

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 Thursday, 10 February 2022

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

Dear Parents,

There is such a great buzz around the school. The classrooms and learning areas are filled with excitement and energy and we are just so happy to have students and staff at school. I would really like to thank everyone for your ongoing support. I know I have had to send you a lot of information over the past couple of weeks and I will continue to do so to keep you updated on Covid cases and safety protocols. The response I have had from parents has been so lovely and filled with optimism.

School Address

53 Macedon St
Sunbury 3429
9740 7344

Can I please remind parents to ensure children in years 3-6 bring their own mask to school every day. It would also be very useful to have a clean spare mask in a zip lock bag as well. Masks for children in prep to year 2 are optional but highly recommended. There are also a number of children coming to school without their school hat. These are easily misplaced so please make sure they are clearly labelled as that makes it much easier for us to return them to their owner. The same goes for jumpers and rugby tops.

We have had a number of staff absences already this year. With the increased likelihood of staff succumbing to Covid, we need to cover these absences with Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs). While it is unfortunate when a child's teacher is away, there are circumstances beyond our control. We will continue to do our very best to find the most suitable replacement but there are very few CRTs available across the state. If you know of anyone, please have them contact me directly.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we are giving you the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher via Google Meet. We sent out the booking details on Tuesday and have included them in this newsletter. This is an opportune time for you to chat to the teacher about any strengths and challenges your child has, any family situation that need to be brought to our attention or just a general 'getting to know you' conversation. It is not a time for the teacher to discuss your child's progress as we are only 2 weeks into the year. If you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you had a PSG at the end of last year and met your child's 2022 teacher you do not need to book a meeting for next week.

On Monday a group of about 60 students participated in the swimming trials in order to earn a place in the OLMC swim team for the upcoming district swimming carnival. This was a fantastic response and I congratulate every child who nominated themselves for these trials. It is not an easy thing to put yourself out there but something we need to encourage our children to do on a regular basis. We can only learn and grow through trial and error. Thanks to Mr Tom for organising the event. He will be in contact with the final team.

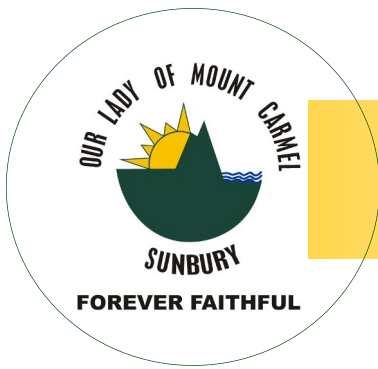
In the next week I will send out a Google Form like I did last year so that you can put your name down to help out at Parents and Friends events throughout the year. We can then get the ball

School Closure Day - Term 1

Mon 28th
February

Public Holiday Term 1

March 14th
Labour Day



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rolling, organising some dates. Although we do not know what this year holds with regards to any restrictions, let's plan for a great year of fun, fundraising and community spirit. I encourage all families to nominate to help with one event. As they say, many hands make light work.

Tomorrow morning we will hold a beginning of the year liturgy outdoors on The Green. Unfortunately we cannot open this up to all parents at this stage. We will live stream though a Google Meet. I will send you the link in the morning. It will begin at 9:15. The School Captains will be presented with their badges and their parents have been invited to attend, should they meet vaccination requirements.

On Monday morning we will run assembly outdoors on The Green. The House Captains will be presented with the badges. Parents of the house captains as well as parents of Splash Awards each week will be able to attend if they meet vaccination requirements. Please come through the school gates, rather than the office.

Last Friday night I was invited to the Salesian Graduation and Awards Dinner. It was such a lovely evening and it was wonderful to see former OLMC students and former and current families. Along with St Anne's and Holy Trinity we have a strong relationship with Salesian College, allowing us all to promote and celebrate Catholic Education in Sunbury.

Next week there should be another round of Rapid Antigen Tests. They have yet to arrive but I will let you know when they are ready to distribute. In the mean time, keep testing and stay safe!

God bless,

Julie

School Absences : absent@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

Upcoming Dates: February

15th and 16th - Parent/teacher chats

24th - Interschool swimming carnival

28th - School closure day - Staff PD

Term Dates 2022

Term 1: 28 th January—8th April
(Easter 15th April—18th April)

Term 2: 26th April —Friday 24th June
(Monday 25th Anzac Day)

Term 3: 11th July—16th September

Term 4: 3 rd October—16th December

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep C	Eva Scown	For an enthusiastic start to school and being a responsible and respectful member of Prep C!
Prep J	Olivia Grech	For showing great respect to her classmates by inviting them to play and sharing so well. Well done Olivia!
1 H	Malika Chand	For making a wonderful start in Yr 1 with her gorgeous smile! Malika is being a responsible learner and getting started straight away. She willing to share her ideas with 1H. Keep up the amazing work Malika
1 R	Leo Plummer	For showing kindness by putting others before himself!
2 A	Aaliyah Abou-Eid	For showing respect. She speaks to others in such a polite way and is very considerate of peoples feels. Keep being you! Great work Aaliyah.
2C	Ayden Storms	For displaying resilience in settling in so well to 3BC and OLMC!
3/4 J	Amarontè Schuliga	For settling into a new school and already displaying our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.
3/4M	Lila Debono	For being a fantastic role model of the 3'R and always being a determined learner. Excellent Lila
3/4 R	Indiana Sellwood	For her growth mindset when approaching addition problems this week. Well done Indiana, for explaining which addition strategy you have used.
5D	Sam Dillon	For settling in well to 5D and demonstrating the disposition of collaboration and determination.
5T	Charlie Musone	For effortlessly settling into grade 5 and consistently contributing to our class discussions.
6 C	Isaac D'Agostino	For making an amazing start to the year and contributing actively in class.
6S	Harley Bridgers	For actively demonstrating the 3R's as he settles in at our school

Parent/Teacher Chats for all students will be held at
3.30pm to 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th February, 2022.
3.30pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday 16th February, 2022.

Bookings are now open

You can book chats at times that suit your family.

Follow the instructions below

Bookings will close: Friday 11th February, 2022 at 4.00pm

This is only a brief 'getting to know you' meeting with the teacher to discuss your child via Google Meet. Please be aware that each interview is 10 minutes only. If you feel you need more time with the teacher you must make a separate appointment. If you had a PSG Appointment for your child (in year 1-6) at the end of 2021 please do not book a Parent Teacher Interview.

GO TO

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps

Enter School Event Code

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1. Enter your details



2. Choose teachers



3. Choose times



When you click finish, your chat timetable will be emailed to you automatically—check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews—until bookings close. You child's class teacher will email a Google Meet link to you via your Family Seesaw account.

For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, you may send a note to school with the approximate times required, or phone the school on 9740 7344. Chats are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make an alternative appointment.

Parents can change their bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by revisiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 9740 7344.

Our Catholic Identity

There is most certainly a wonderful vibe in the air here at OLMC, and with Summer in full swing, the warm days help to in reminding us of this hope and positivity that life is more than good, it's fantastic!

This week I was lucky enough to meet some of our former students and their parents at the Confirmation Family Faith Evening for the Yr 7 students. Not even a pandemic can stop the Holy Spirit at work as we continue to forge ahead to celebrate Confirmation on Friday 4th March at Salesian College.

Tomorrow we will open the school year with our first whole-school liturgy out on the Green. As we are unable to meet together in the church, we are looking forward to as a school, give thanks to God for this gift of education!

Lock it in:

Tuesday 1st March- Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 2nd March- Ash Wednesday: **Lent** begins!

Friday 4th March 7pm- Celebration of Confirmation for 2021 students at Salesian College

Gospel Reflections



Call it coincidence, call it fate or call it the Holy Spirit at work, but as mentioned before, our whole school liturgy on the Green on Friday happens to link with our Gospel reading this Sunday. It is the one where Jesus shares his sermon on the mountain. We probably know it better as the Beatitudes. In teaching his disciples and those around him, Jesus hands down eight ways to live our lives so that we might bring about the Kingdom of God:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the hungry, those who weep, those who are hated, who are excluded, reviled and defamed because of their belief in God. Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God is already theirs!

This way to live points us towards God, and God's Kingdom, but what is this Kingdom that Jesus speaks of? You see, Jesus came to earth to teach about God's Kingdom as not being a place that exists in a supernatural place, but instead in the present. In the here and now, but not fully. The Beatitudes give us the blue-prints, the secret herbs and spices if you like, on how we can bring God's Kingdom to all those we meet, so that we might be prepared for when Jesus comes again.

It's interesting when we reflect on the Beatitudes, whilst we have these ways to go about our lives, all the teachings still revolve around Jesus' one commandment. The greatest commandment: to love one another as Jesus loves us. Not always easy, not always practical and not always 'the done thing'! However, in our week ahead might we turn to the Beatitudes to consider how simple acts of humility, kindness and vulnerability inspire us to exhibit this unconditional love that Jesus speaks of, so that we might bring the Kingdom of God to live in this world of ours.

God's blessing to us all.

Nelson Graham

Literacy News

Hello parents and caregivers. It is so exciting to be back at school and watching the faces of our children as they learn and develop. I hope you are reading to your children, taking turns, discussing the latest book or film and just increasing their thinking and vocabulary. Success in life can be measured by the size of our vocabulary and our vocabulary increases by the amount of books we are exposed to, read or have written to you. You would all be glad to see the children return to school so that you can return to parenting. We are all so glad because we can get back to the job we love, being with and teaching the children.

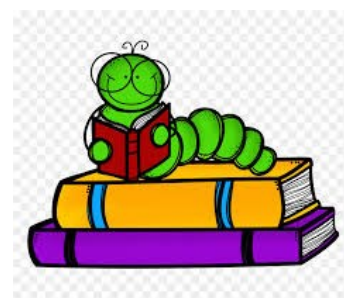
Scholastic Books have sent out their new catalogue and I would like to remind you that you can purchase the books by using their "Loop" and pay by card which is so much easier for us all. The kids were so excited to get their catalogues today. Do not forget we get new books for the library as part of their reward system.

We also have Story Box Library at <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

User name:OLMCSunbury **Viewer password:**OLMC#2021

Great Australian stories read with Australian voices

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Evelyn Pickering: Literacy Leader

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Canteen Roster—Term1 2022

4th Feb	Sylvana Doricic Tracey Kilkenney	11th Mar	Caroline Dillon Cathy Carter
11th Feb	Irene Wishart Erin Thompson	18th Mar	Emma Clements Shelley Spark
18th Feb	Nat Grant Louise Vasey	25th Mar	Alex D'Agostino Kelly Xerri
25th Feb	Belinda Falzon-Pout Emma Clements	1st Apr	Danielle Wadden Jade Grech
4th Mar	Antoinetta Preston Simone Fawcus	8th Apr	Simone Fawcus Fran McKay

Thank you for volunteering to help in the canteen, it would be impossible without you!

Please arrive at the canteen at 10.00am, your assistance will be required until around 2.30pm. 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 restrictions which means, you must be double vaccinated, wear a mask and social distancing. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please ring Sally on 0400384403 as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Sally Hewitt-Tacey

School Uniform News

Green socks — \$5 per pair and school hats — \$10 are available from the school office

A reminder to label all school uniform items especially rugby tops/school jumpers and food /drink containers with your child's name—Thank you !

OLMC RECYCLING CENTRE



PENS TEXTAS AND WHITE OUT PRODUCTS, USED BATTERIES, PLASTIC BREAD TAGS AND ORAL PRODUCT PACKAGING CAN ALL BE RECYCLED AT OLMC.

We are actively recycling a number of products to reduce the impact on our planet. Please continue to send your recyclable items to the School Office.

The boxes are located in the School Office Foyer



THE WONDER BREAD RECYCLING PROGRAM HAS NOW ENDED BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO RECYCLE ALL SOFT PLASTIC, INCLUDING BREAD BAGS BY COLLECTING THEM AND PUTTING THEM IN THE REDCYCLE BIN AT COLES AND WOOLWORTHS SUPERMARKETS. LOCATED NEAR THE CHECKOUT.





FREE & FUN MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM



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10 WEEK
health program



Talk and **LEARN**
about your **HEALTH**



CONNECT with new
and old friends



Get **ACTIVE**



Open to
ALL ADULT MEN

Sons of the West runs in locations all across the West.
For more information email foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au

The Sons of the West program will run in accordance with government COVID-19 restrictions, which may include small group sizes or online options.

The Sons of the West is an inclusive and diverse program. People who are culturally diverse, Aboriginal and/or Torres-Strait Islander or identify as a man are encouraged to attend.

STARTING IN SUNBURY

TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 15 MARCH IN SUNBURY



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New registered participants will receive a starter pack which includes a glove and ball.



SUNBURY FULLY LOADED T-BALL SUMMER 2022

Venue: John McMahon Reserve, Sunbury 3340

Dates: Fri 11 Feb - Fri 18 March 2022 (6 weeks)

Times: 5.30pm - 6.30pm Ages: 8-12

Contact: Karen Wallace Ph: 0412 934 518 after 4pm

Email: sunburysa@gmail.com

Register: www.softballbatterup.com.au

Cost: \$60 with pack included, \$40 without pack



Softball Australia's national participation program, Softball Batter Up, is designed to be fun, flexible and engaging for children from kindergarten age to Year 6, focusing on fun activities while learning basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Every registered participant receives an Official SBU Starter Kit to begin their softball journey.



SUNBURY SOFTBALL BATTER UP 2022

Venue: John McMahon Reserve, Sunbury

Dates: Fri 11 Feb - Fri 18 March 2022 (6 weeks)

Times: 5:30pm - 6:30pm Ages: 4 - 8

Contact: Karen Wallace Ph:0412934518 after 4pm

Email: sunburysa@gmail.com

Register: www.softballbatterup.com.au

Cost: \$60 with pack included, \$40 without pack
