Dear Parents & Families,

We are now into our second week 5 Cent Challenge and some classes are doing very well in their collection, so keep those 5c coins coming in. The class that raises the most receives a hot chip lunch!

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
As you are aware, Epping Leisure City was unfortunately severely affected by storm damage on Sunday January 31. The damage included flood and fire damage that has meant structural damage to the building. Management has apologised for any inconvenience this may have caused and Swimming Lessons are currently cancelled for Term 1. We will keep you notified of when the program has been rescheduled.

DIVISION SWIMMING
Although our Sports District doesn’t hold a swimming carnival, if your child swims competitively and you would like them to be considered for representing our District could you please leave their information at the school office asap.

P & F MEETING
Our first P & F Meeting is this Tuesday February 16, at 5.00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is most welcome!

EDUCATION BOARD
Our Education Board is an important body who support the work of the school and provide advice to the Principal and Parish Priest on school matters. At the end of 2015 two members concluded their time on the Board as their children finished primary school and another member completed their 3 year appointment. Therefore, we are seeking 3 new members for the Board for a period of tenure of up to 3 years.

If there are more than 3 nominations then this will need to go to a vote of the school community.

To give you some idea of the work and responsibilities of the Board, I have included some information in today’s newsletter. Some of the main purposes and responsibilities of the Board are:

- to act as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education;
- to provide a link between the parish priest, principal, teachers and parishioners in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the parish community;
- to promote community development;
- to promote the Catholic ethos of the school and to support the Religious Education programs;
- to provide advice on school policies when required, to plan for the future of the parish primary school and its ability to accommodate future enrolments.

Some of the key qualities and skills for members of boards are:

- Commitment to Catholic education in the parish and school
- Commitment to the vision and mission of the parish and school
- An understanding of the role of parish priest, principal and board members
- Willingness to ask questions and seek clarification
- Ability to think strategically
- Willingness to support the contributions of other board members
- Capacity to listen in an active and meaningful way
- Willingness to work co-operatively with others
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times.

Our Meeting dates for 2016 are: March 9, May 11, June 15, July 27, September 7, and November 16.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please complete the response form attached, and return it to the school office by Friday February 26.

Have a great week!

Kevin Burke
2016 FAMILY SCHOOL FEES

School fees and levy accounts have been sent home for families who have not provided email address. Families with email address the accounts were sent home on Wednesday.

School Banking Details:
Bank: National Australia Bank Ltd
BSB: 083 347
Account No: 691378781

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.

SCHOOL BANKING - COMMUNITY
School Banking will be every Wednesday during the school term.

CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND
CSEF will be 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 you may be eligible for CSEF. 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 $125 for primary school students.

Please complete application form and return to the office with your concession card no later than February 29th.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS
We have some great things planned for 2016!

5 Cent Challenge
To start the year off we will be running our annual Classroom 5 Cent fundraising challenge in the month of February. Bring to school all the 5 cents you have been saving over the holidays.

The class who raises the most money will receive the perpetual trophy and a hot chip lunch. Who will be the winning classroom this year?

ICY POLES
Icy poles will be sold during lunchtime on TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS for Term 1. The cost of an icy pole is 50 cents.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday February 16 @ 5.00pm
OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2016

MON 15  SWIMMING (postponed)
TUE 16  P & F MEETING
WED 17  PREPS REST DAY
MON 22  SWIMMING (postponed)
WED 24  PREPS REST DAY
MON 29  SWIMMING (postponed)
CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSE

MARCH 2016
TUE 1  FIRE CARRIER DAY
SUN 6  FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS
WED 9  OPEN EVENING
FRI 11  DISTRICT ATHLETICS
TUE 15  SCHOOL PHOTOS
THUR 17  ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS
THUR 24  LAST DAY OF TERM
DISMISSAL 1.00PM

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENT:
The enrolment process is now available online at: http://www.kingsburyps.vic.edu.au/index.php/en/services/out-of-hours-school-care giving the steps needed to enrol for new families. A link is also available from our school website under Before & After School Care on our Location & Contacts page.

Families can download the My Family Lounge app from the itunes store or google play store and book their children in using the MyLounge app. The link for the website is: https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/webui/Account/Embeddable/?databaseId=708.

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A link has also been created on our school app ‘whole school page’ to register or book your child into Before or After School Care.

EDUCATION BOARD NOMINATION

Name: ____________________________________________

Contact Phone No: __________________________________

I am interested in nominating for a position on the Our Lady of the Way Parish Education Board.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________
Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of day.

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Readers for Sunday Mass
14th Feb 6pm G Verhoeve 8am K McGrath 10am N Buchan
21st Feb 6pm L Lipson 8am S Suri 10am R Cicognini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
14th Feb 6pm K Zanini 10am D Grant
21st Feb 6pm G Verhoeve 10am I Lowe

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
27th Feb Professional Cleaners
12th Mar J McGoon T McGree Tracy

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
14th Feb Phil Tobey
21st Feb Hannah Smith

4th Feb Church Account $1018.80
Presbytery Account $687.00
10th Feb Church Account $1271.00
Presbytery Account $710.00

Mass Sat 13th Feb: Today we offer mass for Merle Garcia and Margaret Kilmartin.

Parish lunches start again! 12.00pm Feb 24th at Summerhill Hotel. See notice board for details and to sign on.

A study of St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians.
Sessions: Tuesdays from 16th February, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, for 8 weeks.
PARISH NEWS

Location: Presbytery meeting room at St. Thomas Parish Centre, Greensborough North. Further information regarding the costs, registration and contacts can be found on the notice board in the church foyer.

Open Day Parade College: Sunday 14th February.
10am – 2pm Preston Campus, 8 Clifton Grove
11am – 3pm Bundoora Campus, 1436 Plenty Road.

Loyola College Information Evening: Parents of Primary school children in grades 4-6 are invited to an information night Tuesday 16th Feb. Tours from 6.30pm-7.20pm with a presentation commencing at 7.30pm. No bookings required, children welcome.

An afternoon tea for men: Led by John Stuart. Exploring secret men’s business. Sat 19th March, 12.00pm – 4.30pm at Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury. We will be exploring the wisdom within all of us. Fliers with the topics included are available in the foyer of the church. Please take one home.

From David Derby via Facebook: Part one.
Hi to all fellow Kingsburyites, or is it Kingsburians, whatever. What a brilliant site. Thanks to whoever set it up. So many memories. I lived at 5 Dunne St. from 1955 til 72 I think it was. Our family bought here in 1948. Dad bought 2 blocks, no 3 and 5 Dunne St for 14 pounds. He wanted to buy the big corner block on Plenty Rd for 20 pounds but didn’t have enough. McKenzie’s wood refinery bought it, then Mobile sold it to McVomits for $1,000,000.00 I think. Ah, my kingdom for a crystal ball. When I was little there were only 4 or 5 houses in Kingsbury. Plenty Rd was like an old goat track. Hardly ever saw a car. To get to Dunne St you had to open and shut a gate so Jack Carlson’s horses wouldn’t get out. He used to be a well-known jockey. His sister Kate even got to ride Pharlap when she was young. Not in a race of course. You knew when the crows would be stealing the cream from the milk bottles. Old Jack would be out at 6am with his double barrel. Boom boom, no more crows, no more milk bottles either. He got real upset with me one time. I let off a huge sky rocket one cracker night and it went up and came straight down his lounge room’s chimney and blew up in his fire place. I wasn’t very popular. Everything was delivered by horse and cart then. The milk, the ice, the wood, briquettes. Remember the old pan man and the thunder boxes out back. We used to set booby traps for him. Thank God the sewage came through. Do you remember the old fella that looked like a hobo who used to go around the streets with a spud bag over his shoulder collecting everybody’s beer bottles? Before LaTrobe it was all veggie gardens and dairy for the psyche hospitals. I used to lay in the rows of carrots on my back in the sun munching away like a contented rabbit. Bliss. Dunne St finished at Ellerslie St. All the rest was paddocks. Plenty Rd near the creek was the old knitting mill, then the hardware of Mr. Brian Kenny who also owned the milk bar. Great family. No petrol stations then….to be continued next week.