



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 Thursday, 11 February 2021

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

Dear Parents,

What a week it has been! We have certainly learned how to think on our feet and to respond rather than react. I would really like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and kind words when things are not easy or don't go to plan! At this point in time we will continue to plan as we normally would but we know that things can certainly change overnight.

Due to the fact that many of the sites we would have visited have been closed due to Covid and the concerns we have around taking the children to the city at this point in time, we have chosen to cancel the city camp. We are now in the process of finding a different campsite (rural or beach) for later in the year. I know this will cause relief for some and disappointment for others but we will see it as a postponement.

This week I have spoken to the children about the importance of being kind and also using our manners, for example, please and thank you and using people's names when we speak to them. I have also reminded the students that name calling is not accepted at this school, even if someone calls them a name first. Can you please reiterate this with your child at home and remind them to see a teacher if something happens that makes them feel upset or hurt. This way we can deal with issues immediately and get all sides of the incident.

I have contacted Hume Council regarding the situation with parking outside the school in Macedon Street. It continues to be an issue with cars backing in to the point they are on the footpath. I will keep you posted on the outcome but please ensure you are acting safely and responsibly.

The other issue is around parents waiting on the footpath after school and blocking the way for students leaving the school. Social distancing rules still apply and it is becoming dangerous for the children who need to walk on to the gravel into the path of cars because the footpath is being blocked by adults. The leaders on gate duty have been advised to move people on if this is the case.

Congratulations to our bike riders. There have been two incidents this week that have been brought to my attention where they were concerned about one of their friends and looked after each other. They were very responsible in the way they handled each situation and I am very proud of them.

In 2019 we did some major fundraising to build a bike shelter. We have finally been able to find a reliable builder who did an awesome job of putting it altogether. Thank you to everyone who helped in raising this money. If you have any ideas for 2021 fundraising I am all ears!! Please contact me at your earliest convenience.



School Address

53 Macedon St
Sunbury 3429
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Happy birthday to the following children who have a birthday from the 15th to the 21st February: Olivia Cor-tese and Leo Plummer

This Sunday we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Gospel

Mark 1:40–45

Reflection:

Again, in this gospel we find Jesus moved with pity. Leprosy was a living death: the sufferer was isolated from family and community, and had to cry out 'Unclean, unclean!' when anyone approached. Touching the leper made Jesus ritually unclean also. There are no lengths to which Jesus will not go to help this man. He touches him, speaks to him, and gives him his freedom to be fully human again.

The 14th February is celebrated as Valentine's Day. I assume you all know the history of St Valentine, a priest in Rome who was in prison waiting to be martyred.

"There are many legends behind Saint Valentine. One is that in the 3rd century AD it is said that Valentine, defied the order of the emperor Claudius and secretly performed Christian weddings for couples, allowing the husbands involved to escape conscription into the pagan army. This legend claims that soldiers were sparse at this time so this was a big inconvenience to the emperor. The account mentions that in order "to remind these men of their vows and God's love, Saint Valentine is said to have cut hearts from parchment", giving them to these persecuted Christians, a possible origin of the widespread use of hearts on St. Valen-tine's Day.

Another legend is that Valentine refused to sacrifice to pagan gods. Being imprisoned for this, Valentine gave his testimony in prison and through his prayers healed the jailer's daughter who was suffering from blindness. On the day of his execution, he left her a note that was signed, "Your Valentine".

Hence there is a wonderful opportunity for couples to ponder their love, commitment to each other and their relationship built upon love and fidelity.

Yes, we all know the significance of the 'heart' as a sign of love. This little prayer from Sunday's Mass is an-other example of the love of God for us and once again, one can substitute the name of your loved one as an expression of the protection and strength you find in them.

Be my protector, O God,

a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

May the love of God for each one of us be seen as 'Your Valentine' who watches over and protects us, standing by as the rock to support and uphold us each day.

God bless

Julie

SCHOOL FEE ASSISTANCE FOR CONCESSION/HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Applications are now available at the School Office for families who are eligible. To qualify you must hold a Centrelink Concession card at 27th January, 2021. This allowance is \$125.00 per child to be applied to Camps Sports and Excursions.

Please see the information attached to this newsletter or contact Melissa at the Office for further infor-mation.

Conveyance Allowance Applications are also available at the Office

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep JR	Juling Esmaque	For demonstrating our school value of responsibility, by taking care of her own belongings so well. Great job Juling!
Prep MR	Frankie Tan	For always being a responsible and respectful member of our grade
1H	Chadley McMahon	For being a responsible & respectful class member by unpacking his bag and bringing his diary to school everyday, 'reading to self' and building his reading stamina. Chad is also very respectful by using his manners. Keep up the wonderful work Chad!
1R	Eadie Cacioli	For showing resilience, respect and responsibility when making new friends at OLMC school.
2AF	Macey Carlyle	For having a positive attitude towards her learning. She has shown responsibility and respect each day and always looks after others. Great work Macey.
2J	Jai Pansino	For being a self-motivated learner and acting on feedback.
3BC	Tyler Vitaljic	For always displaying great respect and making others feel special with his daily acts of kindness
3CC	Tahlia Bekker	For collaborating with her peers and teachers and showing kindness towards others.
4PS	Layla Bonnici	For using the disposition of self-motivation and putting in a great effort with her schoolwork. A terrific start to the year, Layla!
4ST	Jessie Irvine	For using the dispositions of determination and striving for success.
5/6C	Ben White	For staying focused and making good choices to help his learning.
5/6MT	Summer Pietromonaco	For her positive attitude to learning and being a kind and helpful classmate.
5/6 R	Kiara Anthony	For being a self motivated learner. This week, Kiara pushed herself to improve the quality of her writing by seeking and applying feedback to her "My Budgies" text. Keep up the amazing work, Kiara!



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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*Parents and Carers of children in Catholic Schools
Staff and Colleagues in Catholic Education
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My warm and prayerful greetings to you all.

I do hope that the Christmas season brought many blessings to you despite the extraordinary times we find ourselves in.

May I take this opportunity to once again extend my gratitude to each and every one of you; parents, carers, teachers and administrators, who have risen to meet the challenges of these times.

You have been resilient and innovative, and kept your families and communities close in times of distancing. The rich life of Catholic education is an indispensable part of our missionary call to the Gospel, and the good people of God are blessed abundantly through your efforts.

I am sure that you are eager to commence this year and to be filled with the energy and excitement that comes from helping our young people flourish and grow.

May St Joseph, our protector, strengthen and guide you all as faithful carers and diligent workers as this year unfolds. Please know that my prayers are with you.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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 CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

SchoolName

SchoolREF ID

Parent/legalguardiandetails

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

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

- - - **OR**

Fosterparent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*FosterParents 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

Studentdetails

Child's surname	Child's first name	StudentID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Yearlevel

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation Service 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 (27th January 2021) or term two (19th April 2021).

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 Veterans 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 2021 closes on 25th June 2021.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Principal

Please Note Canteen cancelled this Friday - 12th February

Due to the COVID exposure sites announced in Sunbury and required testing for people at these sites during the times advised, canteen will not be operating this Friday February 12th.

Any orders already placed will be cancelled and credited back to your account

Please provide your child with a packed lunch this Friday .

Thank you

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Canteen Roster

Term1 2021

5th Feb	Sylvana Doricic Tracey Kilkenney Anna Marinacic	5th Mar	Caroline Dillon Cathy Carter Joanne Borghese
12th Feb	Closed	12th Mar	Emma Clements Shelley Spark Antoinetta Preston
19th Feb	Michele Shalders Nat Grant Sylvana Doricic	19th Mar	Paula Jarski Alex D'Agostino Kelly Xerri
26th Feb	Belinda Falzon-Pout Nancy Carlyle Louise Vasey	26th Mar	Danielle Wadden Jade Grech Christine De Veth

Thank you for volunteering to help in the canteen, it would be impossible with you!
Please arrive at the canteen at 10.00am, your assistance will be required until around 2.00pm. If you have long hair please tie it up and remember to sign in at the office with your WWC before coming to the canteen. We will now be working under COVID restriction which may mean the wearing of masks and social distancing.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please ring Sally on 0400384403 s soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Sally Hewitt-Tacey

YEAR 6 GRADUATION JACKETS

A reminder to families of Year 6 Students that payment for Graduation Jackets should be made this week by CDFPay. Please login via the CDFPay portal on our website.

OLMC Bell Times

8.55 am	Start of school day
11.00 - 11.30am	Recess
1.30pm	Eating time
1.40 - 2.20pm	Lunch time
3.15pm	End of school day



Head Lice Please be aware that we have a case of head lice in the school .Please check your child's hair carefully and treat and keep home if necessary.

IMPORTANT: Can school families please refrain from parking in the Woodlands Early Learning Centre at all times as these parking spaces are reserved for their staff and clients only.

Thank you.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS

If your child intends to use any of the School Bus services in 2021, either public bus or school registered buses, please contact the office to add your child's name to the list so that the Teacher on duty can know which children use this service on any given day.



School Absences

Just a reminder of what to do if your child is absent or will be in late or leaving early. You can contact your child's teacher or me via Seesaw, you can ring the school or you can email us –

absent@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you, we are mandated to phone you to find out the reason for the absence. Please also let us know the reason for the absence, e.g. Julie is absent today as she is unwell or for family reasons, or something specific.

School Uniform News

School Hats (\$10) and Bottle Green socks (\$5) are available for sale from the school office.

Correct money appreciated please.

A reminder to label all school uniform items especially jumpers & rugby tops and food/drink containers with your child's name. This will help stop the vast amounts of these items that end up

In lost property.



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2021 Term Dates

Term 1 27 January — 1st April (Easter 2—5 April)

Term 2 19 April — 25 June

Term 3 12 July — 17 September

Term 4 4 October — 17 December

GO GREEN—RECYCLING AT OLMC

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Are you saving your bread tags?

Please send them along to School as soon as possible and deposit them in the box in the Office foyer.

We will make arrangements for them to be recycled and the money earned will go to "Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs".

Thanks for your support and keep up the good work.



Terracycle Oral waste recycling

We are collecting all oral waste such as, empty toothpaste tubes & caps, toothbrushes &

packaging, floss picks & floss containers and electric toothbrush heads. Please deposit any oral waste in the box (no plastic bags please) located in the Office foyer. Every piece of waste recycled earns our School \$\$\$ so tell family and friends to start collecting.