



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 Thursday, 10 March 2022

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

Dear Parents,

There is so much happening in our world at the moment and the children are very keen to share their thoughts and ideas at school. Whether it be the floods in Queensland and New South Wales, Covid or the death of Shane Warne, our media and social media are flooded with photos and videos that can be quite confronting for children who are over exposed or not given the opportunity to process their thoughts.

School Address

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Sunbury 3429
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I came across an article that may help you talk to your own children - <https://www.parentshop.com.au/blog/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-frightening-world-events> - The article gives us great ideas and tips as well as some parent webinars. I encourage you to look at what is on offer. This is also a good opportunity for family prayer and to consider what we can do to help others.

School Closure Days

Term 2

Tue 26 & Wed 27
April

Our resident guinea pig showman, Ben Carter, has had great success again, winning sashes for best junior condition large sow (Daisy) then won best overall junior condition in show, also with daisy.

Grizzly (male boar) came 2nd in his class and Ben also was awarded a trophy for overall runner up best junior condition exhibitor for years 2020-21 as an annual award but over the last 2 years due to covid! Well done to Ben!



Our swimmers had great success at the Divisional Swimming Carnival last week with Tahlia finishing 3rd and the girls and boys finishing second in their relays. We wish the relay teams all the best as they complete at the next level next week.

Public Holiday

March 14th
Labour Day

Happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating from the 7th – 13th March. I hope you have a day filled with joy and gratitude:

Layla Bonnici

Zac Chiodo

Zahra D'Agostino

Abbey Nicholls



Just a reminder that tomorrow is Pyjama Day and next Monday 14th March is a Public Holiday and there will be no school.



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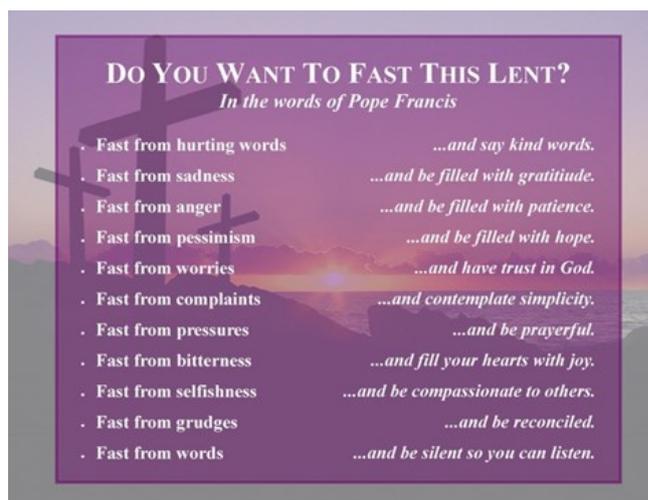
I have sent out information regarding PTFA events. Please take the time to have a look and put your name down for one event. That is all we ask to ensure that everyone is involved and the same people are not doing all the work to provide fun for the students and parents as well as raise money to upgrade our adventure playground. This week I have met with landscape designers to reimagine the front entrance of the school and a sensory garden in the playground. PTFA fund raising from the pass few years to support this project.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. This is a good time to think about our role as a Catholic School. I would love to hear from parents as to why you chose a Catholic school for your child/children. Please email me with your responses.

Enrolments are now open for 2023! If you have a child starting Prep next year, please collect an enrolment from the front office to let us know to send one home. They are also available on the school website.

Please continue to use the rapid Antigen tests twice weekly. Positive case numbers have dropped but I am not sure if that is because the testing rate has dropped. There will be another box sent home next week.

Finally to reflect on in this second week of Lent:



God Bless

Julie

Our Catholic Identity

Welcome Back Parents!!! It has been so wonderful to finally have you back on site here at OLMC! It is great to see your smiling faces at our school gatherings, and I am sure that your kids have loved being able to walk into school and to see you there within the gates at the end of the day. Please keep coming in. We look forward to re-introducing more community events and re-build this OLMC culture that makes our school so fantastic!

Lock it in:

Monday 14th-18th March- Catholic Education Week. Theme: *Take the Way of the Gospel*

Thursday 17th March- St Patrick's Day

Saturday 19th March- Feast of St Joseph

Tuesday 22nd March- Prep Family Faith Evening- at school!

Gospel Reflections



This Sunday's Lenten Gospel from Luke might have to be one of my all-time favourites! It's the one where Jesus and three of his disciples, Peter, John and James, climb up a mountain to pray. A little retreat away from the busyness of it all. Whilst up there, Jesus' face and clothing is changed into a dazzling, brilliant white. Whiter than any bleach on earth could whiten! Suddenly, beside him appeared to be Moses and another Old Testament prophet, Elijah. It was then that the disciples said to Jesus, "It is wonderful to be here!" They asked if they should make three tents for them to take refuge in. All of a sudden, a cloud covered them all and a voice was heard saying, "This is my Son, Chosen One. Listen to Him". After this, the cloud disappeared and the disciples found themselves alone with Jesus.

I really do love this reading, as it is one of the only times that these poor unassuming disciples get a glimpse of Jesus in his true glory- the Son of God. From this point onward, Jesus and the disciples continued onto Jerusalem, where the events of Holy Week lead to Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and death. Let's think about this- a true glimpse of Jesus as who he is. All the other disciples were not privy to this, nor did everybody else in Jesus' time believe that he was in fact the Son of God. Many who did not see this, still followed and believed in him. A thing called faith! In considering the people in our lives, how many of them truly show us who they are? How many people do we really put our faith into? Who is it that we feel comfortable, safe and empowered by, allowing them to show us a glimpse of their true glory? How often do we allow others to see us in our full glory?

Each of us put on a variety of masks daily, sometimes to give us the strength to do what we need to do, and sometimes to hide our true selves away from the world. Whilst often Jesus commanded his disciples not to tell anyone about him, he also did not hide who he was. On the mountain, a glimpse of his true self was revealed. In our week ahead and as we journey deeper into this time of Lent, something to ponder, and perhaps a challenge for us all is to consider how we might allow others to get a glimpse of our true selves. What gifts and talents, skills and dispositions do you possess that you keep hidden from others? Each of us, made in the image and likeness of God, possess unique sets of attributes that empower us to renew the face of the earth. In this time of Lent and as we emerge from the darkness of the previous two years, may those in our lives continue to be dazzled by the glimpses of our true selves that we willingly share with the world!

May the glimpse of Christ inspire us to be more!

Nelson Graham

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep C	Raphael Aphram	For being an enthusiastic learner and trying so hard to do his best! Great effort Raphael!
Prep J	Clementine Tranter	For showing the learning disposition of self motivation by completing tasks independently and asking clarifying questions. Awesome efforts Clementine.
1 H	Molly O'Callaghan	For being a really resilient student and using the zones of regulation to get from the blue zone to the green zone. Molly also is showing responsibility when 'Reading to Self' to build on her reading stamina. Keep up the amazing work Molly.
1 R	Pippa Kilkenny	For showing kindness to others by including them in her games and helping them with learning tasks.
2 A	Roman Cammarano	Showing resilience to his learning. I have been so proud of the way you have worked this week and followed instructions. Great work Roman.
2C	Oliver Lepua	For being an outstanding model of respect and kindness. Oliver your kind words and actions make our class such a happy place to be!
3/4 J	Ben Letzis	For using prior knowledge to make new connections. Also, well done on using your prior knowledge to teach others. Keep up the great work!
3/4M	Lucas Flinn	For being a great role model of the 3'r and always showing respect to classmates and teachers. Thanks for being such a good example for others to follow.
3/4 R	Mariam Abou-Eid	For making positive choices for her learning and her dedication to ensuring she completes tasks to the best of her ability.
5D	Samuel Plummer	For showing the disposition of collaboration by being always willing to help those around him with their learning.
5T	Morgan Harmer	For always contributing her thoughts and ideas to class discussions and showing respect and kindness towards her peers and teachers.
6 C	Leo Tait	For listening respectfully to others and contributing actively to class discussions.
6S	Henry D'Couto	For using the disposition of collaboration by actively listening to others during group work.

Pyjama Day—11th March

The SRC have organised Pyjama Day for this Friday. Staff and students are invited to wear their pyjamas and either slippers or runners. Please ensure the pyjamas are appropriate to the weather. Hats are still required but no gold coin donation this time, it is just for fun!!



OLMC EASTER RAFFLE

OUR ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE IS HERE

THE HAMPERS ARE GOING TO BE AMAZING!

YOU'LL NEED TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT.

The eldest child from each family will receive a book of 10 tickets to sell. Tickets are \$1 each (Additional tickets can be collected from the office).

The students will have a casual clothes day on Friday 1st April.

On this day, we ask the students to bring a donation for the hampers along with their sold raffle tickets and money (please put your name & phone number on the returned stubs).

Here are some ideas for donations.

Grade	Theme	Donation
Prep	Holiday Fun	Water accessories & Balloons, Bubbles, Cards, Indoor/Outdoor Games, Sunscreen, Towel, Books, Magazine.
1 and 2	Easter Eggs	A variety of Easter Eggs including nut free varieties.
3 and 4	Art, Craft and Relaxation	Colouring, Candles, Puzzle Books, Pamper items, Paint by Numbers, Slime Kit.
5 and 6	Food and Wine Indulgences	Wine, Champagne, Beer, Nibbles and BBQ Condiments.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 6th April.

We look forward to making this year's Easter Raffle a huge success for our school and families!

Prep 2023 Enrolments are now open
Collect enrolment forms from the office or via website

SUNBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY LEARNING COMMUNITY 3 SCHOOLS - 1 PARISH



HOLY TRINITY
Catholic Primary School

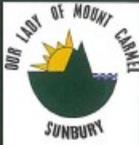
Principal: Krystine Hocking
145 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury
Ph: 03 8746 6464
enrolment@htsunbury.catholic.edu.au

OPEN DAY TOURS
TUES 15 MARCH 2022
09:30 AM AND 12:00 PM
THURS 17 MARCH 2022
09:30 AM AND 06:30 PM
MON 21 MARCH 2022
09:30AM

BOOK NOW VIA QR CODE OR
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS



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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
SUNBURY
FOREVER FAITHFUL

Principal: Julie Freeman
53 Macedon Street, Sunbury
Ph: 03 9740 7344
principal@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au

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CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE
TO BOOK A TOUR



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St. Anne's Sunbury
Catholic Primary School

Principal: Noelene Hussey
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Ph: 03 8746 6800
enquiry@sasunbury.catholic.edu.au

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Scholastic Book Club :



Hi Parents and Caregivers

We have had a wonderful return to school and our students are just so keen on reading their books. We have resumed the Scholastic Book Club and it is just a delight to see the look on the students' faces as they scan the catalogues for treasures.

In the past we have asked you to use "The Loop" for ordering. Not only does this make the process much easier but you pay directly and I don't have to be responsible for cash. It also means that the orders are in place and all I have to do is tick a box, rather than type everything into the computer. It also ensures that things do not get lost.

So please also remember to take notice of the closing date. **For this order it will be 19/3/22**
Last catalogue we got \$250.00 of free books due to your purchasing Scholastic Book Club Books and I want to thank you so much.

Remember the more we read, the better able we become.

Evelyn Pickering
Literacy Leader

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

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

- 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 Thursday 28 April**
- Term 3:** 11th July—16th September
- Term 4:** 3 rd October—16th December

Upcoming Dates: March

- 11th**—Pyjama Day
- 14th**—Labour Day Public Holiday
- 19th**—Scholastic orders close
- 25th**—Interschool Athletics
- 29th**—School Photos
- 31st**—Final day for Hot Cross Bun orders



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



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Canteen Roster—Term1 2022

11th Mar	Caroline Dillon Cathy Carter
18th Mar	Emma Clements Shelley Spark
25th Mar	Alex D'Agostino Kelly Xerri
1st Apr	Danielle Wadden Jade Grech
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 please

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.



Community News

IT'S HARVEST TIME!

- FARM ANIMALS
- STUDENT WORK & ART EXHIBITIONS
- STUDENT-LED HISTORICAL MANSION TOURS
- COLLEGE FARM PRODUCE
- MEET OUR STUDENTS
- LIVE MUSIC
- INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS & ACTIVITIES
- 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



YEAR 7 2024 APPLICATIONS



Salesian College Sunbury

TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 5

Here at Salesian College Sunbury we are proud of our relationship with Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We work together to provide a quality Catholic education to the young people of Sunbury and surrounds. We celebrate life and faith, prepare students to contribute positively, and provide opportunities to achieve excellence.

We would love to see you as part of our Salesian family. Did you know that now is the time to apply for a place at Salesian College Sunbury in Year 7 2024? Applications are being accepted and close on Friday 19 August 2022.

Visit our [website](#), or [click here to apply](#). The online application form can be started, saved, and completed at any time. I invite you to visit our College website for all other information.

Our website also features a [virtual tour](#) where you can explore what makes us so unique and 'A Home that Welcomes'.

First round interviews for Year 7 2024 places will be conducted in early September 2022 and offers will go out in October 2022. An interview booking link will be supplied to all applicants soon after the closing date.

If you require further information, please contact our College Registrar (details below).

Mark Brockhus
Principal - Salesian College Sunbury

BOOK A TOUR



MEET & GREET



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**Give life.
Give blood in
Sunbury.**

44 Macedon St, Sunbury VIC 3429
30 March to 2 April



Wednesday 30 March 12.30pm – 7.30pm
 Thursday 31 March 12.00pm – 7.30pm
 Friday 1 April 8.00am – 3.30pm
 Saturday 2 April 8.00am – 3.00pm



A Picture Book Celebration at Dromkeen
 Meet **AUTHOR Corrine Fenton & Illustrator Mark Wilson**

Saturday March 12th

Time: 11.00am

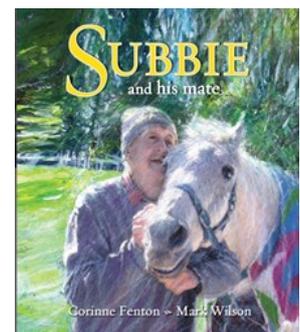
RSVP: bernadette@dromkeen.com.au

Suitable for all ages FREE EVENT

Where: 1012 Kilmore Rd

Riddell's Creek

PH: 0432282704





COME AND JOIN THE

SUNBURY KANGAROOS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB



We are seeking players for our:

- Junior Football Teams (all ages)
- U15 Netball Team

Football Enquiries: Joeb on 0409 826 694

Netball Enquiries: Jess on 0431 819 858

Become part of a team, make new friends and develop new skills during 2022