

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9 Thursday, 31 March 2022

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

Dear Parents,

We have done so well to get to this stage of the term but we have certainly had quite a number of absences this week due to Covid. We did so well for the past two years, it had to catch up with us at some stage. Thank you to everyone who has continued the regular testing each week. I have still yet to hear whether or not we will be supplied with RATs for term 2. **You are required to notify the school if your child tests positive. This is not optional. You also need to register this on the following website - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report>**

School Address

53 Macedon St
Sunbury 3429
9740 7344

Just a reminder that all household member must isolate if someone tests positive, unless they work in an industry that holds exemptions. We have also had to send home a large amount of students this week. If your child is unwell or displays any symptoms you must keep them at home. If you are unsure of the RAT results please have a PCR.

If your child is arriving late or leaving early, you MUST sign them in or out at the office. Do not just drop your child off and let them come in by themselves. (Unless as advised by office staff). If this happens you will receive a phone call from the office to come back and use the proper channels. We must have an updated list of who is onsite in case of an emergency.

Term 1

End of term

8th April

1.30 finish



There are still many children coming to the office each day for a mask. Please do not send your child to school without a mask and a spare. We only have limited supplies left. If your child does not come with a mask you may receive a phone call to bring one to school. Students are using a lot of class time back and forth from the office looking for a mask.

Tomorrow is a casual clothes day. Please send in your Easter hamper donations and your raffle tickets and money. Thank you to Sunbury Bunnings for donation the hampers for the prizes to go into.



School Closure Days

Days

Term 2

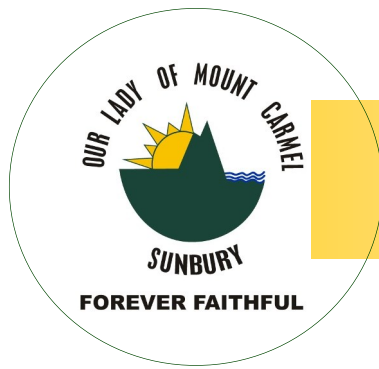
Tue 26 & Wed 27
April

Thank you to the 50 families who filled in the Google Form with regards to helping with fundraising and community events this year. We will be in contact with you with regards to your offer of help. A reminder the OLMC Bunnings BBQ is on Saturday 9th April. This is a major fundraiser for us. Please let us know if you can help for an hour or more on the day.



The Sunbury Little Athletics season ended yesterday & Zane & Macey both did really well. Zane took out 1st place overall for U11's & Macey 3rd place for U9's. More future Olympians are coming out of OLMC. Congratulations Zane and Macey!

Congratulations to the OLMC Athletics team who finished 2nd last Friday at the Sunbury District Athletics Carnival. Well done, team!!



Newsletter

On Tuesday night our new School Advisory Council met for the first time. Rob Aron from MACs joined us to explain how the council works and we also discussed plans for the rejuvenation of our school's front entrance. School Advisory Councils are advisory bodies and exist to provide support, review and advice to the principal. They do not have a legal identity and do not become involved in the day-to-day management of the school. They are an opportunity for parent voice and perspective to be available to the principal and parish priest for the good of school and parish where the wellbeing and outcomes for students is paramount. Characteristics central to its role:

- Mission
- Advisory in nature
- Educational relationships
- Wider purpose
- And its articulation

In next week's newsletter we will profile each member of the council. You are welcome to discuss with the council members any issues that you feel are relevant for discussion, both strengths and challenges.

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday in Lent. Easter is almost upon us.

John 8:1-11 - This story tells us about people who came to Jesus with different mindsets. The Pharisees and scribes were sure they were right and the woman knew that she had done wrong. The effect of meeting Jesus and letting Him into their lives changes them powerfully. The Pharisees and scribes, through the words of Jesus were able to see that they too were sinners, like the woman they were accusing and they were not perfect. The woman, expecting to be punished for her error, received a lovely acceptance from Jesus which must have left a lasting impression on her.

When someone has done the wrong thing by us how do we react? Do we forgive or seek retribution? Lent is the perfect time to reflect on where we sit with this question. It is also worth asking, "What would Jesus do?" At OLMC we use the restorative practices approach where we seek to reflect on our actions and repair damaged relationships. While there are always consequences for our actions, it is important to also seek understanding.



Happy birthday to the following children celebrating this week. I hope you have a day filled with joy and gratitude!

Jeslyn Chacko	Cade Pedder	Hannah Zudetich
Isabella Cammarano	Alan Liang	Catrina McKay

God bless,
Julie

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD



Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep C	Gabriel Harrison	For being an enthusiastic and curious learner who always asks questions. Keep up the great work Gabriel!
Prep J	Marley Afamasaga	Her brilliant efforts to listen, participate and build class discussions. Excellent work Marley!
1 H	Vincent Xerri	For listening and following instructions. Keep up the awesome job Vincent
1 R	Xavier Croxford	For making responsible choices and showing resilience when solving problems. You are a peacemaker Xavier!
2 A	Taiyo Marshall	For being an active participant during our small group reading session. He confidently contributed to discussions and used evidence from the text to explain his thinking. Great work Taiyo.
2C	Oliver Breese	For using the dispositions of reflection and self motivation to make good choices and apply himself to all areas of his learning.
3/4 J	Lina Luca	For always giving everything a go and taking on any challenge with a growth mindset.
3/4M	Audrina Cole	For being an independent worker who strives to always do her best. It is great to see how you are taking risks and trying new things. Well Done Audrina
3/4 R	Naomi Harrison	For her focus and determination to achieve her best in all areas of learning. Keep up the amazing work, Naomi!
5D	Xavier Roberts	For being able to support his peers in their learning of new mathematical concepts and for his love of working with large numbers.
5T	Jai Santos	For consistently contributing to class discussions and always seeking a challenge in his learning.
6 C	Darnell Boyce	For using a variety of strategies when solving Maths problems and being able to explain how she found the answers.
6S	Ava Lethlean	For challenging herself to learn new things and being open to new ideas.

Our Catholic Identity

Traditionally, in Australia the changing of Summer to Autumn really becomes noticeable around about now. As we say goodbye to another month of 2022 today, we look forward to crisper starts to the day and an amazing array of light as the morning sun pierces through a lingering darkness. Daylight breaks through later, and evening seems to roll around much quicker than it did last week! It is this time of the year that the darkness before the light really begins to bring home our focus in the Season of Lent: The opportunity to reflect and linger just that little bit longer in the darkness, before revelling in the immense joy and light of the resurrection at Easter!

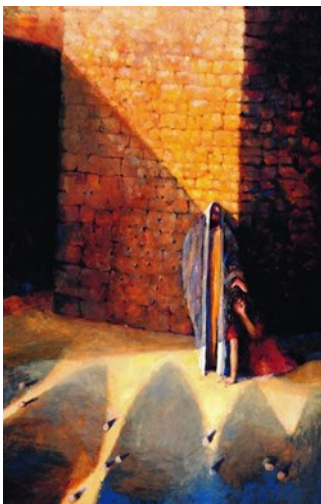
Lock it in:

Wednesday 4th May- Years 1 & 2 Family Faith Evening- OLMC Church

Friday 6th May – Mother’s Day Extravaganza!

Monday 15th -21st May- Catholic Care Family Week.

Gospel Reflections



This week’s Sunday Gospel moves away from our liturgical year author-Luke, and shifts to John. The Gospel according to John is quite different to the other three Gospels, as it is not synoptic, but rather often referred to as the ‘Spiritual Gospel’. In Sunday’s reading, we have the story of the interaction Jesus has with a woman who had done many wrong things, and was condemned to a punishment by the male-dominant society that she lived in. According to the people who brought the woman to Jesus, the punishment was what she ‘deserved’ according to the Law of Moses, which the Jewish people follow. Jesus, seemingly unphased by the people and their demands to have the woman stoned, drew in the dirt with his finger, and looking up at them challenged them saying, whoever was without sin could throw the first stone. Continuing to write in the dirt, the men left, one-by-one, with not one person throwing a single stone. When Jesus looked up, seeing nobody there, he turned to the woman telling her that since nobody condemned her, nor did he! He sent her on and told her to sin no more!

The phrase that Jesus challenges the crowd with is quite a popular and colloquialised saying: “He who is without sin shall cast the first stone!” It’s a challenge, but almost a rhetoric one at that! Jesus was well aware that not one of the people who had written this woman off was sinless. Neither are we! There are many great things that each of us do to live a life in one and other’s favour, however, there are times when we mess up, or miss the mark! We know what we need to do, and how we need to do it, but unfortunately we make the wrong choices! It is this recognition that each of us are imperfect that often can be the difference between accepting or rejecting others. In mending and further strengthening the relationships we have with our families and friends, might this Gospel reading inspire us to ask ourselves, what about our own character makes us imperfect? In recognising this, may we then use our imperfections as a guide to accept, welcome and respect the imperfections of one another. In fact, may these imperfections be the glue that helps bind us and restore each one of us to who we are born to be.

May this Lenten Journey give us the courage to turn away from sin.

Nelson Graham

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE - Ferguson Plarre Fresh Easter Buns

Place your order on CDFPay for delivery to school Thursday 7th April. A paper order form is available at the School foyer. Help support our School by asking family and friends to order.

The final orders need to be in by 31st March *TODAY*****

Delivery will be April 7th - families to pick up from the school on the day.



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!

OLMC Canteen Roster - Term 1

1st Apr	Danielle Wadden Jade Grech Vacancy
8th Apr	Simone Fawcus Fran McKay Vacancy

There are 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**

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: 28th January—8th April (1.30 finish)
(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: 3rd October—16th December

Upcoming Dates: March

31st—Hot Cross Bun orders due

Upcoming Dates: April

1st - Casual clothes day

Easter Raffle donations due

7th—Hot cross bun orders delivered

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Please note new date

Your school photography day has been rescheduled to:

Monday, 23rd May 2022

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU

Orders now close on Wednesday, 25th May 2022

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on photo day.

If you already placed an order you don't need to do anything. It will be processed and delivered once photography is complete.

Misplaced your order form? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's order number or contact our Customer Service team on 1300 766 055.

Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted



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Prep 2023 Enrolments are now open

Collect enrolment forms from the office or via website

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

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



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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
- INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS & ACTIVITIES
- LIVE MUSIC
- MEET OUR STUDENTS

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



Australian Red Cross Lifeblood

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

Places still
available



Sons of the West Parent Information Session

Facilitated by the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation in partnership with Sunbury Cobaw Community Health, Sons of the West is a free 10-week health program for men starting in Sunbury on Tuesday, 15 March 2022.

Come along to an information evening at Sunbury Downs College to learn more about this program, listen to former participants and ask questions.

What is Sons of the West About?

- 10 WEEK health program for MEN from Sunbury and surrounds
- LEARN more about your HEALTH in a safe, inclusive space
- CONNECT with new and old FRIENDS
- Try FUN types of PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Open to men of all abilities, aged 18 and over, who live in Sunbury and surrounds.



Date:

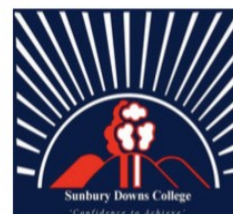
Parent Information Session: Tuesday, 8 March 2022, 6.30 - 7.30pm

Location:

Sunbury Downs College, 148-174 Mitchells Lane Sunbury

Sons of the West Contact:

Rob Charlesworth, Sunbury Cobaw Community Health on 0425 715 161



RSVP:

Sunbury Downs College P: 9744 0500 E: sunbury.downs.sc@education.vic.gov.au

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COBAW** COMMUNITY
HEALTH

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Web: www.sunburycobaw.org.au

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ROMSEY	1300 026 229	143 Main St	PO Box 146, Kyneton 3444
SUNBURY	03 9744 4455	12 - 28 Macedon St	PO Box 218, Sunbury 3429
WOODEND	03 5421 1680	49 Forest St	PO Box 637, Woodend 3442

ABN: 32084 682 579 | ACN: 136474916

Mr Not Bottom's

Stinky, Silly Show!



Melbourne Comedy Festival
April 9-16th 2.15pm

Melbourne Town Hall

tix from

www.comedyfestival.com.au

"a must see show...
multigenerational
comedy for all"
Glam Adelaide



www.mrsnotbottom.com

Live stand up for weird kids!!



Netball Victoria Community Clinic at Boardman Stadium, Sunbury

Wednesday 20th April 2022
Age 7-10 years 10am-12pm
Age 11-13 years and 14-17 years 1-3pm

Cost \$30

Please register via the QR code

Contact olivia.crawford@netballvic.com.au
or visit vic.netball.com.au/events

