Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea last Thursday. We have many parents who help out in many ways throughout the year and we are very grateful for their support.

End of Year Reports were distributed to families last Friday. As always, feel free to discuss any matters with your child’s class teacher. Tomorrow all students met their new teacher for 2015. The classes are structured to have an even balance of academic ability, student needs and gender. Please be assured that the teachers have taken into account the needs of all students when making these placements in order to provide optimal learning for all students.

The P & F are holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle as their final activity for the year. Any donations to the hamper would be greatly appreciated, so please send anything that would help a family out over the Christmas break. I would like to especially thank the Parents and Friends Association who have supported and assisted with the many facets of school life over this past year. Their contributions have helped make this year a most successful one! Thank you also to everyone who has supported the P & F throughout the year to make their activities so successful.

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass is on tonight at 7.00pm. We ask that each family bring a plate to share for supper in the Hall where we will also make some special presentations to our students.

This Wednesday, December 17, we are holding our End of Year Mass at 10.00am. This Mass will be to celebrate our achievements and successes throughout the year and farewell our current Year 6 students. All families are most welcome to attend.

The 2014 school year closes on Wednesday December 17 at 3.30pm. Classes for the 2015 school year will commence for all students on Monday February 2. Thursday January 29 and Friday January 30 will be Testing Days for students in Years 1 – 6. Bookings open at schoolinterviews.com.au on Wednesday December 17 at 9.00am to select your preferred day. Please see the attached flyer to complete the booking.

I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication in 2014. It has been an exceptionally busy year, but the staff have been a great support to me, to each other, and to the students and wider community, and will deservedly enjoy a well-earned break.

On behalf of the Parish and the School Staff of OLW, I would like to wish all families a safe, happy and holy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Merry Christmas!

Kevin Burke

2015 SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE

There have been enquiries about the school fees for 2015. Please note: The School Fee for 2015 is $1250 per family and the levy will remain at $370 per child. ($50.00 will be refunded if families attend one working bee during the year)

If you have any concerns with the school fees or payments, please let the office know so that an appointment can be arranged with the principal.
PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F will once again run the Christmas Raffle. Raffle Tickets cost $1.00 each. Prizes will be Christmas Hampers with one hamper including a meat voucher worth $50.00.

The P& F are asking for donations that could be included in a Christmas Hamper. Please send any donations to the school office to help fill the hampers.

P&F NEWS

The P&F Committee for 2014 would like to thank all families for their support and contributions to our many activities this year. We wish all our families a safe and joyous Christmas and a healthy New Year.

We have some great things planned for 2015. To start the year off we will be running our annual Classroom 5 Cent Challenge, so start saving your 5 cents over the holidays.

See you all in 2015!

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Morning Tea - Prep Parents (2 February 2015)
- Hair Accessory Fundraiser (February)
- Icy Poles (Term 1)
- 5 cent Challenge (February)
- Easter Raffle (March)
- Disco (17 April 2015)
- Bulbs Fundraiser (April)
- Mother’s Day Stall (May)
- Mother’s Day Raffle (May)
- Chocolates Fundraiser (June)
- Hot Dog/Milkshake Day (July)
- PJ Movie Night (Aug)
- Wine Tour (August)
- Father’s Day Stall (September)
- Father’s Day Raffle (September)
- Football Day (September)
- Icy Poles (Term 4)
- Walk-a-Thon (October)
- Calendars Fundraiser (October)
- Christmas Hamper Raffle (December)
- Santa visit to School (December)

2015 EMA EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES CHANGES

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

OLW 2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER
MON 15 Yr 6 Graduation Mass 7 P.M.
WED 17 End of 2014 School Year
Mass at 10.00 A.M,
Santa visiting OLW school
children 11.30 A.M.
2014 End of School Year –
Children dismissed at
3.30P.M.
THU 18 Staff Inservice
FRI 19 Staff Inservice

JANUARY 2015
WED 28 Staff Inservice
THUR 29 Yr 1 – Yr 6 Testing
FRI 30 Yr 1 – Yr 6 Testing

FEBRUARY
MON 2 Prep – Yr 6 start School at
8.55 a.m.
Dear Parents,

Beginning of Year Testing will be held on **Thursday, January 29 and Friday January 30 from 9.00am until 1.00pm**. Students remain at the school for the full 4 hours.

Your child only needs to attend on ONE day for Testing, so please select the day that best suits your family. To book, go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) or go to the School App and click on the interviews tab in the Whole School section and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS OPEN ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17 at 9.00am and CLOSE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27 at 3.00pm**


Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9460 6684

Students are required to wear their full school uniform and bring a piece of fruit and their drink bottle.
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SANTA MARIA COLLEGE

Information Night for Prospective Families

Santa Maria College is an independent Catholic Secondary School for girls. It was established by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of Saint Benedict in Northcote in 1904 with an approximate enrolment of 920 students from Years 7 - 12. The values underpinning the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Order, give direction to our College community.

Prospective families are warmly welcome to attend an Information Night on Wednesday, 11 February commencing at 7:30pm in the Auditorium, Benedictine Centre. Bookings are not required. The College is located at 50 Separation Street, Northcote. Parking is available at the Northcote Plaza car park opposite the College. Enter via the main gates on Separation Street. For further information phone Kylie Lawtey on 9489 7644 or email registrar@santamaria.vic.edu.au
Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Christmas Masses

Wednesday 24th December
Carols – 6:30pm & 11:40pm
Christmas Mass – 7.00pm & 24.00hrs

Thursday 25th December
Christmas Mass – 8.00am & 10.00am
Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083

Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin          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

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 9462 1221

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Readers for Sunday Mass
14th December 6pm G Verhoeve         8am S Suri          10am R Cicognini
21st December 6pm E Almeida          8am N Brown         10am A Petrucco

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
14th December E Gleeson               10am D Grant
21st December M Martin                10am K Szyc

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
20th December J O’Mahony, Freddie & Laura

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
14th December Amelia Marii
21st December Kath Zanini

7th December 2014  Church Account $1607.00
                  Presbytery Account $ 670.00

• 6pm Mass: We remember Gugliermo, Raffaela Piraino and Carmel DeRango.

• 10 Mass: We remember Mark Georgesz whose 1 month anniversary is about this time.
We also pray for Keith and Barbara Wilson who celebrate 60 years of Marriage. They will receive a marriage blessing during Mass. Congratulations to you both from OLW Parish.

• New Rosters 2015: Now available in the foyer. Please take your roster home with you.
PARISH NOTICES

Third Candle is lit

From Luke 2: “Do not be afraid, for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Let us pray: Faithful God, we are glad for your promises to us. We trust that the time is coming when all people will experience comfort, wholeness and liberty. May we do our part to bring your good news of great joy to all. Amen.

At last! The fourth Sunday in Advent! The first candle gave us light to wait, and it was a long wait. The first candle is lit.

The second candle gave us light to prepare, and we are almost ready. The second candle is lit.

The third candle helped us to celebrate God’s promise to come. The third candle is lit.

- Rose-Marie Prosser: recommended 2 books for us to read. One on the Old Testament and one on the New Testament. Both are now available to borrow and read. Please write your name and phone number when borrowing the books so we can keep track of them.

- Help for Margaret Cusack: Could adults consider helping Margaret Cusack with the children’s liturgy. Margaret will do the teaching and talking. The helper sits with the children helping keep control in the class. Please see Margaret or Fr. Terry.

- Christmas Cards: On sale at all different prices. Please support your parish by buying these cards.

- St Vincent De Paul: Our Christmas appeal has commenced. We look forward to the generosity you have displayed in past years. Hampers and gifts will be distributed on Saturday 20th December. Please ensure that the tags from the Christmas tree are attached to the gifts. Donations of food and money will also be grateful.

  Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - December 20/21 at all Masses
  Monday 22nd December - 7pm Rite of Reconciliation
  Wednesday 24th December - 6:30pm & 11:40pm Carols
  - 7pm & 2400hrs Christmas Mass
  Thursday 25th December - 8am & 10am Christmas Mass

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