookings close 12/3/2020

VACATION CARE:

Vacation care brochures are available on the sign in desk in the OSHClub room. Bookings can be made. Our closest vacation care is at St Annes primary School Sunbury. Vacation care runs from Monday 30th March till Thursday 9th April. (Friday 10th April is Good Friday) Please book via the parent portal.

Hello everyone,

OSHClub have been busy baking which the children really enjoy! Last week we baked chocolate cake, chocolate crackles and decorated biscuits. This week we have made rocky road and banana bread muffins. If anyone has recipes at home that they would like to share, we would love to try them out! OSHClub was also creative and used their hands to create handprint animals. Coles stickee were a hit in our treasure hunt, they were hidden around the room for the children to find. it was a competition to see who could find the most stickee. The children also enjoyed playing outside and playing group games such as giants treasure and night at the museum .

Each week the reflection journal is updated with photos and information about what we have been doing. Please feel free to have a look next time you're in. It is located on the sign in desk. We love feedback and suggestions, there is a book on the sign in desk to write in or feel free to speak to an educator.

This Week at OSHClub:

Friday 6/2	Monday 9/2	Tuesday 10/2	Wednesday 11/2	Thursday 12/2
Cooking pancakes	Salt pictures	Easter Baskets	Easter Cupcakes	Easter Zipline
Making fake snow	Egg Dying			
Afternoon Tea				
Pasta with sauce	Salada's with spread	Pizza Scrolls	Baked potatoes with coleslaw or cheese and sour cream	Yoghurt and berries

School Uniform News:

School Socks available for sale from the school office

\$5 Cash only—correct money appreciated



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School Banking day is Tuesday

This week 14 students banked \$117.00. Great effort everyone

Community News:

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Understanding the Monster in the Mirror

Author Darcy Rose Discusses the impact of her books and the related issues of childhood self-esteem, anxiety and trauma with parents and carers.

Tuesday 24th March- 6.30-7.30pm



Parents as Reading Partners

Parents learn how to encourage good reading habits, choosing 'just right' books for primary school children by participating in activity-based workshops.

Wed 22,29th April 4pm-5pm

Wed 6,13,20,27th May.4pm-5pm.



Romsey Ecotherapy Park

PICNIC IN THE PARK AND MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Saturday 14th March at 6pm

- Free all-ages event
- Bring or order a picnic
- BYO blanket and chair
- Food trucks, FREE sausage sizzle
- Live Music
- Roving Entertainment
- Waste free event
- Parking is limited – walk or ride

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MOVIE SELECTION: *Audrey Hepburn*

For more information www.romseyecotherapy.com.au

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FRIDAYS U12/14/16

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SUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE School Holiday Workshops for Kids

Tuesday 31st March- Intro to Karate with Geoff
10am to 11am
\$7.50
6+ years
(Please wear socks and comfortable clothes)

Thursday 2nd April- Cupcake & Biscuit Decorating
11am- 12pm
\$10
6+ years
(Please bring an apron and a take home container)

Tuesday 7th April- Scrunch Workshop
10am to 12pm
\$10
(under 8 years parent/care giver must assist)

Thursday 9th April- Big Box Building
10am- 11am
\$2
6+ years

Bookings essential.
Limited Spaces Available.

Australian Red Cross **Lifblood**

Give life. Give blood in Sunbury.

Hume Global Learning Centre - Sunbury
23rd to 27th March

Monday 23rd March 12.30pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 24th March 12.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 25th March 12.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 26th March 1.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 27th March 8.00am – 3.00pm

give blood