Dear Parents & Families,

Our FIRE Carriers have their first official engagement tomorrow when they attend the East Central FIRE Carrier Day at Amberley tomorrow. Our students will have the opportunity to work with students from twenty other schools as they deepen their knowledge of their role.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
Swimming Lessons are still currently cancelled for Term 1.

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 this Sunday, March 6, at the 10:00am Mass. All those who will be receiving this sacrament are required to attend the Commitment Mass.

PARENT HELPER TRAINING
All currently trained parent helpers who wish to assist in our Literacy Sessions in 2016 are required to attend a Refresher training session on Tuesday March 8 from 9.10am – 10.10am.

All new parents who wish to assist in our Literacy Sessions in 2016 are required to attend two training sessions. The first session, focusing on assisting children learning to Read and will be held on Thursday March 17 from 9.10am – 10.10am. The second session will focus on assisting children with learning to Write and will be held on Thursday March 24 from 9.10am – 10.10am. A response form is attached for each program.

OPEN EVENING
Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury is holding an Open Evening and Guided Tours for prospective and current families next Wednesday, March 9, from 4pm – 6pm. Our School Captains will be hosting the tours of the school whilst our staff will be available in their learning spaces. Information is being distributed to the local Kinders, but please feel free to let other people know about the evening. A flyer is included in today’s newsletter.

EDUCATION BOARD
Thank you to David Nakonesky, Liza Farquhar and Jane Brierty who have volunteered to take up a position on our Education Board. Our first meeting is Wednesday March 9 at 7.00pm. Minutes and Agenda will be distributed this week.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos are being held on Tuesday March 15. All students must be in their full Summer Uniform for the photos, including black shoes. Order forms will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

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.

TERM 1 PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Due to the shortness of Term 1 and our Closure days at the start of Term 2, Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday and Tuesday (March 21 & 22) in the last week of term during school time with the teachers released for a day to meet with you. Details for booking an interview will be distributed tomorrow.

5 CENT CHALLENGE
Our 5c Challenge concluded today and the winner will be announced soon!

Have a great week!

Kevin Burke
## OLW School Calendar

### March 2016

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### Holy Week Ceremonies

- **Reconciliation Rite** – Thursday 17th March 7.00pm – all welcome.
- **Holy Thursday** - 7.30pm Last Supper and washing of the feet.
- **Good Friday** - 2.30pm Stations of the Cross. 3.00pm Ceremonies.
- **Holy Saturday** - 6pm Easter Vigil.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### Mothers’ Day Raffle Donations

**Yes, it’s nearly that time again!!**

**Mothers’ Day** – so we are asking families and friends, for donations (big or small) to be included in the Mothers’ Day gift baskets for the Mothers’ Day Raffle. Please send them along to the office as all donations will be greatly appreciated.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday March 22 @ 5.00pm

## Parent Helper Training Response Form

**Refresher Training:**

I __________________________ will be attending the Parent Helper Refresher Training on Tuesday March 8 at 9.10am.

Eldest child’s name __________________________  Eldest child’s grade __________________________

**New Parent Helper Training:**

I __________________________ will be attending the New Parent Helper Program on Thursday March 17 & Thursday March 24 at 9.10am.

Eldest child’s name __________________________  Eldest child’s grade __________________________
School Tours & Open Evening

Wednesday
March 9 2016
4.00pm - 6.00pm
Everyone is most welcome!

Guided Tours with our Student Leaders are available throughout the evening.

Tel 9460 6684
11 - 19 Green Avenue, Kingsbury
www.olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au
Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Readers for Sunday Mass
28<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm E Almeida 8am B Bowlen 10am A Petrucco
6<sup>th</sup> Mar 6pm K D’Souza 8am M Brown 10am E McGoon

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
28<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm E Gleeson 10am B Hayes
6<sup>th</sup> Mar 6pm M Martin 10am M Nolan

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

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
28<sup>th</sup> Feb Margaret Sullivan
6<sup>th</sup> Mar Cath Mortell

24<sup>th</sup> Feb Church Account $1161.00
Presbytery Account $727.00

Parish lunches start again! 12.00pm Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 NOTICES

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.

Wanted: We need some fit men and women for the cleaning of the church, as some people have moved away, and their places need to be filled. Please apply for this position to Cath Morrell or Father Terry.

New school signs: Take a look at the new school signs; some parishioners reckon they are a bit posh! Well done to the Principal. Thanks.

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.

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Reflection: “People may spurn our appeals, reject our messages, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers”. Quoted by Sidlow Baxter.