Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to our P & F for organising the School Disco last Friday Night. The P & F are an excellent support to our school and conduct many activities for all the students.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Our Sporting Schools program commences tomorrow night and continues for the next seven weeks until Tuesday September 6 focussing on developing Soccer skills.

INQUIRY
This term our whole school focus for Inquiry is ‘Self & Wellbeing’. Our overarching focus is – ‘The quality of a person’s health, wellbeing and performance is impacted by diet, lifestyle, relationships and level of commitment.’ To deepen their understandings about the performance of Athletes, all classes will visit the National Sports Museum over three separate afternoons in September to learn more about some sports people from our nation’s sporting history. Classes will also have a tour of the MCG to see where the Olympics were held 60 years ago. More information will be sent home with your child’s class teacher closer to the event.

TIQBIZ SCHOOL APP UPDATE
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. 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!

MID YEAR REPORT SURVEY
Thank you to the families who have completed the online survey distributed via our School App. The survey will only take a couple of minutes and will help the Education Board in planning for the continued development of the End of Year Reports. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, there is still some time before the survey closes, but we would like to receive a response from most families so that we are aware of your thoughts and ideas.

P & F FUNDRAISER
Unsold chocolates are to be returned asap with any money collected from the sold chocolates so that they can be redistributed to other families who will be able to sell them.

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 BEANIE
OLW School Beanies can be purchased from the school office for just $10.00.

Tony Mizzi

Catherine Laycock
(Religious Education Leader)
### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

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.

OLW SRC

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### OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### JULY

- **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
  - WORKING BEE 3PM - 5.30 PM
- **MON 15**: FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
- **FRI 26**: YEAR 3/4 INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

### LOST!

An iPhone 6 was lost at school last week. It has a ‘smart’ cover with a close over latch. A reward is offered for anyone who finds it and returns it to the school office.

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Enrolments are currently being accepted for group keyboard and guitar lessons.

These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost $13.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enrol your child in keyboard or guitar lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.
SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Dear Parents,

We are trialling a new time slot for our Working Bee. As you would be aware, we currently have Sunday August 7 scheduled for the next Working Bee.

We are changing that day to Friday August 12. We are also changing the time slot to 3.00pm – 5.30pm.

Our main tasks are to maintain and tidy up the school’s garden areas. We will be pruning shrubs, removing weeds and cleaning out the garden area. Listed below are some specific jobs and tools required.

We require as many people as possible to come along and help with this task. To assist in our planning, we ask that each family complete the attached form so that we will be able to prioritise our tasks. So come along to help maintain our school, even if you can only attend for part of the time. All families represented will be reimbursed the $50 Working Bee Levy from their school fees.

Yours sincerely,
Kevin Burke and Tony Mizzi

Working Bee – August 12, 3.00pm – 5.30pm
Response Form (Please return to school)

Family Name: ……………………………………
Grade of Eldest Child: ………………………………

☐ Our Family WILL be attending the Working Bee
☐ Our Family WILL NOT be attending the Working Bee

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Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Readers for Sunday Mass
24th Jul  6pm M Smyth  8am M Brown  10am J McColl
32nd Jul  6pm J Wild  8am C Nguyen  10am M Nolan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
24th Jul  6pm E Gleeson  10am I Lowe
31st Jul  6pm M Martin  10am B Hayes

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
30th Jul  Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
24th Jul  Joy Conway
31st Jul  Judy McColl

20th Jul  Church Account  $997.50
          Presbytery Account  $817.00

23rd Jul  6pm Mass we remember Maria De Sousa (1 month anniversary).
24th Jul  10am Mass we remember Arnaldo Tonelli (1st anniversary)

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

Invitation: Everyone is invited to join us to explore Pope Francis’s letter to all humanity – ‘Laudato Si’. Bookings can be made by phoning 9435 2178.
Date: Sunday 7th August, Time: 1.30 - 4.30pm, Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Montmorency.

Parish luncheon: All welcome at The Summerhill Hotel on Wed 27th July, next Wednesday. For those wishing to attend, please sign the list in the foyer.
Archbishops’ Visit: Archbishop Denis Hart will be visiting our Parish on Wed 24th Aug to meet with parishioners. He will offer Mass on Wed 24th Aug at 10am and will have morning tea with us. He will be back on Sat 27th Aug to offer the 6pm Mass with the parish. All are welcome to attend either or both occasions. This is in 4 weeks’ time.

Kids in Church: A Mum was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the 1st pancake. Their mum saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.’ Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

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

The third example is taken from the famous Antarctic explorer, Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton, who on one of his expeditions in 1914 had planned to cross Antarctica. However, the expedition ship was crushed in pack ice and the twenty members of the expedition ended up drifting on ice fles for five months and forced to spend the southern winter under an upturned whale boat. At the end of the winter they turned the boat over and Shackleton and five of the men sailed 1300 kilometres to South Georgia to seek aid for those left behind. He eventually walked into the settlement with just his log book and wet clothes – all that he had to show for all his efforts eighteen months after commencing an Antarctic expedition with ships full of equipment and high hopes. These were the only tangible things.

But later he wrote, - and I don’t know whether he had any religion; I guess he was Christian – “We had pierced the veneer of outside things. We had seen God in his splendours, had heard the text nature renders. We had reached the naked soul of man.” What an extraordinary mystical statement!

Since Christ died for all people, I do not think it out of order to expect that God meets each person during the weakest and darkest moments. Everyone has a lowest point of life and that’s where God can be met. There in that darkness which we can call the problem of suffering, God meets the person who can then say with Job: “Now my eyes have seen Thee.”

I believe that we will not see God unless we allow God to lead us into that darkness.

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