Dear Parents & Families,

Our Cultural Incursion last Monday as part of our celebration of National Reconciliation Week was a very insightful experience for our students and staff who all learned more about some of the rituals and music of the Aboriginal culture.

PREP MASS
Thank you to all the parents who joined in our Prep Mass last Friday. Our Preps having been learning about what it means to ‘belong to God’s people’, and it was great for them to have the opportunity participate in the Mass and learn more about our parish community.

PREP 2017 INTERVIEWS
Prep 2017 Interviews commenced last Thursday and will conclude on Thursday June 16. We have capped our intake at 25 students and offers of places will be finalised by the end of term as we begin our planning for 2017.

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY
We have 6 students representing OLW and the Keon Park District at the Zone Division Cross Country this Wednesday, June 8. We wish all our competitors the best of luck.

SCHOOL REVIEW
Our School Review process continues this Tuesday and Thursday as part of our planning for the next four years and beyond. The reviewer will work with all the staff and representatives from all stakeholders in our school community to assist us in developing our next School Development Plan.

SCHOOL BEANIE FOR WINTER UNIFORM
Beanies will be distributed this week to the families that have placed an order and paid. Orders can be left with the money at the school office for any parents who wish to order a beanie for just $10.00, or they can also be purchased from Buxwear in Thomastown.

OSHC WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Bookings can be made directly through the school app under ‘osh care online’ under ‘Whole School’ tab or online through the school website under the Location & Contacts tab then selecting Before & After School Care.

WINTER SPORT
On Friday June 10 our students will be playing Winter Sport Reservoir Primary School. This is our final round for the winter season and is an ‘away’ game, with soccer matches played at the Donath Reserve. Games start at 1.00pm.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND
Next Monday is a public holiday for the Queen’s Birthday therefore classes will resume on Tuesday.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Kevin Burke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION
All Grade 6 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to attend the Confirmation Commitment Mass which will be held on Sunday 19th June as part of the 10:00am Parish Mass.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in the Parish Church 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.
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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

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 9462 1221

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Readers for Sunday Mass
5th Jun 6pm J Wild 8am B Bowlen 10am E McGoon
12th Jun 6pm J Glover 8am M Brown 10am B Hayes

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
5th Jun 6pm M Martin 10am I Lowe
12th Jun 6pm L Gangi 10am M Nolan

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
18th Jun Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
5th Jun Margaret Sullivan
12th Jun Cath Mortell

1st Jun Church Account $1115.00
Presbytery Account $1137.00

1st Communion 10am: Today we congratulate: Luka Frazzica, Laura Scaramozzino, Sienna Scaramozzino and Amelia Marsi on making their 1st Communion. We will pray for you, children, and your families.

Condolences: Thien Nguyen’s brother Joachim Nguyen was killed in the car accident on the Calder Freeway last Tuesday morning. Please remember the Nguyen family in your prayers. Joachim leaves behind a wife and family.

Propagation of the Faith: Collection will be taken up next weekend.
Funeral: A funeral for Peter Walsh, who died during the week, will be held at 10am Tuesday, here at OLW.

Kids in Church: After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied ‘That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys.’

Sydney’s Archbishop Fisher reflects on the ‘gift’ of his own suffering. Continued from last week.

So, suffering is in some ways an inevitable part of being the kinds of creatures that we are. What’s more, we know that we can make this situation worse. Human beings can make terrible choices, choices that end in genocide, war and destruction, in starvation or terror, in domestic violence and family breakdown, in abuse of little children or our world.

So if suffering is inevitable for creatures like us in a natural universe, it is sadly the case that we all too often bring suffering on ourselves or our neighbours.

Can anything good come from such suffering? Clearly, pain itself is a proper part of being sensate creatures: without such feelings we might leave our hands in the fire or take terrible risks with our bodies or minds. So pain is intrusive – it teaches us things. In these past few months I believe I have learnt a lot about myself and about the human condition and about my need for God through my own experience of pain and diminishment.