Dear Parents & Families,

Congratulations to our House Captains, House Vice-Captains, SRC Representatives and FIRE Carriers who were presented with their badges at Assembly today. These students will play a vital role in the development of student leadership across the school.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

Swimming Lessons are still currently cancelled for Term 1. We are still working on dates with the provider for the rescheduling of the program.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST 2016

Year 3 students who have been Baptised will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday 22nd May at 11:30 am. A Commitment Mass for this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, 6th March at the 10:00am Mass. All those who will be receiving this sacrament are required to attend the Commitment Mass.

5 CENT CHALLENGE

We have only one week to go in our February 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 from the P & F!

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.

We currently have one new nomination, but 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
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 March 22 @ 5.00pm

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2016

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
MON 14    LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
TUE 15    SCHOOL PHOTOS
THUR 17   ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS
THUR 24   LAST DAY OF TERM
                    DISMISSAL 1.00PM

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: ____________________________
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: 6.00PM
Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 9462 1221

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Readers for Sunday Mass
21st Feb 6pm L Lipson 8am S Suri 10am R Cicognini
28th Feb 6pm E Almeida 8am B Bowlen 10am A Petrucco

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
21st Feb 6pm G Verhoeve 10am I Lowe
28th Feb 6pm E Gleeson 10am B Hayes

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

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
21st Feb Hannah Smith
28th Feb Margaret Sullivan


17th Feb Church Account $1189.75
Presbytery Account $689.00

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.
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.
PARISH NEWS

An afternoon 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: Conclusion.
I wonder if anyone remembers the old cage on the corner of Highland St. Always old FJ’s and FC’s out the front with fox tails tied to the aerials. Inside were the Rockers and Woodgies bopping away to the jukebox. I used to sneak in amongst them and put my sixpence in and listen to J.O.K. School was in East Preston before they built the 2 new primaries. Walking to school in winter in shorts and gumboots or plastic sandals was murder. Breaking the inch thick ice on the puddles was fun though. So was cuddling up to the girls to keep warm. Got caught a couple of times too. I used to love the old Police paddocks where we’d drive our old paddock bombs and motor bikes around. On the Resv side of the creek was a big hill called the sweeper. The kids would pour water down it, grab an old car bonnet, turn it upside down and all pile in and go flying down the hill, skim across the creek and crash on the other side. Grouse fun. The Preston and Resv. cops must have always been bored. I think they heard what fun loving kids we were because they were always coming over and playing chasey with us around the streets and paddocks and along the creek. Never caught us though. I eventually graduated from the billy cart races down Bradshaw St hill to the “Mad Mile” on Plenty Rd. All great fun and great memories.

From Melbourne Catholic Magazine:
Sometimes it’s a simple event that makes this all the clearer. A letter in the papers recently described the experience of a family attending the Big Bash at the MCG before Christmas. Airport-style security measures had been introduced but the four-year old didn’t grasp what he had to do. So the burley security guard crouched down in front of him and held his arms out to demonstrate the position he was to take. Instead, the boy at once moved in and gave the guard a big hug! Trying not to laugh the guard held his arms out again and got two more hugs! You see, we are born to love and not hate.

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