Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Beginning of Year Mass last Tuesday. It was great to have you share in this celebration.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Last week a number of schools around Australia received threatening hoax calls. Schools take all threats seriously and have a strict procedure to adhere to. Our own School Emergency Management Plan is regularly practised with the students and all staff receive annual training ensuring that we know how to respond to situations. In the event of an emergency, a notification would be sent out to families through our school app informing you of our action. I would strongly recommend that all families download our school app through Tiqbiz so that you are kept informed of our actions at all times. Information on how to download Tiqbiz is included again in this week’s newsletter.

5 CENT CHALLENGE

We are now one week into 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!

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

Unfortunately the commencement of Swimming Lessons for Years 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6 has been postponed as the venue, Epping Leisure, has been damaged by the recent storms. At this stage today is the last day that should be impacted, but we will keep you notified.

P & F MEETING

Our first P & F Meeting is Tuesday February 16, at 5.00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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 for a period of tenure of up to 3 years.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 10th February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The Season of Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count) and is a time of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday is the day for us to take stock of our spiritual lives and we are encouraged to attend Mass on this day in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. As Lent begins, we should set out specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them—for instance receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To celebrate the beginning of Lent all students from Year 1 to Year 6 will attend Mass Ash Wednesday at 10:00am. All parents and family members are warmly invited to attend this special celebration.

During the liturgy, the ashes which give Ash Wednesday its name will be distributed. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.

The distribution of ashes, is a tangible reminder of our own need to focus on being better people. Through acts of penance comes a change of heart – a coming back to God.

Catherine Laycock
[Religious Education Leader]

2016 FAMILY SCHOOL FEES

2016 FAMILY SCHOOL FEE is $1300 per family.
The breakdown of the Fee is:-
FAMILY FEE $1150
REFURBISHMENT $100
WORKING BEE $50
(Please note that $50 will still be refunded if families attend at least one Working Bee during the year.)

STUDENT LEVY FEE

In 2016 the Student Levy per child will be $380.

The Levy cost covers programs such as the swimming program, excursions, incursions, Phys Ed equipment and Art materials etc.

As always, families are able to pay by direct deposit, credit card, eftpos, cash or cheque. Families who wish to set up a payment plan are most welcome to contact the school office to organise this with Anna. Our banking details are listed below for those who wish to set up their own internet banking. Please include your eldest child’s full name as the reference.

School Banking Details:
Bank: National Australia Bank Ltd
BSB: 083 347
Account No: 691378781

Also Enclosed is a Direct Debit Request Form. – An Authorised Form to pay school fees electronically.

If you have any concerns with the school fees or payments, please let the office know so that an appointment can be arranged with the principal.

SCHOOL BANKING - COMMBANK

School Banking will be every Wednesday during the school term. Banking will commence this Wednesday, February 10.

We ask new applications and all bank books to be sent on this day and then every Wednesday.
CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $125 for primary school students.

Please complete the attached application form and return to the office with your concession card no later than February 29th.

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.

Please bring your money along to purchase an icy pole on Tuesday.

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2016

MON 8  SWIMMING (Postponed)
TUE 9  SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM BEGINS
WED 10 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
THUR 11 MUSIC LESSONS BEGIN
MON 15  SWIMMING
TUE 16  P & F MEETING
MON 22  SWIMMING
MON 29  SWIMMING
CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSE

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENT:

The enrolment process is now available online at: http://www.kingsburyps.vic.edu.au/index.php/en/services/out-of-hours-school-care giving the steps needed to enrol for new families. A link is also available from our school website under Before & After School Care on our Location & Contacts page.

Families can download the My Family Lounge app from the itunes store or google play store and book their children in using the MyLounge app.

The link for the website is: https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/webui/Account/Embeddable/?databaseId=708. A link is also available from our school website under Before & After School Care on our Location & Contacts page.

A link has also been created on our school app ‘whole school page’ to register or book your child into Before or After School Care.

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: ______________

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE ENROLMENT:
Celebrating 35 years of Engaging Education
Come and see us at our
Primary Parents
Information Evening
Tuesday 17 February 2015
Tours from 8.30pm-7.20pm
with a Presentation commencing at 7.30pm

Applications for Year 7 2016 close 28 February 2015
This evening is for families with children of all ages
Ample parking in Bungay Street as well as off Grimsby Street

For further information contact
Community Liaison: Mrs Maureen Lonsdale on 9433 0228

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LEXSA PRESENTS....

Classic Car Show

Friday 12 February
2016
From 6pm onwards
325 Grimsby Street, Watsonia

Enjoy a BBQ and look over the classic cars from Metro Classic Car Club and
Independent owners. Cars will be on display and car owners ready to share their
enthusiasm from 6.30PM. Family event, just show up, no tickets required.
If you have a classic car you would like to bring along please email
lexsa@loyola.vic.edu.au
OLMC welcomes applications for Year 7 in 2017, 2018 and 2019. For a Prospectus or for information regarding enrolments, please call our Registrar Merri O’Halloran on 94592511 OR visit our website to download an Application Form.

The closing date for Year 7 2017 applications is Friday 26 February 2016. Please note - if you currently have daughters enrolled at OLMC, you need to complete a separate Application Form for younger siblings.

School Tours are a great opportunity to see how our school operates on a normal school day.

Term One Tours -
- Monday 8 February 9-10.30am
- Friday 12 February 9-10.30am
- Tuesday 23 February (twilight tour) &
- Wednesday 16 March 9-10.30am

Please ring College Reception on 94592511 to make a booking.
We're using an app to communicate with you.

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices. The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer... or all of them.

Search for: tiqbiz

iPad & iPhone  Android Device  PC & MAC

Important: Click 'allow' notifications when asked. This is to allow your school to send you important alert notices.

Once installed, follow the steps on the next page to tick on our school.

Find and tick our school

Log-in
Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

Find our school
Click the 'Find' icon and type our school name into the search bar. You will now see our school boxes.

Tick on
Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you're connected.

Inbox
Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

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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: Friday from 9.00 to 9.30AM

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Readers for Sunday Mass
7th Feb 6pm J Conway 8am N Brown 10am J Hubber
14th Feb 6pm G Verhoeve 8am K McGrath 10am N Buchan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
7th Feb 6pm L Gangi 10am N Buchan
14th Feb 6pm K Zanini 10am D Grant

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
13th Feb B Bowlen M Magnacca P Matthews
27th Feb Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
7th Feb Lan.

3rd Feb Church Account $1257.50
                  Presbytery Account $703.50

Mass Sun 7th Feb. Today we offer mass in memory of Rita Fernando, on the anniversary of her birthday.

Ash Wednesday this Wednesday: Mass times are 10am and 7pm Wednesday. All are welcome to receive the ashes on this day. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. The Lenten regulations are on the notice board in the foyer of the church.
PARISH NEWS

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.

Open Day Parade College: Sunday 14th February.
10am – 2pm Preston Campus, 8 Clifton Grove
11am – 3pm Bundoora Campus, 1436 Plenty Road.

Father Jim’s birthday: Fr Jim will celebrate his 90th birthday on 14th February. He has given much to the parish over his ten years here, so now, let’s do something for him. We will celebrate here in the parish after 10am mass on Saturday 13th Feb. If you would like to attend, please bring a plate of food and join us in wishing him a happy birthday. Grateful thanks, Dorothy.

Collection counters: Many thanks to the two collection counters, Bill Donellan and Dino Marii, who have had to retire from the team. They have counted money for many years, every week and the parish is in their debt.
If any parishioners would like to fill their positions i.e. we need two more people to assist on a regular basis.
Please let Father Terry know if you are able to assist.

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