Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to the children and families who attended yesterday’s Reconciliation Commitment Mass. This is an important time in the faith journey of these young children as they begin preparing for this Sacrament and your support of them is vital.

RECONCILIATION FAMILY NIGHT
To assist the children and families with preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation there is a Family Night on Monday October 17 at 7.00pm in the Senior Learning Space.

ZONE DIVISION ATHLETICS
Seven students competed in the Zone Division Athletics last Thursday. Unfortunately none of our competitors finished 1st or 2nd in their events to go through to the next level, but all competitors represented OLW with great pride and effort.

TASTEPOINT
Our major fundraiser for this term will be held on Friday October 21 with three tasting sessions at 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm. At this stage we only have 6 responses, and we require at least 60 people in total (20 at each session) to receive the $1,000 donation. The information is included again in today’s newsletter, so if you can spare 1 hour to taste some Australian beef and lamb we would be very grateful.

P & F MEETING
Our next P & F Meeting is Tuesday October 18 at 5.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend!

ICY POLES
The P & F will begin selling icy poles each Monday and Thursday lunchtime during Term 4 starting this Thursday. If you can assist on either of these days please give your details to the school office. Icy poles are 50c each.

PREP 2017 INFORMATION NIGHT
A Prep 2017 Information Night for families who have accepted a position for next year will be held on Wednesday October 19. Uniform fitting is available from 6.00pm, with both students and parents attending the information session commencing at 7.00pm. Letters with dates for transition were sent home to families last term.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY
Our School Sports Day is planned for Friday October 28, weather permitting, so we are all hoping for fine weather. More details for the day will be available in next week’s newsletter. All families are welcome to come along on the day and support their children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
School Hats are compulsory at all times in Term 4 when the students are outside, and the use of sunscreen is highly recommended. Students may now also wear their summer uniform on the warmer days. School Hats are available for purchase from the school office for $10.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

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The SRC, with the aid of Mr Mizzi, is organising a Talent Show. The Talent Show is for fun and to promote all the amazing things OLW students can do. It is for Prep to Year 6 and is optional. You can present any act you wish but you must be careful no one is injured. You need to bring all the equipment or props you need for your act, e.g. Juggling, you have to bring balls; guitar playing bring your guitar. We will only provide the microphone.

Auditions are held every Wednesday in the hall. Simply write your name on the audition sheet and you’re in! Auditions sheets will be available next week during lunchtime.

Stay tuned for further information. Hope to see your talent at school.

Your SRC at work,
Bellinda, Sebastian, Mikayla, Lucas I, Shireen, Uvindu, Kayla, Russell and Mr Mizzi
Term 4 Fundraiser – Friday October 21

This term our major fundraising activity is participating in the Tastepoint taste test. Community and school groups are offered the opportunity to participate in the taste testing of 7 samples of cooked Australian beef or lamb for organisations such as Meat and Livestock of Australia and the C.S.I.R.O. The results of this taste testing assists in improving the quality of Australian meat.

In return for a successful taste testing, our school will receive a donation of $1,000.

To qualify for the $1,000 donation we need to provide a minimum of 60 participants (at least 20 people at each session) who are:
- 18 - 70 years old
- eat red meat at least once a fortnight
- enjoy meat cooked medium rare to medium well done

You can bring friends, family, neighbours or anyone to the tasting session, so long as they meet the criteria above. They don’t need a direct relationship to the school, they just have to like meat!

If you, or anyone you know can assist, please complete the response form below. If you would like any further information feel free to go their website at http://www.tastepoint.com.au.

Tastepoint Fundraiser Friday October 21

Name: ________________________________
Contact No: __________________________
No. of people participating: ____________
Session Time – Please number 1st and 2nd preference.

☐ 3.30pm  ☐ 4.30pm  ☐ 5.30pm
Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083

Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin
Parish Tel: 9462 1221    School Tel: 9460 6684
Email: terrybergin1@bigpond.com

Parish Website: OLW Kingsbury

Mass Timetable
Saturday – Vigil Mass: 6.00PM
Sunday: 8.00AM and 10.00AM
Weekdays: 10.00AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 5.15 to 5.45PM
Rosary Monday to Saturday: 9.30AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet: After Mass Daily
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday from 9.00 to 9.30AM

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Readers for Sunday Mass
09th Oct 6pm E Nguyen 8am B Bowlen 10am J Aroquianadin
16th Oct 6pm G Verhoeve 8am M Brown 10am M Jones

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
9th Oct 6pm K Zanini 10am N George Swamy
16th Oct 6pm E Gleeson 10am J Aroquianadin

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
22nd Oct Professional Cleaners
5th Nov B Bowlen  M Magnacca  P Matthews

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
09th Oct  Barbara Hayes
16th Oct  Amelia Marii

05th Oct  Church Account  $
          Presbytery Account  $

Continuing the conversation: How do we live our spirituality? Next conversation with Pat Herity on Wednesday Oct 19th at 10.45am. Notes from the first conversation are now available in the foyer. Please bring them with on the 19th Oct. All welcome.

Senior’s Christmas parish lunch: will be held on the 6th December in Parish Hall. Cost $15.00 per person.

Volunteers needed for 8.00am Mass to help collect names and money for senior Christmas lunch, to be held in our parish hall on 6th December. Any takers please see Dorothy. Thank you.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fr Terry: My brothers and sisters here and you who present these candidates, are you ready to help them to come to know and follow Christ?

All: We are. We will assist them in their preparation and encourage them to know and follow Christ. May the Spirit of God be with us all.

Fr Terry: Father of love and mercy, we thank you in the name of our brothers and sisters who have experienced your guiding presence in their lives. Today, in the presence of your community they are answering your call to faith. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan: An invitation to young women from the sisters of the Good Samaritan – Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and conversation and find out more about us. See the flyer on the parish noticeboard or visit the website www.goodsams.org.au

Losing and finding Dad in dementia ...conclusion...

Dementia can be spiteful and cruel, travelling with its hideous companions, delusions and aggression. It is an imposter trying to steal Dad away. When I am feeling strong I can push it out of the way, to find remnants of Dad. On other days I can succumb. These are the days I would gladly hand him over to someone else. Even for a few hours. Nothing prepared me for the labour of love needed to care for him. Not only did it change his personality, it changed me into a person I no longer liked.

I never envisaged it would turn out this way. Nevertheless I’ve taken over the reins, although they were shaking in my hands. Despite the sadness and difficulties that go with dementia, I see the paradox. I’m able to experience all the different parts of him; the vulnerable side, the childlike side, and the fighter in him. I have learned to go into his world instead of expecting him to come into mine.

Julie Guirgis, Eureka Street.

Special Announcement: We have a new senior in the parish - Fr Terry. Happy Birthday! A morning tea will be held on 13th October after 10am Mass. All welcome.