Dear Parents & Families,

Last week our school community was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of our parents, Helen Haramis. Both of Helen’s children attended OLW, with Nick-Alan currently in Year 4. This is a very difficult time for her family, so I ask that you keep Helen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As you would be aware, Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held today for Years Prep, 1/2 & 2/3 and tomorrow for Years 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6. We understand that it may inconvenience a few families who have to attend both days, but we did not wish to have a Closure day late in Term 1, especially as the last two weeks are only four day weeks and we have two Closure Days at the start of Term 2.

EASTER PARALITURGIES

As part of our preparation for Easter, all classes will be involved in leading an Easter Paraliturgy each afternoon this week. Year Prep and Year 1/2 will lead the events of Palm Sunday tomorrow, Tuesday March 22 at 3.10pm. Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 will lead the events of Holy Thursday on Wednesday March 23 at 3.10pm and Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 will lead the events of Good Friday on Thursday March 24 at 12.40pm. The whole school will re-enact the events of Easter Sunday in Term 2.

PARENT HELPER TRAINING

The second session for New Parent Helpers will be held on Thursday March 24 from 9.10am – 10.10am and will focus on assisting children with ‘Learning to Write’. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to take part in this very valuable program.

SCHOOL REVIEW

All Catholic Schools are part of a 4 Year Cyclical Review process. This is year 4 of the cycle for OLW so we will be undergoing Review during Term 2. As part of this process, we are required to hold two Closure Days to work with staff from Catholic Education Melbourne as well as the external reviewer. To avoid interruption during the term, we are holding our two Closure Days on Monday April 11 and Tuesday April 12 which are the first two days of Term 2. Please mark these dates in your calendar as the students will not attend on these days.

END OF TERM

Term 1 ends this Thursday March 24 at 1.00pm. Term 2 commences on Wednesday April 13 at 9.00am. On behalf of the staff and parish, I would like to wish all families a happy, safe and holy Easter.

Kevin Burke

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH 2016

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HOLY WEEK

We enter this week (beginning Sunday 20th March) knowing that it is a week made “holy” forever by the self-surrendering love of Jesus for us. Holy Week is the last week of Lent and begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with Easter Sunday. It recalls the last week in the life of Jesus Christ. The sacred events of Holy Week are:

Palm Sunday - Commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds who were in Jerusalem for the Passover waving palm branches and proclaiming Jesus as the king. Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday to commemorate Jesus’ final agonising journey to the cross.

Holy Thursday - There are a variety of events that occurred on this last day before Jesus was arrested. These events include Jesus and his disciples sharing their last meal together, the institution of Eucharist, the betrayal by Judas, and Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep.

Good Friday - On this day, we remember Jesus’ arrest, his trial, suffering, crucifixion, death and burial. Since services on this day are to observe and remember Jesus’ death, and since Eucharist is a celebration, there is traditionally no Communion observed on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday – On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead three days after his death on the cross. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus sacrificed his life for sin and we gained eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Easter Sunday is followed by a fifty-day period called Eastertide or the Easter Season, ending with Pentecost Sunday.

Wishing everyone a happy and Holy Easter
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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: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Readers for Sunday Mass
20th Mar   6pm   G Verhoeve  8am   P Hearity  10am   B Hayes
27th Mar   6pm   J Wild    8am   N Brown   10am   A Walsh

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
20th Mar   6pm   L Gangi  10am   D Grant
27th Mar   6pm   K Zanini 10am   I Lowe

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
9th Apr     Tien, Lan & Coi Nguyen & E Nguyen & Charles
23rd Apr    Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
20th Mar    Pia Matthews
27th Mar    Barbara Hayes

16th Mar    Church Account $876.90
            Presbytery Account $607.50

Parish lunch: 12.00pm Mar 30th at Summerhill Hotel. See notice board for details and to sign on.

Combined Stations of the Cross: If you wish to attend, there will be a combined churches Stations of the Cross at 11.00am Good Friday at the Uniting Church, 76 Greenwood Drive, Bundoora. All Welcome.

Easter raffle: Easter raffle is here again with two prizes of goodies so get those coins ready. Only 50 cents a ticket. You’ve got to be in it to win it!
PARISH NOTICES

In preparation for Holy week:

Holy week:
Palm Sunday - 20th March
Holy Thursday - 24th March 7.30pm Last Supper and washing of the feet.
Good Friday - 25th March 2.30pm Stations of the Cross. 3.00pm Ceremonies.
Holy Saturday - 26th March 6pm Easter Vigil.

Freddy Gonzales: Last week we raised $571.50 to sponsor Freddy. Well done everyone! He will match this contribution so we raised $1143.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

The history of aprons:

I don’t think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma’s apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material.

But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children’s tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that ‘old-time apron’ that served so many purposes.

Send this to those who would know (and love) the story about Grandma’s aprons.

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