



Newsletter 1, Term 1, 2025

Friday 31st January



“During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.”

Pope Francis

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year which contains all important dates for 2025.

We are thrilled to have you all back and look forward to another year of learning, growth and connection. We are also thrilled to welcome many new families and know they will be warmly received.

We encourage you to stay involved in school life by participating in events, engaging in conversations about your child's learning and connecting with other families in our vibrant community. Communication will continue to be a priority and you can expect regular updates through

newsletters, class communication and school-wide correspondence.

Let's make 2025 a year to celebrate achievement, build relationships and create lasting memories for your child and your family. We look forward to working together to ensure every child thrives.

Please note all 2025 calendar dates for the full school year are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

2025 Year of Jubilee

In 2025, the Catholic Church celebrates a special and sacred occasion, the Year of Jubilee. This is a time of spiritual renewal, reflection and unity for Catholics around the world, proclaimed by Pope Francis as an opportunity to deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to living out the Gospel.

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee is '**Pilgrims of Hope**', encouraging all members of the Church community to embrace hope as we journey together in faith. The Jubilee invites us to reflect on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love, and to renew our relationships with God, our families, and our wider communities.

Throughout this year, we will focus on key aspects of our faith, such as:

- Growing in a deeper understanding of the Church's mission in the world.
- Living out the values of compassion, generosity and reconciliation in our daily lives.
- Strengthening our sense of unity and community as 'pilgrims' walking together in faith.

At Our Lady Help of Christians, we will incorporate this theme into our school liturgies, prayer life and classroom activities to help students and families engage with the significance of the Jubilee. We invite you to join us on this spiritual journey as we

embrace hope, build community and live out our faith with renewed purpose.

Learning Focus 2025

This year we continue to implement our School Improvement Plan 2024-2027. At the centre of our School Improvement Plan is our Strategic Intent, this drives our Vision/Mission and all we do at Our Lady Help of Christians. The focus of this school improvement cycle will be on embedding a high-performing learning and teaching culture which supports the elevation of student voice and agency in learning. The school community will engage in collaborative partnerships for mission and justice to ensure our rich Catholic tradition is at the forefront of all we do.

Priority One

Learning and Teaching Culture

Goal One

- To embed a high-performance learning and teaching culture.

Intended Outcome

- That all learners demonstrate growth in literacy and numeracy.
- That teachers are targeting students at a point of need.

Priority Two

Student Voice and Agency

Goal Two

- To amplify student voice and agency.

Intended Outcome

- That students are valued and active decision-makers in their school community on matters of student learning, wellbeing, safety and responsibility.

Priority Three

Collaborative Partnerships

Goal Three

- To develop practices that support collaborative partnerships.

Intended Outcome

- That our whole school community is engaged in action for mission and justice.

Respectful relationships and dialogue between students, school and families are fundamental to student achievement and development. We believe every child has the right and potential to learn, be safe and be happy at school. We believe a Catholic

education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child.

Communication Processes

We pride ourselves in providing up to date and timely information to parents so they can be as organised as possible to support their children. Below is a list of some of the communication processes here at OLHC. Please ensure you are familiar and have access to these documents/platforms to stay as up to date as possible.

School Newsletter - Our school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Friday Week 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. This is emailed directly to you and is also uploaded to our school website each fortnight. The newsletter contains important dates and reminders for the term.

Termly Curriculum Overviews - At the beginning of each term parents will receive an overview of what the focus of learning is in core curriculum subjects and our specialist programs. These will be emailed directly to you and can also be found on our school website.

Parent Handbook - Is an extensive document that provides parents with some insights and processes at our school. It is organised in an easy format and can be found on our school website under Parent Participation.

Teacher Email - All staff email addresses can be found on our website, please feel free to contact your child/ren's class teacher if you have any questions or queries, please note teachers will not respond to emails after 5.30 pm and before 8.00 am each day.



Updat-ed App - For those families who are new to the school, and for those who may not be aware, the school has an app linked to our website account that enables us to push out short announcements that may be of interest or importance to our school community. We encourage you to sign up to this so that you don't miss out on information and events throughout the year. Look for the symbol above in your device's App Store, choose Our Lady Help of Christians School, and follow the rest of the set-up instructions to sign up – signing up is cost free.

Learning Conversations (Meet the Teacher)

Learning Conversations (Meet the Teacher) will be held on Thursday 13th February from 1.30 pm - 8.30 pm. **Please note school concludes at 1.00 pm for all students on this day.** Please refer to the flyer attached for booking details. Bookings are now open and close on Friday the 7th of February at 4.00pm.

Please note this is a meeting between parents and the class teacher, children are not required to attend this first meeting.



Medical Conditions

Your child's health and safety is extremely important to us. We therefore need to know about any medical conditions your child has. Please provide the school with a valid Action Plan and medical kit if

required, such as Ventolin, spacer and EpiPen®. The Action Plan must be completed in consultation with your family doctor and should be returned as soon as possible. Your child's Action Plan will need to be reviewed annually in order for attendance at school excursions and camps.

If your child requires medication during school hours, please provide our administration staff with the medication and complete the Medication Form indicating permission to administer the medication, in its original packaging with clear instructions for example dosage, frequency etc. Medical Forms are located at the office.

OLHC ICT User Agreement, MACS Parent Code of Conduct and MACS Student Code of Conduct

The OLHC ICT Agreement, Parent Code of Conduct Forms are being sent home with your child/ren next week. Please read, sign and return these to your child's class teacher by Friday 7/2/25. MACS requires us to provide families with the Parent Code of Conduct each year. 2025 Prep families have already been provided with this documentation with the exception of the OLHC ICT User Agreement.



Beginning of School Year Mass

Please join us on Friday 7/2/25 at 10.00 am to celebrate the 2025 Beginning School Year Mass at OLHC Church, all welcome.

Announcing the 2025 School Captains, Year 6 Leadership Positions, SRC and Social Justice Leaders

Monday 3/2/25 - School Captains and Year 6 Leadership Positions will be announced.

Monday 10/2/25 - Semester One SRC and Social Justice Leaders will be announced.

These announcements will occur at our 8.45 am Monday morning assembly. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Fees

The 2025 Annual School Fee invoice will be sent home within the next fortnight. Please be advised that this is an annual account and the one and only invoice that will be sent home for the year.

The Fees have been set as follows:

Family Fee \$2,170 per family
Curriculum Levy \$530 per child
Building Levy \$215 per family
TOTAL ANNUAL FEE: \$2,915 FOR ONE CHILD
\$3,445 FOR 2 CHILDREN
\$3,975 FOR 3 CHILDREN and \$4,505 FOR 4 CHILDREN
Camp Levy (for Year 5 and 6): \$345 per child

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1ST INSTALMENT DUE BY 03/03/25

One child \$1,215
Two children \$1,745
Three children \$2,275
Four children \$2,805

2ND INSTALMENT DUE BY 26/05/25 Per Family
\$850

3RD INSTALMENT DUE BY 25/08/25 Per Family
\$850

Concessional Fee Policy

We are pleased to announce the continuation of the Concessional Fee Policy to assist eligible families in accessing a Catholic primary education for their child/ren.

The Concessional Fee is an amount determined by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and covers the School Fee, Building Fee and Curriculum Levy (excluding Camp). Other Levies, such as Camp, are not covered and will be charged in addition to the Concessional Fee. Please note that the Concessional Fee already factors in any eligible CSEF discount (as discussed above) and does not result in a further reduction of the Concessional Fee.

To access the Concessional Fee, eligible families must also enter into an automated payment plan, either through CentrePay or Direct Debit.

The School's Concessional Fee Policy and Application Form are now available at the School Office.

Please contact

dceravolo@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au for further assistance.

Debbie Ceravolo (Bursar)
Bursar

Working days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

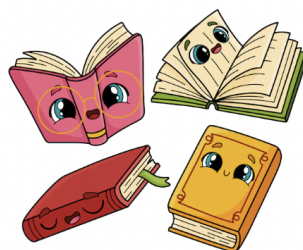


Second Hand Uniform Sale

Second Hand Uniforms will be sold on **Friday the 14th of February** from 3.00 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. A table will be set up outside the STEM space and our friendly Parent Association will be happy to support you

with your purchase. Items require a gold coin donation, jackets and woollen items will be priced according to condition. Gates will open at 3.00 p.m. If you have any uniform items in good condition that

you wish to donate, please hand these in at the office.



Library News

Library borrowing will commence on Monday 3rd February. Library borrowing will be scheduled on a Monday or a Friday.

Library borrowing will be as follows:

Monday: Prep E, Prep M, 3K, 5B, 5H, 6C, 6P

Friday: 1B, 1DK, 2C, 2D, 3J, 4S, 4W

Students are to bring their library bags on their allocated day. If you do not have a school library bag, any material bag will do. Please note children can return their library books any day of the week to the library desk. If a book is not returned after a two week period the book is marked as overdue.



Scholastic is the world's largest publisher of children's books. Students are given an opportunity to purchase books from this publisher every term. This week Scholastic book lists have been given to all

students in their communication folders. A small number are at the office if you are unable to locate your copy. This is an opportunity to purchase a book for your child. Please note that no cash payments are received at the office and all purchasing is done online with instructions in the catalogue. A percentage of sales is returned to OLHC to use in purchasing books for our school library. If you require any assistance please contact me by email.

smurphy@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

Thank you and happy reading.

Sharon Murphy

Library Coordinator

OLHC SunSmart



A reminder OLHC students will be required to wear a hat this term. Please ensure your child has their hat at school. All staff and parents are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times via the free SunSmart App, or at sunsmart.com.au or the widget on our website.

Reminder Prep Parent Welcome Night

The 2025 Prep Parent Welcome Night will be on Thursday the 6/2/25 from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm. This will be a great opportunity for Prep parents to meet each other. Refreshments will be provided.



Parent Association News

The OLHC Parent's Association (PA) would like to echo the school's welcome to another exciting school

year! Welcome to the new families who join this beautiful school community for the first time. The PA is committed to helping provide a fun and engaging experience for all the kids here at OLHC. We achieve this through activities like the school disco, special lunches and Mother's and Father's Day events. We also contribute to the school by running fundraisers. The most important thing to know about the PA is that the parents involved are awesome and we always have fun! Our aim is to get as many people involved as possible, so we each contribute our time without it being overwhelming. It's a very informal arrangement: people attend meetings and volunteer to help

whenever they can, without obligation or expectation. We'd love to welcome more people to this group, so if you'd like to know more or want to join the first meeting of the year (Tues Feb 4th, 7:30pm, via Google Meet), please drop me a line: olhcpa@gmail.com. Oh, and volunteering isn't restricted to events either - there's sure to be skills you have which we'd love to tap into to help out in some way!

The first event for the year is our annual Welcome Picnic, which will be held on Friday Feb 21st, 4:30-7:30pm. This is always a popular way to get to know new families and get reacquainted with familiar faces. There'll be food, drinks, activities and perhaps even some roving performers! It's completely free to attend, and you can BYO picnic and blanket to enjoy the lovely summer evening! More details will come but mark the date in your diary now so you don't miss it!

Chrystal Gilkes
PA President

2025 Class Parent Reps

To ensure there's a great sense of community within each class group, and to facilitate easy communication, the school employs a Class Rep system, where one parent from each class will send out handy reminders to the rest of the parents for things like special lunches etc, and perhaps even coordinate fun activities for the group. If you'd like to put your hand up for this highly appreciated role for your class, please email olhcpa@gmail.com. Thanks in advance!

Chrystal Gilkes
PA President



Reminder Experience Music Program (External Music Provider)

A reminder Experience Music will have commence lessons next week. This is an opt in service for families. Please see details below in the flyer section for booking information.



Class Assemblies

This term we will begin to host whole school class run assemblies. Please see term one's assembly roster below. These assemblies will be held in the Centenary Hall on a Wednesday from 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Every class will have an opportunity to host an assembly throughout the year, if your child's class is not rostered on for this term they will be rostered on during terms two and three. All are welcome to attend. Please enter via the office between 2.30 pm and 2.45 pm.

- Wednesday 19/2/25 **1DK** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 26/2/25 **2C** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 5/3/25 **3J** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 12/3/25 **4S** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 19/3/25 **5B** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 26/3/25 **6P** Assembly at 2.45pm
- Wednesday 2/4/25 **1B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Classroom Cuisine



A reminder Classroom Cuisine is our online lunch order system. It is convenient and user friendly service and provides high quality healthy school lunches

at an affordable price. Classroom Cuisine delivers

lunches only on a **Wednesday**. Please see the menu in the flyer section of this newsletter, the menu is also available online. Please visit the website below and register your child and order lunches beginning Wednesday next week 5/2/25.

How it works

Visit <https://classroomcuisine.com.au/login>

1) Register your child

Register one or more children to confirm their school and class details. We require your contact telephone number and email address to send order and payment confirmations.

You will then receive a password so that all future visits to our site are quick and easy.

2) Choose Menu Items to make a 2 or 3 Course Lunch

Browse our menu items online every term and select two or three courses from 30 options each day.

Further information regarding price structure is available on Our Menu/Price Guide page.

3) Select dates to order for

You can order one day or as many days as you wish over the period of the menu, ordering up to 8:30 am on the day it is required.

4) 4 Confirm your order and payment

Payment is made when placing your order through a secure banking gateway accepting Visa and MasterCard, generating an email confirming your order and payment.

5) 5 Relax while we do the rest

Lunches are delivered directly to school labelled with your child's name and class details in environmentally friendly, temperature controlled tubs.

See menu below in the flyer section of the newsletter.



Zoooper Dooper Friday

Commencing Friday 7/2/25 our Year Six students will be responsible for opening the canteen each Friday this term to sell Zoooper Doopers for \$1.00.

A huge thank you to the many families who have donated Zooper Doopers, we are still accepting donations. All proceeds will be donated to our Garden Club to help purchase seedlings and general garden supplies for our Kitchen Garden.

Reminder 2025 Dates

Please note the following school term dates and school closure dates for the 2025 school year. 2025 term one dates in detail are listed in the date section of this newsletter.

Term One

Tuesday 28/1/25 term one commences for staff.

Wednesday 29/1/25 term one commences for Years 1-6.

Thursday 30/1/25 term one commences for Prep.

Friday 7/3/25 School Closure -Staff Professional Learning, no students attend.

Monday 10/3/25 School Closure - Labour Day, no students attend.

Friday 4/4/25 term one concludes at 1.00 pm.

Term Two

Tuesday 22/4/25 term two commences for Years Prep - 6

Friday 25/4/25 School Closure Day - ANZAC Day, no students attend.

Friday 6/6/25 School Closure - Staff Professional Learning.

Monday 9/6/25 King's Birthday (Public Holiday), no students to attend.

Friday 4/7/25 term two concludes at 1.00 pm.

Term Three

Monday 21/7/25 term three commences for Years Prep - 6

Friday 19/9/25 term three concludes 1.00 pm.

Term Four

Monday 6/10/25 term four commences for Prep - 6

Monday 3/11/25 Student Free Day, Staff Professional Practice Day.

Tuesday 4/11/25 School Closure, Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, no students to attend.

Friday 5/12/25 Staff Planning Day for 2026, no students to attend.

Tuesday 16/12/25 term four concludes 1.00 pm.

2025 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation - Saturday 29/3/25 at 1.00 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral - Jubilee Year

Penance (Reconciliation) - Tuesday 20/5/25 at 6.00 pm.

First Eucharist - Saturday 26/7/25 at 5.00 pm.

Staff News



We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Ms. Howdan and Jackson celebrated their wedding over the weekend! On behalf of the entire school community, we extend our congratulations and best wishes as they begin this exciting new chapter together.

May their journey be filled with love, happiness, and many beautiful moments.

Student Birthdays



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

Gadio 5H, Ellery 1B, Majok 3K.

2025 Term 1 Dates

Tuesday 28/1/25 Staff return

Wednesday 29/1/25 Years 1-6 students commence

Thursday 30/1/25 Prep First Day 9:00am -12:30pm

Monday 3/2/25 School Captains and Year 6 Leadership positions announced at morning assembly - 8:45am

Tuesday 4/2/25 PA meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 6/2/25 Prep Parent Welcome Night
7.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 7/2/25 Beginning School Mass 10.00am

Monday 10/2/25 SRC and Social Justice positions
for Semester One announced at morning assembly
8:45am

Thursday 13/2/25 Meet the Teacher/Learning
Conversations 1.30pm - 8.30pm **school concludes
at 1.00pm**

Friday 14/2/25 Second hand Uniform Sale 3.00pm.

Monday 17/2/25 Year 3/4 Inform and Empower
Cyber Safety Session

Tuesday 18/2/25 Year 1/2 Inform and Empower
Cyber Safety Session

Tuesday 18/2/25 SAC Meeting at 7.00pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 19/2/25 Year 5/6 Inform and Empower
Cybersafety Session and PA meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 19/2/25 **1DK** Assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 24/2/25 Prep students commence full time

Friday 21/2/25 Welcome Picnic 4.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 26/2/25 **2C** Assembly at 2.45pm

Tuesday 4/3/25 Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 5/3/25 Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5/3/25 **3J** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 6/3/25 Prep Inform and Empower Cyber
Safety Session

**Friday 7/3/25 School Closure, no students to attend
Staff Professional Learning - Simply Maths**

Monday 10/3/25 Labour Day - no students attend

Wednesday 12/3/25 **4S** Assembly at 2.45pm

Tuesday 11/3/25 Confirmation Family Night at
6.30pm

Wednesday 12/3/25 NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Thursday 13/3/25 NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Friday 14/3/25 NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Sunday - 16/3/25 - Sunday 22/3/25 Catholic
Education Week

Wednesday 19/3/25 **5B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 20/3/25 Whole School Photos

Friday 21/3/25 St Patrick's Day Mass for school
Captain and Vice Captains

Wednesday 26/3/25 Special Lunch Day

Wednesday 26/3/25 **6P** Assembly at 2.45pm

Saturday 29/3/25 March - Confirmation Mass
1.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral - Special
Celebration Jubilee Year

Wednesday 2/4/25 **1B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 4/4/25 Term 1 concludes at 1.00pm

2024 Term 2 Dates

Monday 21/4/25 Easter Monday - no school

Tuesday 22/4/25 Term 2 commences - Easter
resurrection Assembly 11.30am.

Wednesday 23/4/25 PA Meeting 7.30pm (to discuss
Mother's Day Stall/Breakfast and Feast Day
Triathlon

Thursday 24/4/25 ANZAC Day Service 11.30am

Friday 25/4/25 ANZAC Day - no school

Wednesday 30/4/25 **2D** Assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 5/5/25 Year 3/4 Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session, Year 1/2 Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session.

Tuesday 6/5/25 6.30pm Reconciliation Family Night

Wednesday 7/5/25 Year 5/6 Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session

Wednesday 7/5/25 **3K** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 8/5/25 Mother's Day Stall

Friday 9/5/25 Mother's Day Breakfast 8.00am/Stall
catch up

Sunday 11/5/25 Mother's Day

Tuesday 13/5/25 7.00pm SAC meeting

Wednesday 14/5/25 **4W** Assembly at 2.45pm

Tuesday 20/5/24 May Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.00pm OLHC Church

Wednesday 21/5/25 **6C** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 22/5/25 Prep Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session

Friday 23/5/25 OLHC Feast Day Mass 10.00am
and Triathlon 12.00pm

Wednesday 28/5/25 Thursday, 29/5/25, Friday
30/5/25 Camp Oasis Years 5/6

Tuesday 3/6/25 PA meeting at 7.30pm (to discuss
Disco and Special Lunch)

Wednesday 4/6/25 **5H** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 6/6/25 School Closure, no students to attend
Staff Professional Learning - Simply Maths

Monday 9/6/25 King's Birthday Public holiday - no
students to attend

Wednesday 11/6/25 **Prep E** Assembly at 2.45pm

Tuesday 17/6/25 Eucharist Family Night at 6.30pm

Wednesday 18/6/25 **Prep M** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 20/6/25 Feast of the Ascension Whole
School Mass 10.00am

Wednesday 25/6/25 **1DK** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 27/6/25 School Disco 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Years P-2 7:00pm - 8:30pm Years 3-6

Monday 30/6/25 Mid Year Reports sent home and
Eucharist Retreat Day

Wednesday 2/7/25 Special Lunch Day

Thursday 3/7/25 Learning Conversations
1.30pm-8.30pm **school concludes at 1.00pm**

Friday 4/7/25 Term 2 concludes at 1.00pm

2024 Term 3 Dates

Monday 21/7/25 Term 3 commences

Friday 25/7/25 Grandparent's Day Mass at
10.00am - 11.00am (Celebrating Feast of St
Joachim and St Anne) followed by Morning Tea
11.00am-11.30am and classroom visits
11.30am-12.30pm

Saturday 26/7/25 First Eucharist Mass 5.00pm

Tuesday 29/7/25 PA Meeting at 7.30pm (discuss
Major Fundraiser/Father's Day purchases/Special
Lunch)

Wednesday 30/7/25 **3J** Assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 4/8/25 Year 1/2 Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session, Year 3/4 Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session

Wednesday 6/8/25 **2C** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 8/8/25 Mary Mackillop Feast Day Mass
10.00am

Monday 11/8/25 Year 5/6 Inform & Empower
Cybersafety Session

Tuesday 12/8/25 SAC Meeting at 7.00pm

Wednesday 13/8/25 **4S** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 15/8/25 Feast of the Assumption Mass at
10.00am and OLHC acknowledges National Day
against Bullying and Violence

Saturday 16/8/25 - Friday 23/8/25 Book Week

Tuesday 19/8/25 PA Meeting at 7.30pm (discuss Father's Day Stall and Breakfast and Special Lunch)

Wednesday 20/8/25 **5B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Wednesday 20/8/25 - Inform & Empower Cybersafety Parent Evening 7.00pm

Thursday 21/8/25 Prep Inform & Empower Cybersafety Session

Friday 22/8/25 Book Week Parade 9.00am and Book Week activities

Wednesday 27/8/25 **1B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Wednesday 3/9/25 **2D** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 4/9/25 Father's Day Stall

Friday 5/9/25 Father's Day Breakfast 8.00am/Footy Colours Day/Stall catch up

Sunday 7/9/25 Father's Day

Tuesday 9/9/25 Whole School Production Practise

Wednesday 10/9/25 Production A - K 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 11/9/25 Production L - Z 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday 17/9/25 **3K** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 19/9/25 Term 3 concludes at 1.00pm

2024 Term 4 Dates

Monday 6/10/25 Term 4 commences

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

Monday 20/10/25 Year 3/4 Inform & Empower

Cybersafety Session, Year 1/2 Inform & Empower Cybersafety Session

Tuesday 21/10/25 SAC Meeting at 6.00pm

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

Wednesday 12/11/15 Special Lunch

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

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 9.00am
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

Tuesday 16/12/25 - Term 4 concludes at 1.00pm

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.

Kind regards,

Ms Maree McIntosh

PRINCIPAL

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.

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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 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.

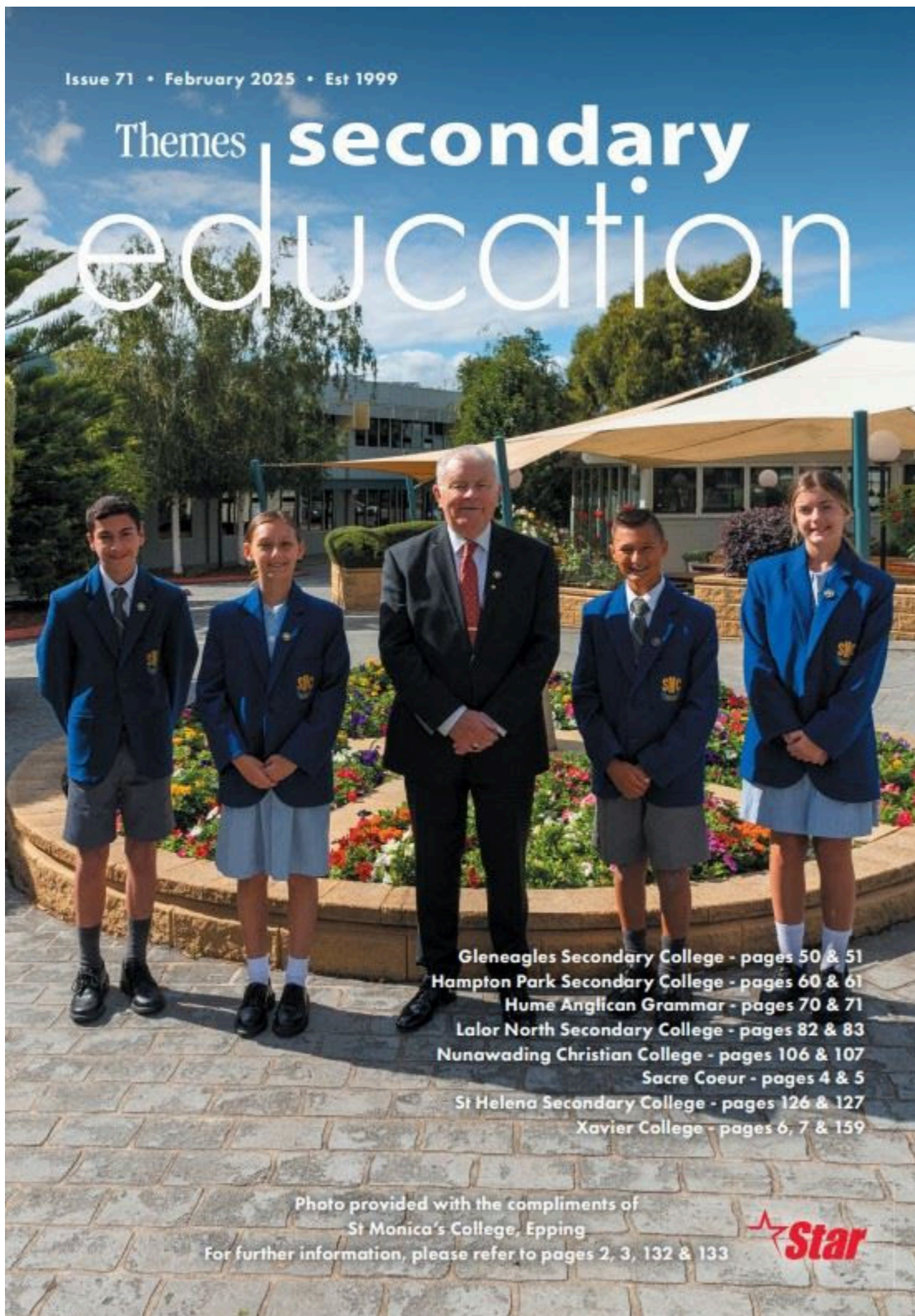
Check with the school office if you are unsure.



In 2026 many parents will still need to make decisions regarding their child's education for 2027 and beyond.


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Themes secondary education



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For further information, please refer to pages 2, 3, 132 & 133

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Dear Parents/Carers,

*Learning Conversations-Meet The Teacher for 2025. These meetings will be held face-to-face in your child's classroom, on Thursday, 13th February 2025, from 1:30pm to 8:30pm. Meetings will be held for strictly 15 minutes. We ask parents/carers (please do not bring students) to arrive at school 5 minutes early so we can keep meetings on time. **School will finish early on this day at 1pm. Please collect your child on time.***

Please Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code
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Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.

Update your details if the email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by 7th February 2025 at 4pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

TERM 1 VIBES



Merri-bek
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Mondays

**DROP - IN
@ OXYGEN
YOUTH SPACE**

3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / for 12 - 18s



Mondays

**HELPING HOOPS
GIRLS-ONLY
BASKETBALL** *

4.30 pm / Fawcner / for girls 10+



Tuesdays

**SOCIAL
SOCCER
SESSIONS**

3.15 pm / Glenroy / for 12 - 18s



Tuesdays

**GIRLS &
WOMEN-ONLY
BOXING CLASSES** *


5.30 pm / Oxygen / girls 12 - 24



Tuesdays

**SOUNDMKRZ
MUSIC MENTORING
PROGRAM** *

6 pm / Oxygen / for 12 - 16s



Wednesdays

**AMPED UP
EVENTS
COMMITTEE** *

Oxygen / for 12 - 25s



Wednesdays

**DROP - IN
@ OXYGEN
YOUTH SPACE**

3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / for 12 - 18s



Thursdays

**FAWKNER
FASTBREAK
BASKETBALL**

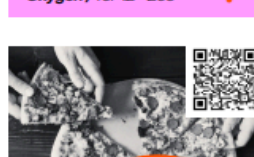
3.15 pm / Fawcner / for 12 - 18s



Fridays

**DROP - IN
@ OXYGEN
YOUTH SPACE**

3 - 5 pm / Oxygen / for 12 - 18s



**Fridays
(monthly)**

**TAKEOVER
NIGHTS @ THE
LIBRARY** *

6 - 8 pm / Glenroy / for 12 - 18s



**Fridays
(monthly)**

**MY RAINBOW
LGBTQIA+ SOCIAL
GROUP** *

5.30pm / Glenroy / for 12 - 18s



Mon - Sun

**PODCASTING
& JAM ROOM
FOR HIRE** *

Glenroy Hub / for 12 - 24s



Mon - Sun

**MUSIC
REHEARSAL ROOM
FOR HIRE (\$\$)** *

Oxygen / for 12 - 24s



Mon - Sun

**RECORDING
SPACE
FOR HIRE** *

Glenroy Hub / for 12 - 24s



April




**SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM** *

Various Locations / for 12 - 18s

**SCAN TO
FIND OUT
MORE** 

OR EMAIL/ DM/ CALL US

GOOD

 Fawcner  Glenroy  Oxygen Youth Space (Coburg) * Booking required

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YOUTH**



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PROGRAM INFO 😊



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Instrumental lessons at school

An opportunity for your child to learn a musical
instrument in the comfort of school facilities








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www.experiencemusic.com.au



INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PROGRAM

Enrolment can be made at any time during the school term subject to availability

INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE				
				
KEYBOARD	GUITAR	SINGING	DRUMS	BASS

WEEKLY LESSON MODES	
Group (4 students) *Vocals & Guitar ONLY*	\$20 per student/per week
Group (3 students)	\$25 per student/per week
Shared (2 students)	\$30 per student/per week
Foundational Masterclasses (online)*	\$25 per student four classes/term

You may purchase the following through Experience Music. These will be delivered to your child at the school

¾-size classical guitar with case	\$180
Guitar method book	\$50
Keyboard method book set (theory & practise)	\$55
Drum method book	\$55
Bass guitar method book	\$50

IMPORTANT INFO

1. Instrumental lessons are offered **once per week** for a duration of **30 minutes**
2. All first-time students will incur an **enrolment fee** of **\$40**, returning students incur a **\$20 re-enrolment fee**
3. Enrolment fees are **not refundable**
4. Lessons are invoiced in advance on a **full-term** or **remainder thereof** basis
5. Drum lessons can only be offered in 'Shared' mode
6. Guitar lessons for **prep students** can only be offered in 'Shared'
7. * There are a number of online group masterclasses that supplement music fundamentals taught in lessons through the term. These are delivered via Zoom. You will be notified if these are applicable to your child/children
8. *Group of 4 subject to availability



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST STEPS

1. Scan this QR code with your phone camera **or** visit www.experiencemusic.com.au/enrolment
2. Fill all required information on the digital form
3. Upon completion text **0457 515 607**
4. We will contact you via phone to confirm lesson availabilities
5. You will then receive an invoice and confirmation



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRIMARY - Wednesday!

Order until 8:30am on the day!

2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack.

Main Course Menu	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch	Snack/Drink Menu
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided			FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar +\$1.00
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces +\$1.00
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Fresh Fruit Combo +\$1.00
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Freshly Chopped Orange Segments Included
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes Included
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces Included
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Whole Fruit - Apple Included
			Whole Fruit - Banana Included
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)			Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Included
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas Included
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Included
			Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli Included
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!			Edamame (Lightly Salted) Included
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes +\$1.00
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95	
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95	BAKERY - SWEET
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95	Choc Chip Cookie Included
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85	Finger Bun with Sprinkles Included
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Fruit Bun Included
			Cinnamon Doughnut Included
PIZZA & GOZLEME Served at Room Temp			Cornflake Cookie Included
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF) +\$1.00
Samosa Pastizzi (2) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95	Blueberry Muffin +\$1.00
Margherita Pita Pizza (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) +\$1.00
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	Banana Slice (GF) +\$1.00
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
Vegetarian Pizza (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65	SUSHI
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF) +\$1.00
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45	POPCORN
			Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Included
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS			Lightly Salted Included
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Included
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Roasted Chickpeas Included
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans Included
Cheese and Salad Roll (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas +\$1.00
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (H)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
			YOGHURTS / BOWLS
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG			Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Steamed Corn Wheels, Broccoli & Carrot (GF, Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries +\$1.00
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard +\$1.00
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95	DRINKS
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included
Mexican Inspired Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included
			Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Full Cream Milk Included
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	
GF Wrap - Garden Salad (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95	

GF = Gluten Free, DF= Dairy Free, H= Halal, V= Vegetarian, Vg= Vegan



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