



# Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 Thursday, 17 February 2022

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

Dear Parents,

Last Friday we celebrated a beautiful whole school liturgy on The Green. It was wonderful to gather in God's name and how good it was to hear the children singing again. We also commissioned our School Captains who are already doing such a fabulous job and showing a huge amount of responsibility. Our 2022 School Captains are:

### School Address

53 Macedon St  
Sunbury 3429  
9740 7344

Harvey Paterra

Ava Lethlean

Jack Debono

Charlee Shalders



This week we presented out 2022 House Leaders. They are already showing great responsibility and, with the School Captains, are organising whole school morning sport sessions. Congratulations to the following students:

### School Closure Days

#### Term 1

Mon 28th Feb

#### Term 2

Tue 26 & Wed 27  
April

Fatima – Lacy Urbon and Julian Caruana

Loreto – Max Hills and Juliet Luca

Padua – Madison Jarski and Luke Bekker

Penola – Lauren de veth and Lily Munslow

We also have a group of year 6s girls who have organised some lunch time activities for students to participate in, including arts and crafts, chess and board games and mindful colouring. It is great to see so many of our year 6s showing initiative and begin excellent role models for our younger students.

Assemblies will continue at this stage on Monday's at 8:45am. They will be live streamed and we will send you the link each week. For now, only parents of children receiving SPLASH awards are able to attend.

### Public Holiday

March 14th  
Labour Day

Just a reminder that we have a number of children in the school with various allergies and some of whom who have anaphylaxis reactions to certain food. Please do not send in any food or treats to be shared with other students. We let this slip a little bit last year but it is important that we follow policies and procedures as this could be a life threatening issue.



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I would like to draw your attention to the **OLMC Complaints Handling Policy** which can be found on the school's website. In particular I wish to reiterate that parents should not be contacting other parents regarding issues that arise at school. The following is an excerpt from the policy:

*Raise the matter directly with the relevant staff member first where appropriate. If the matter involves your child or an issue of everyday class operation, contact the staff member concerned, preferably by email, explaining the nature of your concern and request a telephone conversation or meeting. The teacher will acknowledge the email within two working days. The staff member may be able to respond to your complaint by return email or telephone with a satisfactory outcome. At times, parties may be assisted to resolve a misunderstanding, miscommunication or lack of clarity through the support of another person, such as another member of staff or the principal.*

In making a complaint, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School requests and expects that the Complainant will:

- *raise the concern or complaint as soon as possible after the issue has arisen,*
- *communicate and respond in ways that are constructive, fair and respectful*
- *provide complete and factual information about the concern or complaint*
- *observe confidentiality and a respect for sensitive issues*
- *act in good faith to achieve an outcome acceptable to all parties*
- *have realistic and reasonable expectations about possible outcomes/remedies.*

Under no circumstances should you approach another student while in the care of the school to discuss the issue or chastise them.

Direct contact with parents to resolve the matter is also discouraged if the complaint pertains to issues or incidents that have arisen at the School.

I really appreciate your support and cooperation with this

Earlier today, the Victorian Government announced that existing COVIDSafe measures in schools and early childhood settings would continue until the end of Term 1.

Rapid antigen surveillance testing will continue until the end of Term 1. We are expecting that the delivery of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for weeks five and six will start from today, with additional RATs to be delivered in the coming weeks.

The testing settings will remain the same, with all primary and secondary school students and staff, early childhood education and care staff, and children aged 3–5 recommended to test at home twice a week, while students and staff at specialist schools are recommended to test five days a week.

RATs have proved an important COVIDSafe tool to help reduce the number of COVID-19 cases and ensure our schools are as safe as possible. Their use will remain voluntary for staff and students, but is strongly encouraged.

Have a lovely weekend,

Julie

## SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
<b>Prep C</b>	Rowan Griffiths	For being a responsible learner and setting up our prayer space so beautifully. Well done Rowan!
<b>Prep J</b>	Millie Nannery	Demonstrating our school value of 'respect' during tasks, play and prayer this week. What a great role model Millie, well done!
<b>1 H</b>	Alex Mitanidis	For being a wonderful respectful friend and helping others in need. You are always engaged and a very responsible learner. Keep up the amazing work Alex
<b>1 R</b>	Milla Gatt	For being a positive and cheerful member of the class. She is always willing to help others and include them in her games!
<b>2 A</b>	Ivy Luca	For showing the 3 Rs in all that she does. She assists others when they are in need and is a great friend to everyone in 2A. Great work Ivy.
<b>2C</b>	Harry Zabielski	For starting Year 2 with such a positive attitude and making responsible choices to be the best learner he can be!
<b>3/4 J</b>	Abigail Mckay	For settling in well, helping others and asking for assistance when needed.
<b>3/4M</b>	Hudson Gatt	For his outstanding efforts in adding to our class discussion and sharing his amazing knowledge. Super Star Hudson
<b>3/4 R</b>	Luca Cunsolo	For an outstanding effort during our maths sessions this week, Luca has been experimenting with a range of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.
<b>5D</b>	Eli Afamasaga	For making contributing positively to the life of Year 5D and making sensible decisions about his learning.
<b>5T</b>	Isabella Cammarano	For using the disposition of collaboration and making connections during our whole class discussions. Well Done Isabella!
<b>6 C</b>	Sarah Bordon	For using the disposition of determination when approaching all tasks this year.
<b>6S</b>	William Chapman	For having a growth mindset and working diligently in class.

## Our Catholic Identity

We certainly have been blessed with this amazing weather, and were so lucky to have celebrated our opening school liturgy on the Green last Friday morning. After such a long time, we met together as a whole school to give thanks to God for this gift of education! It was a fitting time to present the School Captains to the school, who along with the staff and all other students, received a special commissioning blessing from Fr Kevin. We know that the Spirit is alive and kicking here at OLMC and we look forward to resuming our Monday Prayer Sessions very soon! Stay tuned!

### Lock it in:

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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



In 1967, John Lennon was onto something pretty good in proclaiming “All You Need is Love!”. A hit single in no time. Many before, and many after continued to share this same message in their lyrics and fittingly, on Monday this week, love was definitely in the air with the celebration of Valentine’s Day. A largely commercial day that twelve months ago was hampered by a ‘circuit-breaker’ lockdown in Melbourne. Whilst for many of us we can be forgiven for going down the rabbit hole of flowers and chocolates on this day, it is also a timely opportunity to centre our minds on the unconditional love offered to us from God, through Jesus his Son .

From the Bible, we read that “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that we might have eternal life” (John 3:16). Countless times we hear of stories of Jesus’ demonstration of love to the marginalised, outcast, sick, blind and poor. We also hear of several teachings from Jesus that point us towards the unconditional love of his Father in heaven, the Prodigal Son is an example of this. However, there is no greater example of Jesus’ love for us that in the greatest commandment he leaves for us: “Love the Lord God with all your heart, and with all your soul and all your mind...and love your neighbour as you love yourself” (Matthew 22:36). Just imagine, given the current local and global crises that continue to plague us, if we were to apply this teaching: To love one another as Jesus loves. What a world we could be! Luke’s Gospel from this Sunday echoes this sentiment to love, to give generously and show compassion to one another.

All of this done for no self-desire of a return, but instead for an unknown reward that awaits us.

Finally, still on the theme of love, I would like to close with the above image, and text from St Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. If I was to take up a survey, I’m pretty sure that many of you reading this featured this reading at your wedding. I did too! In reflecting upon the reading, I set you the challenge to consider, who is it in your life that demonstrates this love that is patient, kind, not envious or boastful? Who shows you this love that honours you and is not easily angered? Whose love in your life keeps no record of wrongs but rejoices in the truth. Whose love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and perseveres. Whose love never fails you? Maybe this describes the love that you continue to demonstrate to your world! Not as simple as it sounds, to live a life of love, but so many wonderful examples and blueprints of how to do so. According to John Lennon, “It’s easy....All you need is love...Love is all you need.”

May we continue to live God’s love in our lives.

**Nelson Graham**

## 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.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CSEF FUND PAYMENTS PARENTS MUST BE THE HOLDER OF A GOVERNMENT CONCESSION CARD. CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS**

### 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**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School	E1038
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School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/carer details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  OR

Foster parent under a temporary care order\* OR  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

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

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes  No

**Student details**

Student's surname	Student'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 Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH 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 DFFH 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 DFFH 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## Official Term Dates 2022

- Term 1:** 28 th January—8th April  
(Easter 15th April—18th April)
- Term 2:** 26th April —Friday 24th June  
(Mon 25th Anzac Day ,Tue 26 & Wed 27 Staff PD days)

### Students return Thur 28 April

- Term 3:** 11th July—16th September
- Term 4:** 3 rd October—16th December

## Upcoming Dates: February

**24th** - Interschool swimming carnival

**28th** - School closure day - Staff PD

School Absences : [absent@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au)

## 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 now available from the school office

## Cash Only

**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.







# IT'S HARVEST TIME!

- FARM ANIMALS
- STUDENT WORK & ART EXHIBITIONS
- COLLEGE FARM PRODUCE
- STUDENT-LED HISTORICAL MANSION TOURS
- INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS & ACTIVITIES
- LIVE MUSIC
- MEET OUR STUDENTS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- LOCAL VENDORS
- ...AND SO MUCH MORE!

**RUPERTSWOOD HARVEST IS BACK FOR 2022!**  
**FRIDAY 1 APRIL, 4:30-8PM**  
1 MACEDON STREET, SUNBURY | COVID-SAFE PRACTICES IN PLACE



Salesian College  
SUNBURY

Sunbury Masters Football Club  
Presents

# Free Junior Football Clinic

Come and learn some skills with the Masters



**Who:** Boys & Girls ages 8-12

**Where:** John McMahon Reserve  
155 Lancefield Rd, Sunbury

**When:** Friday 25th Feb 5-6:30pm



## MASTERS

**BBQ & Drinks provided**  
**Limited places**  
**Text Name & Age to 0448892681**  
**to secure your spot today**



## KIDS ART WITH MERLE

Kids Art is a free expression art session for primary school aged children, instruction is given if required but this is a class to support them in their creativity not teach it. It is relaxing and allows children to develop a sense of achievement. We are more than happy for parents/caregivers to stay and enjoy the activities with their kids. Also we invite you to sit back, relax and have a cuppa!

**When:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 4 - 5 pm

**Who:** Primary School Aged children

**Cost:** \$30 per child for 4 sessions, places limited, bookings essential.

**Note:** Parents / caregivers are welcomed to join in and participate with their kids.  
(or sit back and have a cuppa!).  
All Materials Supplied.  
Bring an Art Smock  
Fruit/Veg snack also provided

Book now via our website - [www.sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-and-courses-term-1-2022/](http://www.sunburyhouse.com.au/programs-and-courses-term-1-2022/)



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