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Term 2Week 2Thursday, 5 May 2022

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

Dear Parents,

School Address 53 Macedon St Sunbury 3429 9740 7344 This week we celebrate the wonderful Mums and mother figures in our lives and those we remember with great love and fondness. Being a mum is the most special thing to me and I have been blessed with my two beautiful and compassionate daughters who are now adults. It is not always an easy job and there is no book to guide us but it also the most rewarding job in the world. My own mum is very special to me too. Her Alzheimers diagnosis has brought about great heartache but we are cherishing every moment we have with her. Many of us also have other strong women in our lives who have been positive role models and great support. This is an opportunity to reflect on all of those relationships and to be grateful for the time we have or have had with these special ladies. For those in our community who have lost their mum and for those mums who have lost their own children, we keep you even closer in our hearts and prayers.

We wish all the mums, nanas, aunties and other women in our lives a very Happy Mothers' Day and express our deepest gratitude for everything you do for us. Thank you to the wonderful helpers who coordinated and helped out with the Mothers' Day stall today. We look forward to seeing our mums at the Mothers Day Extravaganza tomorrow.





As the mother of Jesus, Mary also had many trials and tribulations. She accepted her role from God with grace and love. Mary is one of few women mentioned in Scripture. Luke's account of the story of the Annunciation to Mary gives us a window through which to better appreciate this remarkable young woman. Through her interactions with Gabriel and Elisabeth, we see a young woman trying to grasp and understand her unique call from God. The magnitude of that call must have weighed heavily upon someone so young, and yet she readily submitted her will to that of the Father. Her story reminds us that God is aware of all of His children and that He calls ordinary men and women to participate in extraordinary ways to help build His kingdom. She became Jesus's first disciple, and thus she is a model for all who choose to follow Him.

Last week I mentioned some upcoming staff changes. Nicole Jovanovic has submitted her resignation and will be leaving us in the coming weeks. She has made the difficult decision to pursue other areas in her career. While the timing may seem unusual, it is not uncommon in schools for teachers to change direction. We have advertised the position and hope to employ a new teacher in the coming days. From week 4 this term Christine Cassar will be taking long service leave each Monday. She will be replaced in the classroom by Kiera McMahon who is already on staff.



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Jaxon Fuss in Year 1 played at the MCG at half for Melbourne and GWS on the school holidays. He also was invited to attend the 2022 Auskick launch at the MCG. In total he kicked 3 goals on the MCG. He was so happy.



Happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating this week. I hope you have a very special day:



Alvin LiangIsla KellyRussell SalomonChristiano LucaCharlee ShaldersRowan Griffiths

#### The 3 Words Your Kids Need to Hear – Hillary Cole

Every day, I send my kids off to school with these **3 words your kids need** to hear. And I cannot tell you what an impact it has on their days, as well as my own... because these three words work for any age.

Someone yanks the toy away from your four-year-old at preschool.

Your daughter's on-again/off-again friend leaves her out at recess.

*Everyone's swearing on the bus while your son rides home from middle school.* 

A little girl who dresses differently is made the butt of all the jokes by a group of kids.

Your daughter is feeling the pressure to have a boyfriend, despite being only 12.

These are the things our kids face every day...most of them *outside* of our watchful eyes. With school, extracurriculars, and the general autonomy that grows with age and maturity, our kids are out of our sight sometimes more than half of their waking hours. A little scary when you think about it that way.

So what will guide them when they are not with you and face things like inequity, bullying, loneliness and peer pressure?

*Yes, on an obvious note, we should be setting a good example at home.* We should be modelling the behavior we want our kids to have –kindness, respect for others, an acceptance of differences, both physical and mental. But it's different with adults. How often are you in a situation where adults are bullying one adult in the group and making him or her cry? *Please God, tell me never.* 

The point is, a lot of situations our kids will encounter are <u>not ones they will actually SEE</u> their parents deal with. So yes, the foundation you build at home will help them develop the ethics and moral compass that will guide them in these situations.

#### But as to that part about them being away from you... what can we do?

Well let's think back about how you or I may have acted when our parents weren't around.

I'm not saying I was bad...but I *was* different. So I realize my kids are no exception. And it doesn't make them bad either – they are doing exactly what every kid from the beginning of creation has done. They are forging their own path – learning how to handle themselves in this brave new world.

#### Three Words They Need To Hear Every Single Day...

So what can we do every single.day to make sure what we have spent years teaching actually stays with them as they go out the door?

Well, I can tell you what I'm telling my kids... **three simple words.** And no, it's not "I love you"... (though they need to hear that, too.)

As we drive to school each morning and the girls are looking at me for one last time before they leave, I tell them...

#### "MAKE GOOD CHOICES"

In unsaid words, I'm telling them so many things:

Take the love and the way I raised you and hold it tight as you leave me. Don't forget who you are...what you stand for...where you come from. Put yourself in someone else's shoes that's feeling lonely, ostracized, being made fun of.

Respond with love when someone hurts you, or at the very least, walk away.

Don't hesitate to tell an adult if you see something that is wrong.

Remember that not everyone you come in contact with has parents who love them, a home hat supports them, and a safe haven to return to that night.

Keep in mind that we all are faced with the choice to either help someone or hurt someone... either by our actions or our lack thereof.

Make the choice in every situation that will let you come home and rest easy that night. As simple as not hitting a kid in preschool when he took your toys or as complex as walking away when all the other kids "are doing it." Whatever "IT" may be.

Because sometimes our children need to hear our voice in their head in those moments. *Not a voice telling them they will get in trouble. Or that we will be disappointed.* But a voice that says I love you. I trust you. You have a good heart. Make good choices. Remember that the way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice.

God bless

# SPLASH PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARD







Class	Pupil of the week	Has demonstrated the 3 R's
Prep C	Sienna Stevens	For showing resilience towards her learning by bouncing back when faced with challenges and following instructions. Keep up the super work Sienna!
Prep J	Chloe Zabielski	For her amazing efforts in saying all the sounds she recognises to work out new words! Spectacular Chloe!
1 H	Cody Najda	For using the 3 R's and explaining his thinking! Keep up the great work Cody
1 R	Boston Ferguson	For showing gratitude every day for his family, friends and school.
2 A	Adam Minawieh	For trying his best to improve in all areas of school life. I am so proud of him and the way he has been giving all learning tasks a go, showing kindness to his peers and trying his hardest to be the best version of himself. Keep up the great work. Well done Adam
2C	Ryan McKenna	For his outstanding determination to improve his handwriting and build his writing stamina. Keep up the sensational effort, Ryan!
3/4 J	Bella Scerri	For working collaboratively with someone new to create a great narra- tive.
3/4M	Mackenzie Pedder	For being a self directed learner and showing resilience to keep trying with new strategies in her learning. Well Done Mackenzie
3/4 R	Jaden Johny	Jaden has been taking responsibility to form new friendships and has been interacting with and getting to know more students in our classroom. Keep up the amazing work, Jaden!
5D	Mitchell Dagher	For demonstrating great enthusiasm for his story writing and writing a story that had ten parts to it
5T	Mason Kupresanin	For always treating everyone in the school community with respect and having a positive attitude towards his learning.
6 C	Cooper Sellwood	For displaying the learning disposition of determination and always being ready to challenge himself when working on tasks.
6S	Ruby Lane	For being a learner who uses the disposition of self reflection by asking questions of herself.

#### Here is a reminder of some important Term 2 dates:

- 6<sup>th</sup> May Mothers' Day extravaganza
- 8<sup>th</sup> May– Happy Mothers' Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> May Interschool Cross Country
- 18 th May-Years 1 and 2 Family Mass at St Anne's at 10:30am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May School Photos (full winter uniform required)
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June Family Faith evening for year 4s
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Day
- 13th June Queens Birthday Holiday
- $\mathbf{16}^{th}\, \mathbf{and}\, \mathbf{17}^{th}\, \mathbf{June} \mathrm{Year}\, 3/4 \; \mathrm{Camp}$
- 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June parent teacher interviews
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass
- 24<sup>th</sup> June Term 2 ends at 1:30pm



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel School 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

### Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am delighted to tell you we earned \$250.00 of books from Scholastic, last order. Thank you so much. Closing date for this issue's orders will be 11th May for our school.

**Unfortunately we will no longer be taking hard copy and cash orders at the school**. May I continue to suggest that you read with or to your children. It is a wonderful gift to be able to enjoy a lovely book together. It also builds memories that your child will take into adulthood, carrying on with their own children.

Reading is such a necessary life skill, especially in these times when you cannot find a real person to speak to and everything is being done on line.

I would also like to thank my lifesaver, Bec Luca for coming to my assistance with the unpacking and sorting of Scholastic Orders.

She is such a gem.

Evelyn Pickering Literacy Leader



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Canteen Roster: Term 2 2022

29th April	Sylvana Doricic Emma Clements Natalie(Emmas Mum)	3rd June	Belinda Falzon-Pout Shelley Sparke Louise Vasey
6th. May	Nicole Petrie Vacancy Nat Grant	10th June	Sylvana Doricic Simone Fawcus Michelle Shalders
13th May	Simone Fawcus Vacancy Irene Wishart	17th June	Emma Clements Kelly Xerri Simone Fawcus
20th May	Danni Caruana Alex D'Agostino Fran McKay	24th June	Early finish <b>No Canteen</b>
27th May	Caroline Dillon Danielle Wadden Cathy Carter		

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 2.00pm. If you have long hair please tie it up and remember to sign in at the office with your WWC and triple vaccinated certificate before coming to the canteen. We will now be working under COVID restrictions which may mean the wearing of masks 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

	Official Term Dates 2022
Term 1:	28th January—8th April
	(Easter 15th April—18th April)
Term 2:	26th April — Friday 24th June (1.30 finish)
Term 3:	11th July—16th September
Term 4:	3rd October—20 December

**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

Any unclaimed/un named items will be included in our pre loved school clothing sale coming soon !!

## **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 !

The new **Noone school uniform shop** is up and running. Located at the top of the Salesian college drive way

Here are the opening hours:

Monday – 8.00am – 12.00pm Wednesday – 8.00am – 12.00pm Friday – 9.00am – 5.00pm

# **Community News**





# SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

#### **RECRUITING NOW**

Play an important role in your community. Ensure the safety of children and pedestrians and be a friendly face. Multiple opportunities available in a range of locations.

Flexible work options. Support your community between 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm Monday to Friday. If you or someone you know is interested in these roles, call us today!

Call HOBAN Recruitment on 9325 3200

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# 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 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 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.

<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  $\underline{virtual \ tour}$  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



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# POP-UP VACCINATION HUB GOONAWARRA

## Goonawarra Neighbourhood House

8 Gullane Drive, Sunbury VIC 3429

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 12pm to 5pm

The first 10 people who receive a vaccination on the day will also receive a \$60 URBNSURF gift card!

### Why should I get vaccinated?

Vaccines are the best way to protect ourselves and others against infectious diseases and viruses. COVID-19 is incredibly infectious for people of all ages, and the long-term effects of infection remain widely unknown. The symptoms of COVID-19 are much milder and shorter in duration among those who remain up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines/boosters.

### Who will be administering my vaccination?

DPV Health registered nurses.

DPV Health is a community-based health care organisation, that provides a range of services. DPV nurses are very welcoming, kind, and happy to answer all your health-related questions when you visit.

### Who can attend the vaccination hub?

People of all ages and cultural backgrounds are welcome to attend to receive their next dose.

*Pfizer, Novavax and Paediatric Pfizer will be available for your first, second, third or fourth dose!* 

We look forward to seeing you at the pop-up vaccination site!



