Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to our parents and students who attended the Confirmation Family Night last Thursday evening. It was a very informative session, with great discussion between the children and their parents.

TIQBIZ SCHOOL APP UPDATE
Many of you will be aware that our school app has been updated and now has a different main screen. The app has many new features, one of which is you can select the language in which you wish to receive the messages. Attached to today’s newsletter is a flyer explaining some of the functions. If you haven’t yet updated or installed the app, then you won’t be able to receive any messages or reminders about school or class events!

SPORTING SCHOOLS
Our Program commences next Tuesday and places are almost filled, so if you would like your child to be considered, please ensure that you have a form in asap.

P & F FUNDRAISER
Chocolates were sent home last week with a labelled return envelope. We are seeking your support to sell as many as possible to help raise funds for our playground projects. Any unsold chocolates are to be returned with any money collected from the sold chocolates and will be redistributed to other families who will be able to sell them.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING
Our next meeting is this Wednesday, July 20 at 7.00pm. Please note the change of date so that feedback can be provided to the Board at this meeting from our School Reviewer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS
Thank you to everyone who has donated items and toiletries to our Winter Appeal. We currently have 3 baskets of donations in our school office and will gratefully accept any others over the coming week.

SCHOOL DISCO
Our P & F are holding a disco this Friday, July 22. Our Prep – Year 2 session is from 6.00 – 7.30pm, and our Year 3 – 6 session is from 7.30 – 9.00pm. Please note that all children must be signed in at the door and must be collected by an adult at the end of the session.

SCHOOL BEANIE
The new shipment of Beanies are in at last and can be purchased from the school office for just $10.00.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE
I will be taking Long Service Leave for the next 4 weeks, commencing on Monday July 25. My wife and I will be travelling overseas to catch up with family, and do a little touring. If you need any assistance during my leave please contact Mr Mizzi, who will be the Acting Principal, or Anna in the School Office.

Kevin Burke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION
All Year 6 students who have been baptised are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 21st August at 11:30am.

RECONCILIATION
All Grade 2 students who have been baptised in the Catholic Church are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on Tuesday, 8th November at 7:00pm in the Parish Church.

A Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will take place on Sunday 9th October as part of the 10:00am Parish Mass.

Catherine Laycock
(Religious Education Leader)
The SRC (Student Representative Council) is organising a Toiletries Drive and putting together a toiletries pack. These packs will be given to the St Vincent de Paul for distribution to people living rough. When people are living rough, basic necessities like toothbrushes and soap are often expensive luxuries that can be hard to justify spending money on and as they are disposable, they don’t last very long. So we are looking for donations of:

- toothbrush and toothpaste
- soap
- shampoo/conditioner (hotel samples are very handy)
- razor
- deodorant, etc

It is always a nice touch to include a note of goodwill if possible.

Please send your donations to school with your child. All donations will be gladly appreciated. More details to follow.

OLW SRC

**OLW School Disco**

Friday July 22

**OLW School Calendar**

**July**

- **MON 18**  Swimming Program Commences
- **WED 20**  Ed. Board Meeting
- **FRI 22**  School Disco
- **TUE 26**  Sporting Schools Program Begins
- **FRI 29**  Principal’s Meeting

**August**

- **THUR 4**  Year 5/6 Camp Meeting
- **FRI 5**  Year 3/4 Basketball Tournament
- **FRI 12**  Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament
- **MON 15**  Feast of the Assumption
- **SUN 21**  Sacrament of Confirmation – 11.30AM
- **WED 24**  Archbishop’s Visit
- **THUR 25**  Principal’s & Parish Priest’s Briefing
- **FRI 26**  Year 3/4 Indoor Soccer Tournament

**Enrolment Dates for Year 7 2019**

**Changes to the Enrolment Process for Catholic Secondary Schools**

Changes to the timing of the enrolment process for Year 7 enrolments have recently occurred. These changes will affect enrolments for Year 7 2019 onwards (please see dates below).

Key enrolment dates for Year 7 2018 enrolments remain unchanged and are currently being accepted. For Year 7 2018 enrolments, offers will be made to families towards the end of April in the year prior to commencement.

For enrolments from 2019, offers will be made during October when your son is in Year 5.

**Key Enrolment Dates for Year 7 2019**

- **Friday August 25 2017** – All applications close
- **Friday October 13 2017** – Offers of place to prospective students are posted
- **Friday October 27 2017** – Final date for acceptance of offers made
Getting around the new tiqbiz app

Latest post

The front screen of tiqbiz displays the latest post made to you.

- **New post that has not been read**
- **Story preview**
- **Full story**

One Newsfeed

Individual box newfeeds have been removed. Tiqbiz now streams all your selections into one newsfeed.

Your box selections are shown at the top of each newsfeed post.

Note for people connected to a school:
The new tiqbiz does not require the "Whole School" box and in most cases has been removed from schools accounts. Simply select the boxes that apply to you and you will receive all the relevant information from your school.
Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083

Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin
Tel: 9462 1221
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: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Readers for Sunday Mass
- 17th Jul 6pm E Gleeson 8am K McGrath 10am I Lowe
- 24th Jul 6pm M Smyth 8am M Brown 10am J McColl

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- 17th Jul 6pm K Zanini 10am D Grant
- 24th Jul 6pm E Gleeson 10am I Lowe

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
- 16th Jul J McGoon, T McGree, DM Loriaga, D I Corsa Me
- 30th Jul Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
- 17th Jul Kath Zanini
- 24th Jul Joy Conway

13th Jul Church Account $1043.30
Presbytery Account $667.50

17th Jul 10am Mass is offered for Millie McCurry (6th anniversary).

St. Vincent De Paul Collection: We have raised an incredible $1451.25! A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity and support where it counts.

Gospel discussions: Held every Tuesday approx. 10.45, after Mass for 20 mins. All welcome.

Small bar fridge: free to good home. Please see Fr Terry if you are interested.
**Diamond Valley Deanery:** The Diamond Valley Deanery invites you to listen, participate and reflect on the Care for our Common Home, to explore Pope Francis’s Letter to all Humanity. Sunday 7th August, 1.30 – 4.30pm, St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mayona Rd Montmorency. Please book by Wed 3rd August Ph: 9435 2178. Gold coin donation appreciated. Tea and coffee available.

**Suffering:** Rev Dr Campion Murray, O.F.M., President of the Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne. (1992) …continued from last week.

Let me give three real life examples.

One was a friend of mine, a Franciscan missionary in China before, during and after the Second World War, who died a couple of years ago. He was an old man when I was privileged to live and work with him for three years in Rome. This man had had charge of the finances for all of the dioceses in China – a very responsible job – and he was subsequently put into a Communist prison for five years. He was brainwashed, interrogated, tortured, locked on his own; sometimes for three or four days at a time he was deprived of a sequence of light and darkness.

They said he never talked about it afterwards, but one day we were washing up and someone said, “Cyril what was it like?” He said, “I’ll tell you what was like. When I was released across the railway yard (26 June 1954) where you walk out of China into the New Territories in Hong Kong, the first thing I wanted to find was a calendar and there on the wall was a big calendar. I was so relieved because I had the date right.”

**No Animosity.**

Now that seems trivial, but if you go through five years of brainwashing and accept that as five years of your life, this is truly extraordinary. He never said that it was a lost period, not a real part of his life. He accepted it, lived it, and felt no animosity toward the Communists nor towards God. He lived in the dark for five years and came out and said: “That was the greatest thing; I was right: today’s Thursday and tomorrow’s Friday. That’s five years of my life”. And that same life then continues.

The second example comes from a book called *The Canticle of the Creatures* written by a French Franciscan friar, Veloi Leclerc. I quote him because I have met him, know him, and have listened to him. He was a prisoner with other friars taken from France to Germany during the Second World War. They were not kept in concentration camps but made to work in factories. At the end of the war the Germans didn’t want them and put them into open cattle trucks. They were in them for about a week in the cold and wet with practically no food and water, and of course many of them died. In one of the open trucks there were about 7 or 8 friars. As one friar lay dying, with the rest standing around, for some reason or other they all began to sing the “Canticle of the Creatures”, St Francis’ song of praise to the God of Creation. Indeed, how the light shone in the darkness. And so these symbols in the “Canticle of the Creatures” became the basis for Father Leclerc’s subsequent book of the same name. To be continued next week...