



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7 Thursday, 17 March 2022

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

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a nice long weekend. With the amount of children absent or leaving early last Friday, it seems many of our families were able to get away and enjoy some family time, which was great to see.

School Address

53 Macedon St
Sunbury 3429
9740 7344

Today is St Patrick's Day. I know many of our families have a strong Irish heritage and I am sure you will be celebrating in some way. St Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even his death.



School Closure Days

Term 2
Tue 26 & Wed 27
April

In 2020, the State Government introduced a Mobile Phone Policy for Schools, where students are not to use their phone at school. While we do have the policy in place, we have had very few issues. The policy has recently been updated to include other devices. The policy can be found on the school website. Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored in their bag or at the school office during school hours. Students are encouraged to leave Smartwatches at home and wear these outside school hours.

Mobile phones or other smart devices are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/guardian's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.

Recently, we have had issues with Smart watches and similar devices where text messages and calls can be made and received and photos and videos can be taken, which come under the same category as mobile phones. While I will not enforce a ban on the watches at this stage, children are not to use them as a phone or camera at school. If this is occurring the watch will be confiscated and you will be asked to come to the school to collect it. They are unnecessary for primary school aged children and can cause significant harm.

Quote attributable to psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

"All schools have a legal obligation to provide a safe environment in which to learn. This significant policy initiative is designed to ensure the well-being of young people while at school, free of distraction and potentially cyberbullying."



Newsletter

This week is Catholic Education Week. I asked parents to email me reasons they chose to send their child to a Catholic school. Here is a beautiful response I received from a prep mum:

Choosing to send our son to a Catholic school honours the commitment that we made to him in baptism – that we would bring him up in the life of the Church. Sending our son to Our Lady of Mt Carmel would ensure that his faith formation which began at home will be strengthened by learning in a Christ centred environment. We look forward to the incredibly special moments over the coming years where our son will learn about the significance of the Sacraments and prepare to receive and celebrate them with his school community.



Happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating this week. I hope you have a fabulous day filled with love and joy:

Ivy Luca

Amaronte Schuliga

Alessia Squatrito

Have a wonderful weekend.

God bless,

Julie

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

- 25th**—Interschool Athletics
- 29th**—School Photos
- 31st**—Final day for Hot Cross Bun orders

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

Our Catholic Identity

Happy St Patrick's Day! Today we celebrate this day, which originally started in Ireland as a religious holiday, but over time has become a cultural celebration all around the world where Irish-Catholics took their faith and belief in God. We in Melbourne owe a lot the Irish-Catholics who brought with them Catholicism. Such is the case that in the city, the early Irish-Catholics built our Cathedral, and fittingly named it after St Patrick.



Whilst St Patrick is attributed to Ireland, he actually was British and at the age of about 16, was taken to Ireland to become a slave. After being freed he became a priest and later on became the first bishop of Ireland. Patrick is attributed with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Now whilst we often see St Patrick wearing green, and the day linked to the same colour, St Patrick actually wore blue, the traditional colour of the early Irish-Catholics. However, the colour green became more connected to St Patrick due to the lush greenery of Ireland in the three-leafed clover...oh, and mythical leprechauns! A Shamrock- Irish three-leafed clover, is probably more synonymous with St Patrick's Day is a symbol of faith, hope and love and possibly used by St Patrick to teach about the Holy Trinity. Lots of luck is to come your way if you find a clover with four leaves!

Coinciding with this celebration of the St Patrick's Day is the celebration of Catholic Education Week. A time in our Archdiocese where we celebrate the gift of Catholic Education! Catholic schooling first began in Melbourne in 1840, and our very own school was established in 1860, with only 32 students! It wasn't till 1916, in the middle of the First World War that the Sisters of St Joseph arrived in Sunbury and we adopted the Josephite charism that we hold true today. On Saturday we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph!

There is much to celebrate in this Catholic Education Week, and taking our lead from Archbishop Peter, we are inspired to *"Take the Way of the Gospel!"* It is a challenge to us all to find the living Christ in the ordinary aspects of our lives, and to consider how the teachings of Christ might inspire all of us to bring Jesus alive in our school community and beyond!

Lock it in:

Saturday 19th March- Feast of St Joseph

Monday 21st March- Harmony Day: Celebrating Unity & Diversity

Tuesday 22nd March 6pm- Prep Family Faith Evening- in the Multipurpose Room



Gospel Reflections

Our third Sunday of Lent brings us the parable that Jesus tells in a call to his listeners to repent and turn away from wrongdoing and sin. It's the one where a man who had a fig tree in his vineyard came looking for fruit on it and was disappointed to find none. He was about to cut it down when the caretaker of the vineyard begged of him to give the tree one more year, and in that year, he promised to tend to the ground attentively by fertilising and watering it. If it did not give fruit after that, then he could cut it down.

I can't help but think of my poor old lemon tree I planted at home many years ago. It struggled for a long time, and I was quite sad that there were no lemons after several years of growth. I didn't give up on that tree, but instead found the right fertiliser for the soil it was in, and watered it generously. Of course with extra care and attention to the foundation, this forlorn lemon tree gave us, and continues to provide juicy lemons! Sometimes when relationships, school, work and life in general doesn't seem to be fully flourishing, this parable in the Season of Lent serves as a timely reminder of the dedication, care and nurturing we need to lovingly apply the 'fertilise' those things in our lives that are not producing 'fruit'. So poetically, this story from Jesus hits home the message of Lent to not to simply 'Give Up, but to Give More!'

May this Season of Lent be an opportunity
to tend lovingly to the challenges we face in our lives.

Nelson Graham

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep C	Peiggy Boland	For being a responsible learner and having a go at recording sounds when writing. Keep up the great effort Peiggy!
Prep J	Kaius Cacioli	Congratulations! You have made great efforts to extend patterns and create interesting patterns also demonstrating where they repeat. Wonderful work Kaius!
1 H	Cade Pedder	For making a great start to OLMC. He is always showing the disposition of Resilience and for helping others and being a kind and respectful friend. Keep up the awesome job Cade
1 R	Jacob Cunsolo	For showing determination and effort in everything he does by trying his best to have a go!
2 A	Mason Warner	For showing self motivation to begin and complete learning tasks. I have been so impressed by the way he has shown responsibility to remove himself from distractions. Well done Mason.
2C	Georgia Walters	For displaying self motivation and a growth mindset to every task she sets her mind to and always brightening our day with her big smile!
3/4 J	Teagan Stephens-O'Brien	For always being respectful towards others and being a role model.
3/4M	Joshua Munslow	For being an attentive listener and always trying his hardest to produce his best work. What a super start Josh!
3/4 R	Abbey Nicholls	Thank you for always being so respectful and kind to everyone in our grade. You are a super star, Abbey! Keep up the good work.
5D	Mason Ellis	For writing a detailed recount and for demonstrating a vast improvement in his ability to edit his work. Great work Mason
5T	Zane Tomasini	For consistently showing self motivation and determination when seeking feedback and making improvements to his work.
6 C	Darcy Anthony	For displaying leadership qualities and responsibility.
6S	Max Hills	For using the disposition of risk taking and enjoying a challenge.

Hi parents and caregivers

We were wondering if you might have any take home readers or mathematics equipment at home from Lockdown last year? We are purchasing new materials and need to do a stock take. If by any chance you have anything from school, it would be great if you could return them to their present teacher.

Cheers

Evelyn Pickering

Literacy Leader

Scholastic reminder

Please note that books are to be ordered on the Loop.

Closing date: 25/3/22



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!

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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Canteen Roster

Term1 2022

18th Mar	Emma Clements Shelley Spark Emma's Mum
25th Mar	Alex D'Agostino Sylvana Doricic Vacancy
1st Apr	Danielle Wadden Jade Grech Vacancy
8th Apr	Simone Fawcus Fran McKay Vacancy

There are three vacancies on the roster for the rest of the term, if you have a WWC and have been triple vaccinated and would be available to help out, please let me know.

Please arrive at the canteen at 10.00am, your assistance will be required until around 2.30pm.

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.

Sally Hewitt-Tacey

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

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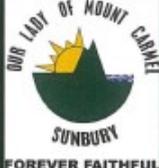
Principal: Krystine Hocking
145 Mitchells Lane, Sunbury
Ph: 03 8746 6464
enrolment@htsunbury.catholic.edu.au

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
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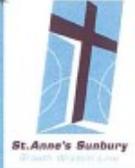
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CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE
TO BOOK A TOUR



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16 Stewarts Lane

Principal: Noelene Hussey
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enquiry@sasunbury.catholic.edu.au

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Parish News

Honorary Parish Accountant – Sunbury Catholic Parish is seeking the services of a partly or recently retired Accountant to assist in the administration of the Parish.

Anyone interested should contact the Parish office 97441060 to obtain an information sheet.

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 !

Community News

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, ONE COMMUNITY

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IT'S HARVEST TIME!

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

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



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

give blood

Service Name

Newsletter

March 2022

OSHClub 



What's been happening...

Going back to basics!!!!

Over the last few weeks, we been working hard learning how to master the ancient form of needlework, Embroidery. The children have each taken up their very own embroidery projects. Each having different images including rainbows, butterflies, birds and flowerpots. They have been working very hard for weeks to get these finished. They are so aesthetic, full of colour and rich texture. For most this was a first-time attempting embroidery, it was great to see how far they all came thought out their project journey. We will be doing a lot more embroidery projects in the future as this has now become a class favourite.



Mon-Fri 7 :00 to 9:00 am and 3:15 to 6:30 pm
Phone 0401 850 518
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Service Name

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March 2022

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Coming Up

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Diversity Week

Sharing cultures through food.

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Baking Friday

We are always looking for recipes! Your suggestions are welcome.

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Egg - citing experiment

Our Science Squad investigates

Special Announcements

Cultural Diversity Week

As most of you know Cultural diversity week is soon approaching us on the 21st of March. To celebrate this week, we thought it would be a great if we could ask parents to send with the children a special recipe that is made at home. Food is such a great way to express diversity as traditional cuisines are passed down from one generation to the next. This will be an excellent way to preserve all the different cultures in our room. We will make these recipes as a group.

Table Tennis Tournament

Here's to another successful tournament, this time we tackled the sport Table Tennis. We organised a doubles tournament older children with younger ones. At first we had a few practice rounds so that everyone could familiarize themselves with the game. We then got right into it. It was such a fun time full of laughter and of course very competitive. We will be playing a lot more table tennis as this was enjoyed by all children. Where the children got into pairs to compete against other teams. We thought it would be nice to pair the



Club News

Baking Club

Fruit Loop Marshmallow Treats

- 3 Tbs Butter
- 10 oz Marshmallows
- 6 cups of Fruit Loops
- Non-stick cooking spray for the pan

Method:

1. spray with nonstick cooking spray on baking dish- set aside.
2. Melt butter on a medium heat
3. Once fully melted, remove from heat, and stir in fruit loops. Make sure you stir well marshmallows and cereal together well.
4. Press cereal together into prepared baking dish. Use a spatula to pack the cereal into pan.
5. Let the fruit loop cereal treats cool completely and then cut into squares

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