



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Newsletter 1, Term 4, 2025

Friday 10th October



Loving God,

As we start this school term we give You thanks for the gift of friendship.

We ask that You bless us all with true and lasting friendships.

Guide us to be caring, compassionate and considerate friends to one another.

Help us to treat each other with respect, kindness and understanding no matter the differences we may have.

Nurture in us a sense of belonging so that they can look out for each other's wellbeing and achieve more together than what we can alone.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We have had a very positive start to term four. Attendance has been excellent, so please continue to ensure your children arrive on time each morning. A reminder that the school

gates open at 8.30am, with the first bell ringing at 8.45am for morning assembly.

This term promises to be an exciting one, with many engaging events and activities planned for our students. To stay informed, please take the time to read the newsletter each fortnight and refer to the term four dates section for upcoming events and important information.

Please also note the student free days scheduled for this term. We encourage families to mark these in your calendars and make alternative arrangements where needed.

Important Dates Term Four

Monday 3/11/25 Staff Professional Practice Day
- no students to attend

Tuesday 4/11/25 Melbourne Cup (Public holiday)
- no students to attend

Friday 5/12/25 2026 Staff Planning Day
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Tuesday 16/12/25 - Term 4 concludes at 1.00pm



Website Update - We Would Love Your Input!

We are currently in the process of updating our school website and are excited to make it an interactive and engaging platform that truly reflects our amazing community.

As part of this, we would love to feature short and sharp testimonials from our families.

If you would like to contribute, please email your testimonial to:

mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

We will feature these on rotation, ensuring our website continues to showcase the authentic voices and experiences of our school community.

Thank you for helping us share what makes OLHC so special!

OLHC Sports Day

Our Sports Day is scheduled for **Friday, 17th October. This will take place onsite at Our Lady Help of Christians School.** Please note that Balfe Park and Allard Park are unavailable this year due to ongoing upgrade works.

Students will be eating their lunch prior to attending. Children are to wear their sports uniform on the day.

Opening Ceremony - 12:00 pm

Events - 12.15 pm - 2.15 pm

Winners will be announced at school at 2:20 pm.

We require parent volunteers to help marshal some events, if you are free to volunteer please contact Ms Jackie McGrath: jmcgrath@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 14th October.

All volunteers must have a current Working With Children registration and not have any toddlers/babies in their company.



Battle of the Bands

A reminder *Battle of the Bands* will take place on **Saturday, October 25th at 7.00 pm.** This adults only evening promises to be full of live entertainment, community spirit and great music, all in support of Our Lady Help of Christians.

See booking details in the flyer section of this newsletter. **Please support this initiative.**

Students NOT returning in 2026 (Apart from Year 6 Students)

At this time of the year we ask for any families whose children will not be returning in 2026 to formally let me know. Please email mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au and let me know where you are moving to. We have had a number of enrolment enquiries and we are also working on class lists for 2026, so it is vital that we are aware of any transfers that may influence either of these decision making processes.



Year Level Masses for Term Four

Throughout Term 4, each class will attend a Parish Mass. Celebrating Mass enables students to participate in our rich Catholic tradition - hearing the word of the Lord and participating in the celebration of communion (God's love). Parish Masses also help us to build links with the local parishioners and contribute to a vibrant Catholic community. The Mass dates and times are listed below. All families are welcome to attend!

Parish Mass dates:

- Year 5 & 6 - Friday 31st Oct, 10:00am
- Year 3 & 4 - Friday 14th Nov, 10:00am
- Prep, Year 1 & 2, Friday 28th Nov, 10:00am

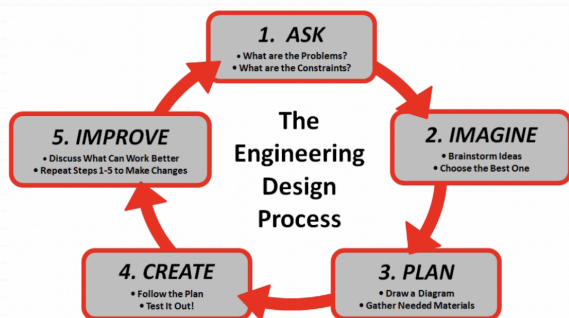
Damien Murray
Religious Education Leader



Staff News

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community Ms Whiteley and Jackson are expecting their first child!

This is such an exciting time for them both and we extend our congratulations as they prepare to welcome their baby in early 2026. We wish them every blessing for a safe and happy journey ahead.



Parents as Experts - Inquiry Learning

Discovery is the 'lens of inquiry' across the school this term. The curriculum focus encompasses the learning areas of Design and Technology.

Students will be using their creative and critical thinking skills as they work through the design thinking cycle. Across the school we have planned a range of different experiences and are calling for any parent experts in the community who have knowledge and experience to share with our students. Here are some of the planned design briefs and final products the students will be designing and creating.

Prep- Solving problems based on fairytale stories.

Year 1 & 2 - Creating a musical instrument as they explore the concept of sound.

Year 3 & 4 - Creating a product made out of wool or wheat.

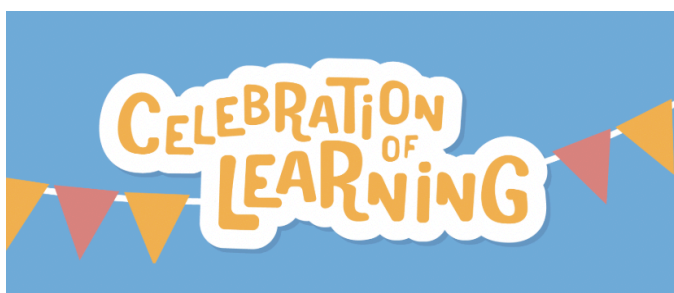
Year 5 & 6 - Creating products for a Christmas Market.

More information can be obtained on the website - Learning Overviews- Term Four.

If you have any expertise in these areas, please contact Jackie McGrath:

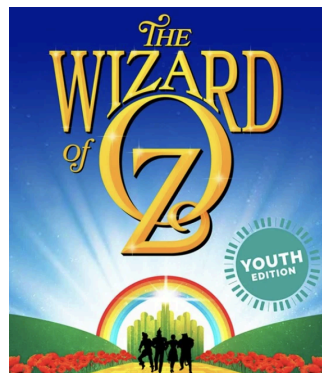
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All volunteers require a current Working With Children Check.



Celebration of Learning - Term Four

Across the school we will celebrate the learning from 2:40 pm - 3:20 pm on Monday 1st December 2025. We invite all members of our community to visit and celebrate the learning across the school.

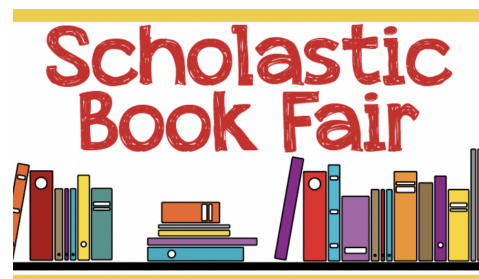


Production Footage

We are happy to announce that footage from our 2025 school production, The Wizard of Oz, will soon be available for families to enjoy. Our students' performances were

outstanding and this recording will be a wonderful keepsake of such a special event in our school year.

Details regarding access and availability will be shared with families in the coming weeks. We thank you for your patience as we finalise the editing and distribution process. Stay tuned!



Upcoming Fundraiser: Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce a library fundraiser will be a **Scholastic Book Fair**! This is a wonderful opportunity to support both our school and your child's love of reading - 25% of books purchased goes towards revenue for the library.

Book Fair Dates:

- **October:** Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, and Thursday 31st

- **November:** Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, and Thursday 7th
(Please note: The Fair will not operate on Monday 4th November and Tuesday 5th due to the Cup Day public holiday.)

Time and Location:

The Fair will be held in the **Staff Planning Room**, accessible via the **school car park**, and will be open daily from **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**.

What to Expect:

- Parents and students are welcome to browse and purchase books during open hours.
- Students will also have the opportunity to visit the Fair with their class during school hours to browse and create a wishlist.

Payment Options:

- **EFTPOS and QR code** payments will be available onsite.
- **Online payments** are also accepted; however, **please bring your receipt** to the Fair so we can either distribute your purchase directly or place an order for you.

If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at smurphy@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!

Sharon Murphy

Library Leader



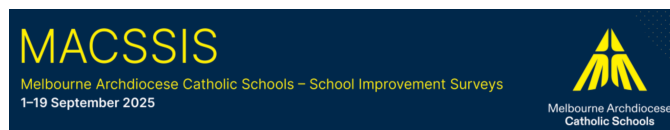
Sun Smart Policy & School Uniform Term 4

This term all students will need to wear their school hat when outside. Students understand that if they do not have a hat: *No Hat, No Play, Stay in the Shade*. Summer uniform is to be worn throughout term four.



Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct summer school uniform, long hair needs to be tied up to reduce the risk of head lice. Nail polish is not permitted and for pierced ears, studs only are acceptable due to the danger of injury when playing games. Chokers, dangly earrings or chains worn outside clothing are considered too dangerous for school days.



School Improvement Surveys

Thank you to the 26 families who completed the MACSSIS survey last term. MACSSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable community insights on areas that we can focus on. We thank you for taking the opportunity to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school.

Term Overviews

Term Four Overviews will be emailed to you today and will also be available on our website. These documents outline the concepts being taught across all curriculum areas for the term. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these documents as they offer another means of communicating learning to parents.



Zoooper Dooper Friday

Zoooper Doopers will be available for purchase for \$1.00 each Friday this term. Our friendly Year 6 students will be responsible for opening the canteen to sell these.

Sales will commence Friday 17/10/24 after our Sports Day celebrations.



Second Hand Uniform Stall today Friday 10/10/24 at 3.00 pm

The PA is running a second hand uniform stall today at 3.00pm.

Most items can be purchased for \$2, woollen jumpers are \$5. Please bring cash and a bag to carry your child's new uniform pieces home. Thank you!



Term Four Class Assemblies

Please see term four's assembly roster below. These assemblies will be held in the Centenary Centre on a Wednesday

from 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

- Wednesday 15/10/25 **4W** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 22/10/25 **5H** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 29/10/25 **Prep E** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 5/11/25 **Prep M** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Thursday 11/12/25 **Year 6c and Year 6P** Assembly **9.15am**

Student Birthdays



We wish the following students a wonderful birthday over the last week:

Rosie B 6C

2025 Term 4 Dates

Tuesday 14/10/25 PA Meeting to discuss World Teachers' Day Lunch/Special Lunch Day

Wednesday 15/10/25 **4W** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 17/10/25 OLHC Sports Day at school

Monday 20/10/25 Year 3/4 Inform & Empower Cybersafety Session, Year 1/2 Inform & Empower Cybersafety Session

Wednesday 22/10/25 SAC Meeting at 6.15pm

Wednesday 22/10/25 Year 5/6 Inform & Empower Cybersafety Session

Wednesday 22/10/25 **5H** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 24/10/25 World Teachers' Day

Monday 27/10/25 2026 Prep Parent Information Night 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 29/10/25 **Prep E** Assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 3/11/25 Staff Professional Practice Day - no students to attend

Tuesday 4/11/25 Melbourne Cup (Public holiday) - no students to attend

Wednesday 5/11/25 **Prep M** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 6/11/25 Prep Transition 1 9.15am – 10.15am

Friday 7/11/25 Prep Inform & Empower Cybersafety Session

Tuesday 11/11/25 Remembrance Day Service at 10:45am

Thursday 13/11/25 Prep Transition 2 9.15am – 10.15am

Monday 17/11/25 - Thurs 20/11/25 - Swimming Program Week 1

Monday 24/11/25 - Thurs 27/11/25 - Swimming Program Week 2

Friday 28/11/25 Advent Assembly 1 11.30am

Monday 1/12/25 Celebration of Learning 2.40pm - 3.20pm

Wednesday 3/12/25 Christmas Carols Assembly 2.00pm-3.15pm

Thursday 4/12/25 Advent Assembly 2 11.30am

Friday 5/12/25 2026 Staff Planning Day - no students to attend

Wednesday 10/12/25 Year 6 Big Day Out

Thursday 11/12/25 Year 6 Assembly 9.15am
Graduation Mass at 6.00pm

Friday 12/12/25 End of Year Mass 10.00am, End of Year Reports go home, Advent Assembly 3 11.30am

Monday 15/12/25 Advent Assembly 4 11.30am and Step up Afternoon 2.00pm-3.00pm

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Kind regards,

Ms Maree McIntosh

Principal



Finally, as always I would love to hear any feedback you have about our school, so please feel free to email me at mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au with any thoughts, concerns or suggestions that you may have to continue to make our school a wonderful place to be and to learn. I will get back to you as soon as I can and do appreciate any feedback that you have to share.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PREP E

Mangar M

PREP M

Flynn T

1B

Xavier T

1DK

Flor F

2C

Archer D

2D

Melody L

3K

Louis H

3J

Moira M

4S

Ava B

4W

Liam N

5B

Sarah S

5H

Eleanor L

6C

Malak M

6P

Quinn T



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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

SAT | 25 OCTOBER | 2025

DJ FREDDO

TOO MANY WILLS

SPECIAL GUESTS



BORN SECRET

GABBY AND THE
WAVES

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SCHOOL



TICKETS



YOUTH MAKERS' MARKET

Sun 26 Oct
11am - 3pm

**Stall
holders
wanted!**

sign up
for your
free spot



We are
**MERRI-BEK
YOUTH**



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

**DREAM BIG,
AIM HIGH,
ACHIEVE TOGETHER!**



We hope you and your family had a restful break and are ready for an exciting Term 4 with Extend!

WELCOME BACK TO OUR FAMILIES FOR ANOTHER TERM WITH EXTEND!

This term's theme for our OSHC services is:

Dream Big, Aim High, Achieve Together!

As we approach the end of the year, it's a wonderful opportunity for your children to reflect on their growth, set new goals, and embrace their potential as future leaders.

We believe that by acknowledging their progress and aspirations, we can empower your children to finish the year strong and look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to embark on this final term together, nurturing growth, setting goals, and celebrating achievements!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 4:

Chain of Goals: Children get the chance to write one goal each on a strip of paper that forms into a loop and creates a chain.

Vision Board: Create a visual goal-setting collage using pictures, drawings, magazine images to visually show what you hope to achieve next year

Future Letter Writing: Write a future letter to open in one year which may include goals, achievements, hopes, reflections.

**SCAN THE QR CODE OR BOOK ONLINE
AT [EXTEND.COM.AU](https://www.extend.com.au) FOR TERM 4!**

