

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10 Thursday, 7 April 2022

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

Dear Parents,

Believe it or not, we have survived our first full term of school onsite since 2019. While some staff students have had to isolate along the way, how fantastic it was been to be back in the full swing of everything we love about school. Thank you for your ongoing support and compassion in helping to make this happen!

School Address

53 Macedon St Sunbury 3429

9740 7344

Tomorrow the students will present our Holy Week liturgy. Parents are welcome to attend at 9:30 on The Green. It is not a casual clothes day but students are asked to bring **a gold coin donation to support Caritas and Project Compassion. Caritas Australia works to eradicate poverty and injustice.** They are an Australian Charity and international aid agency of the Australian Catholic Church. School finishes at 1:30pm tomorrow!

Just a reminder that term 2 will begin on Thursday 28th April with the 26th and 27th being our staff professional learning conference. **If you indicated that you will need the use of Oshclub on those days you will need to book with them directly.**

Term 1

End of term
8th April

1.30 finish

Two of our students were successful in their first karate grading this week and are super proud of themselves. Both Oli and Kaius from prep and year 2 received their blue belts. Well done boys.



School Closure Days

Term 2

Tue 26 & Wed 27 April



Please be mindful when driving and parking around the school. Yester-day morning we had a parent trying to take on a bus in the bus zone and last week we had people parking in the allocated disabled parking bays in Jackson Street, meaning people who needed to, could not park there. Consider others' safety and needs please. Registration numbers have been forwarded to the school and the council so expect some spot checks.

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating this week, especially Mr Gleeson, Mrs Ellis and the following children:

Liam Russell, Jonathan Squatrito, Zane Tomasini Joshua O'Connor



<mark>N e w s l e t t e r</mark>

I hope to see many parents at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 16th April. This is a big fundraiser for us. Thank you to Vic Scerri for his generous donations and to everyone who is helping on the day. Thank you to the wonderful parents who organised our Easter raffle and to everyone who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets. The raffle was drawn today and prizes sent home. If your family is not here to collect your prize we will contact you and make arrangements.

I would like to wish the OLMC a happy and blessed Easter. I hope you can enjoy some special times with your family. I will keep you in my prayers over the Easter days.

God bless

Julie



Prep 2023 Enrolments are now open

Collect enrolment forms from the office or via website

Enrolments close April 29th 2022

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

SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD







Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's			
Prep C	Sebastian Montalto	For displaying determination and applying himself in teacher group sessions. Great effort Sebastian, keep up your enthusiasm!			
Prep J	Luka Takac	For his amazing efforts in reading and stretching out all the sounds in words - super Luka!			
1 H	Willow Cutajar	For being super resilient when it was casual clothes day . Well Done Willow.			
1 R	Annika Haines	For using a bubble gum brain and taking on feedback to make her a better learner to achieve her goals.			
2 A	Quincy Stephens- O'Brien	For showing respect to her teachers and peers and always taking time to listen and care for others.			
2C	Eadie Cacioli	For going above and beyond to display respect and acts of kindness towards others every day in our classroom and on the yard.			
3/4 J	Olivia Cortese	For always participating in a respectful manner and trying her best in all that she does. Keep up the great work, Olivia.			
3/4M	Alissa McKay	For being an attentive listener and always trying her hardest to produce her best work. What a super star Alissa!			
3/4 R	Zoey Armstead	For her enthusiastic approach to all learning activities. Zoey is always eager to increase her knowledge. Well done, Zoey!			
5D	Nina Filice	For being an enthusiastic and courteous student who has made a huge growth in all areas.			
5T	Zac Chiodo	For transitioning back to school and showing resilience and determination during challenging class tasks			
6 C	Luke Bekker	For always listening attentively and displaying self motivation when working on tasks.			
68	Julian Caruana	For being an excellent role model of the three Rs and consistently using the disposition of curiosity to further his own and others' learning.			

Our Catholic Identity

What a wonderful feat is has been for all of us to endeavour through the challenges of this term, and make it to the end of our very first full term since term 4 2019! Quite strange to think about it this way, however the resilience, endurance and determination we have all shown has empowered all those, young and old to build the stamina to return to school life as we knew it....well kind of!

We now look forward to the family time the holidays bring, and the joy we celebrate at Easter in the resurrection of Jesus. I look forward to continuing to share with you over the next term the things that shape our Catholic identity here at OLMC, and make us unique and valued in God's eyes! At the start of Term 2, the OLMC staff will spend one of the two school closure days in spiritual reflection, focusing on the role of faith in their own lives and considering how we might continue to grow the Religious Dimension of our school. Stay tuned next term for insights from this day!

Lock it in:

Friday 8th April- Holy Week Liturgy on the Green- All are Welcome!

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.

Sing it 'Hosanna', sing it 'Hosanna', sing 'Hosanna' to our King! This weekend we begin the final week in Lent, Holy Week, with the celebration of Palm Sunday! Our Gospel is in fact much longer than this, where the full Passion of the Lord is read at mass, which ends with Jesus' death on the cross. We subsequently continue to read and then celebrate Jesu's resurrection the following Saturday and Sunday at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.



In focusing on the story of Palm Sunday, it is a vast contrast to the rapid demise of Jesus at the hands of the Romans. We see Jesus enter into Jerusalem, like a rock star rolling into town for their Melbourne leg of their tour. Jesus' believers ripped branches off the palm trees to wave at him, and laid their coats on the ground for his donkey to ride over. Merely days later, the people then turned against him, demanding Pontius Pilate to 'Crucify Him!'. Quite a different reception indeed! I guess, to think about this in the reality of our own lives, I wonder when people have changed their opinions, thoughts and impressions of you in the blink of an eye? So many underlying factors can change peoples' perceptions, thoughts and ideals. For our young people, a public presence through social media and the likes have a very real impact upon how we might see others and ourselves. Jesus continuously remained true to his cause and earthly mission. He stuck to the course! It was those easily influenced around him who were steered in different directions, even his own followers, one of which denied even knowing him! Sometimes when those around us seem to swing their votes in whatever seems to be the flavour of the month, Christ's passion and determination is an inspiration to us all to hold strong and stay the course! We all have our own crosses to bear and burdens to carry. None as enormous as the burden Jesus carried on our behalf. Those worries, burdens and sins were paid in full and in advance in Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. There is no reason now, nor ever that we should be denied to triumphantly hold our heads up high as Jesus did on that first Palm Sunday!

Wishing all families and friends within our OLMC School Community a Blessed Holy Week and a most Special Easter, bringing joy, quality family time and lots of chocolate!

May the completion of our Lenten journey lead us to the basking in the glory of Jesus' Resurrection.

May God continue to guide us and keep us safe.

Nelson Graham



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

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

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- · \$125 for primary school students
- · \$225 for secondary school students

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.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx







CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

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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.qov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/quidance/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

April Important Dates

7th—Hot cross bun orders delivered

8th—Term 1 Ends 1.30 finish

25th - Anzac Day Public Holiday

26th & 27th—School Closure Days

28th-Term 2 resumes

29th - Prep 2023 Enrolments close





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LOST PROPERTY located in the MPR is overflowing with numerous items especially rugby tops/school jumpers and food /drink containers, many unnamed. If your child is missing school items please check lost property

School Uniform News

Green socks — \$5 per pair and school hats — \$10 now available from the school office

Cash only please

<u>A reminder</u> to label all school uniform items especially rugby tops/school jumpers and food /drink containers with your child's name—Thank you!

Community News







TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADE 5

Here at Salesian College Sunbury we are proud of our relationship with our neighbouring schools and communities. 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 Saleslan family.
Did you know that now is the time to apply for a place at Saleslan College Sunbury in
Year 7 2024? Applications are being accepted and close on Friday 19 August 2022.

<u>Visit our website, or click here to apply.</u> 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 $\underline{\text{virtual tour}}$ 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





From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey

Melbourne

Wed 11 May 2022, choice of 1pm or 6:30pm sessions (2.5 hr. seminar inc. question time, doors open 12:30pm & 6pm)

Daniel and Daryl will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve best outcomes. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

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Presented by

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Daryl Giles 'Daniel's Dad'



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