



# Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 Thursday, 24 February 2022

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

Dear Parents,

Now that we have been back to school for 4 weeks, there is a real sense of normality, mixed with excitement as the children have settled into routines of learning and friendship. Lunch time clubs are up and running, offering the children alternatives such as board games and arts and crafts. This has been set up and is run entirely by year 6 volunteers and they have been outstanding in their organisation and commitment.

### School Address

53 Macedon St  
Sunbury 3429  
9740 7344



### School Closure Days

#### Term 1

Mon 28th Feb

#### Term 2

Tue 26 & Wed 27  
April

*A reminder that next Monday (28<sup>th</sup> February) is a school closure day for professional learning for staff. We will be exploring our approach to learning and teaching in light of our school review last year. We have developed a 4 year School Improvement Plan and a 2022 Annual Action Plan. I will share our priorities with you once they are finalised. OshClub will be operating so please book through them if you need supervision on the day.*

We are expecting updated Operational Guidelines in the coming days. I will relay any changes to you once they have been received. Masks will continue to be mandated for students in years 3-6 and all staff while students are onsite. They are also recommended for children in Prep-2 but are not mandated.

A new round of Rapid Antigen Tests will be distributed next week and this will continue every 2 weeks until the end of term. I am grateful for the surveillance testing that has been done at home. There have been some discrepancies between RATs and PCRs. If a child returns a positive RAT we must assume they have COVID and you need to notify me and register on the Department of Health website. If they are symptomatic it is highly likely the result is correct. The only way to be certain is a PCR. If the PCR returns a negative result, the PCR overrides the RAT. I hope this makes sense! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are unsure and I will do my best to wade through all of the information I have to guide you as best I can. I will continue to notify all parents if there is a confirmed positive case in the school.

### Public Holiday

March 14th  
Labour Day

The 2022 Student Representative Council were presented with their badges at assembly. We look forward to working with these students to plan fundraising and fun activities, as well as discussing how we can make OLMC a better place.



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2022 SRC:

Prep J Clementine Tranter   Prep C Savannah Nurse   1H Cody Najda   1R Milla Gatt

2A - Aaliyah Abou-Eid   2C Russell Salomon

3/4 M Hanano Marshall   3/4 J Macey Carlyle   3/4 R Zoe Armstead

5D Flynn Payton   5T Jai Santos   6C Liam Russell   6S Isla Kelly

I have spoken to the students about some particularly foul language that has been reported to me. Unfortunately, we can't control what the children are exposed to and what may be allowed outside of school is different to what is accepted at school. We have noticed that the more students are engaged in social media and online gaming, the more explicit the language that is used. We will continue to remind the children of what is and is not appropriate and ask that you support us with that at home. Parents will be notified of repeated explicit language. Our year 5 students engaged in some excellent persuasive writing around this topic. Here are some examples:

*Caden:*

*I strongly believe that swearing at our Lady of Mount Carmel is unacceptable. We do not tolerate rude words or swearing here at Mount Carmel. We are a school of respect and kindness.*

*Swearing is a sign of weakness and it is not cool or funny. We are a school of happiness and joy. We should always look after our teachers, students and parents and treat each other kindly.*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel is full of kind and loving children. Swearing is not cool. When you swear you are not tough.*

*Stop people from swearing, especially kids, swearing is bad and it hurts peoples feelings in lots of ways. Stop swearing.*

*Marley:*

**Swearing is the worst thing to say to someone because it can leave a hole in someone's heart. If you swear at someone they will not be as jolly as they used to be.**

**Swearing is unacceptable for kids 1-18 and adults should definitely not swear because there kids will learn from it. We will get in trouble in games, school and friends houses if we swear.**

**Swearing has a big impact in your lives.**

**Swearing should not be used and that is final!**

God bless

Julie

## SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
<b>Prep C</b>	Emmy Cowling	For being a respectful and responsible learner and following our classes expectations.
<b>Prep J</b>	Xavier Mihos	For his amazing efforts towards tasks this week and being responsible for his learning.
<b>1 H</b>	Grace Zudetich	For being a responsible learner and getting started straight away. Keep up the great work Grace
<b>1 R</b>	Owen Scown	For always following the Golden rule by listening to instructions and being responsible.
<b>2 A</b>	Xavier Nannery	Trying his hardest to be a responsible and respectful learner. He has been making good choices, showing creativity and using his time wisely. Keep up the great work Xav.
<b>2C</b>	Emily Nation	For going above and beyond to display respect and acts of kindness towards others every day in our classroom and on the yard.
<b>3/4 J</b>	Lucas Stevens	For displaying persistence in maths and trying new strategies to create and solve number sequences.
<b>3/4M</b>	Tahlia Bekker	For taking responsibility for her own learning and developing her reading interests. Well Done Tahlia
<b>3/4 R</b>	Hannah Zudetich	For always being a respectful, polite and friendly member of our grade. Keep up the fantastic work, Hannah!
<b>5D</b>	Marley Stott	For writing a fantastic persuasive piece of writing about why swearing is not acceptable at OLMC school
<b>5T</b>	Blake Carrello	For his resilience and dedication towards his writing
<b>6 C</b>	Alessia Squatrito	For displaying the learning disposition of determination and always being ready to challenge herself when working on tasks.
<b>6S</b>	Nicholas Martinho	Being respectful by striving to following instructions and showing self motivation by focusing on his learning.

## Our Catholic Identity

As February steams away and the warmth of the days continue to blend from one day to the next, we look forward to change of season ahead. This year, the move from Summer to Autumn signifies the beginning of Lent which we see next Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. The day before that, in the Catholic world, before the time of renewal that Lent calls us to, we spend the day thinking about all the rich and opulent indulgences we have in our lives, that during Lent we might choose to abstain from. This day, commonly called 'Pancake Tuesday' gets its true origins from the Jewish tradition, which we call Shrove Tuesday. This day was a time to bring together all the rich pantry items and use up all leaven (an ingredient similar to sourdough starter or yeast) to make loaves of flat-bread in preparation for the Jewish festival of Passover. As time has gone by, this tradition has become the eating of pancakes that now resemble that Jewish tradition. Next Tuesday, as you tuck into a pancake or two, consider what things in do we have or take for granted that we can do without over the season of Lent. As we move into this season in the Church's Liturgical Year, consider Lent as this time of renewal to not only give up, but a time to give more...Stay tuned next week for more on this!

### Lock it in:

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March*- Shrove Tuesday

*Wednesday 2nd March*- Ash Wednesday: **Lent** begins! 9.15am Mass held on the Green (weather permitting) for Yrs 3-6 students.

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

### Gospel Reflections

This week, our last week of ordinary time for a little while, we have the Gospel story from Luke that gives us the phrase, 'Why do you observe the splinter in another's eye and never notice the plank in your own?' This is such a timely and relevant piece of advice from Jesus for us to consider. Not one of us is perfect, and it is our imperfections that give us the building blocks to learn, grow and thrive. Imagine the quality of all our relationships if before we considered pointing out another's shortcomings, that we considered our own! Not easy to do, that's for sure!



The lesson from Jesus gives us an insight into how our true joys and happiness rests with us and though how we choose to live our lives in positivity, gratitude, kindness, patience and courage. The more we live in this place and this becomes our default, the richer and deeper becomes the well of positivity, hope and happiness that we can draw our strength from. Only good can come from good. Will things always be perfect? Will we never upset, offend or treat somebody poorly? I'm pretty sure we all know the answer to that! However, if our heads, hearts and hands continue to brim with goodness and positivity, in making amends and righting our wrongs, the greater the likelihood that what flows from our hearts helps to continue to restore one another's happiness and positivity and bring forth God's kingdom to all those in our lives.

May God bless.

**Nelson Graham**



## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Enrolments for 2023 are Now Open.**

This year Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be having small group tours of our school.

Dates and times for these tours are as follows:

15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30am and 12.00 midday

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30am and 6.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 – 9.30am

Please call the school office on 9740 7344 to make a booking for the tour of your choice.

Bookings are essential!



## 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

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

### Criteria 1 – General eligibility

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

- on the first day of Term one
  - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:  
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

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 the above.

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

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

## 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](http://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/carers 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/CARER 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 temporary 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.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

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 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.



## Official Term Dates 2022

<b>Term 1:</b>	28 th January—8th April (Easter 15th April—18th April)
<b>Term 2:</b>	26th April —Friday 24th June (Mon 25th Anzac Day ,Tue 26 & Wed 27 Staff PD days)
<b>Students return Thur 28 April</b>	
<b>Term 3:</b>	11th July—16th September
<b>Term 4:</b>	3 rd October—16th December

## Upcoming Dates: February

28th - School closure day - Staff PD

## Upcoming Dates: March

2nd -Ash Wednesday Mass Yr 3-6

3rd— Divisional Swim Carnival

4th—Sacrament of Confirmation Yr 7s

14th—Labour Day Public Holiday

25th—Interschool Athletics

29th—School Photos

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

# Speak Up, Speak Out

- Free 8 week program for Kids aged 8-14
- Learn about healthy, safe and supportive relationships,
- Learn to become an upstander and a future leader of the community
- Series done through fun and culturally appropriate activities
- Receive mentorship



Running on Thursday's from 4:30pm  
Register your interest now!

Get in touch with The Long Walk or Lucy Webster for further information.

[dreamtime@essendonfc.com.au](mailto:dreamtime@essendonfc.com.au)  
[sunburyaboriginal.efa@gmail.com](mailto:sunburyaboriginal.efa@gmail.com)

Or call Lucy on 0406 174 764

Speak Up, Speak Out is funded through the DPC Free From Violence grants



## 2022 Netball Season

*Sunbury Lions Junior Football Netball Club* would like to invite players aged between 8 1/2 and 15 years of age to join our upcoming Netball Season.

**All skill levels are welcome**

**Training currently at Boardman Reserve  
Tuesday afternoons from 5pm – 6pm.**

Training will move to Clarke Oval Reserve on completion of our "New" Netball Courts

**Feel free to come along for a trial and meet our friendly teams and coaches.**

**Game day dresses will be provided.**

For further information please contact

*Jackie Thompson*

*Junior Netball Co-ordinator*

0417 450 904

# COME and TRY NIGHT

John McMahon Reserve  
155 Lancefield Road  
Sunbury



## FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 5PM

East Sunbury Football Club  
invites all juniors from  
AusKick to U16's to our  
come and try evening.

