Dear Parents & Families,

**BOOK WEEK**
This year’s Book Week theme is Australia: Story Country. In conjunction with our Literacy and Library programs we are having a whole school Book Parade from 9.00am – 9.20am on Tuesday August 23 in the hall. The students can come to school dressed up as any character in a book, it does not have to relate to the theme. Parents are welcome to the parade. Following the parade the students will return to their classes and be involved in rotational activities based on this year’s awarded books. Looking forward to an educational and fun day. Refer to [https://cbca.org.au/](https://cbca.org.au/) for Book Week ideas and information.

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**WORKING BEE**
Thank you to the families who are attending this Friday’s Working Bee. Our main task is to tidy up the school’s garden areas. All families represented will be reimbursed the $50 Working Bee Levy from their school fees. Afternoon Tea is provided so come along and lend a hand!

**RESERVOIR CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
Congratulations to the students who represented our school last Friday. We all had a wonderful and most enjoyable day. Our Grade 3 and 4 students displayed great teamwork throughout the games and tried their best at all times. The coaches were very proud of the efforts that each of our students put into their games. At times the competition was quite tough! The coaches would also like to commend this group of students for the outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship they displayed throughout the day. We are pleased to announce that the boys were placed 3rd in the tournament and won three out of four of their games. A fine effort boys and well done!

We were very proud of the wonderful participation and effort that the girls displayed during this tournament. By the end of the day the girls were really ‘on fire’ and played awesomely! They were placed 7th overall...but wait until the 2017 basketball tournament! Great effort girls!

This Friday 12th August some Grade 5 and 6 children will represent our school in the Reservoir Cup Basketball Tournament. This will take place at Darebin Community Sports Stadium (Reservoir High School) 857 Plenty Road, Reservoir. We wish our students all the best as they compete in this basketball tournament.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS**
Thank you to everyone who donated items and toiletries to our Winter Appeal. The Appeal concluded at today’s school assembly with the SRC presenting four very full washing baskets of donations to St Vincent de Paul Society. Magnificent effort everyone!

**SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (Weather permitting)**
As a link with the Rio Olympics and the MCG excursion, we are holding our School Sports Day on Friday, August 19 from 11.30am to 3.00pm on our school oval. This is a wonderful event coordinated by our PE Teacher Mrs Schofield.
On the day students are involved in sporting activities led by their respective School House Captains. There is a lot of supporting and cheering from everyone. The event concludes with the presentation of the Sport Trophy. All families are welcome to come along and watch and there might be a Pre School Race and Parent Race so come along prepared.

We require some parent helpers to assist with the setting up. Please see Louise Schofield on the oval at 9.00 am.

Please note: Due to the recent wet weather, a decision will be made on the Monday before the Sports Day as to whether the day will need to be postponed. Parents will be notified in next week’s School Newsletter and School App. Our back up date will be in Term 4.

SCHOOL BEANIE

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

Tony Mizzi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Next Monday, 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation which means that the whole school will attend Mass in the church at 10:00am. All parents and friends are warmly invited to celebrate this special feast day with us.

CONFIRMATION

Many of our Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, August 21st at a special Mass commencing at 11:30am. Please keep these students in your prayers and thoughts as they continue to prepare for this sacrament.

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.

Catherine Laycock
(Religious Education Leader)

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

FRI 12 YEAR 5/6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
WORKING BEE 3PM - 5.30 PM
MON 15 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS 10.00AM
FRI 19 SCHOOL SPORT 11.30 AM – 3PM (Weather Permitting)
SUN 21 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – 11.30AM
WED 24 ARCHBISHOP’S VISIT
THUR 25 PRINCIPAL’S & PARISH PRIEST’S BRIEFING
FRI 26 YEAR 3/4 INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

School Banking Program

Our Lady of the Way is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week.

The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

School banking day is Wednesday. Each week your child needs to place their bank book in the classroom’s clear bucket.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program parent pack from the school office.
Dear Parents,

Our Working Bee is **Friday** August 12 from **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

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**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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Preps – 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL
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Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083

Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin
Email: terrybergin1@bigpond.com
Tel: 9462 1221
School Tel: 9460 6684

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: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Readers for Sunday Mass
07th Aug  6pm J Glover     8am P Hearity     10am G Haridass
14th Aug  6pm E Nguyen     8am N Brown     10am J Hubber

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
07th Aug  6pm L Gangi      10am M Nolan
14th Aug  6pm K Zanini     10am N Buchan

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
27th Aug  Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
07th Aug  Joan Fothergill
14th Aug  Elspeth Garbellotto

3rd Aug    Church Account $1005.00
           Presbytery Account $676.00

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

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 he will have morning tea with us. He will be back on Sat 27th Aug to offer the 6pm mass with the parish. All are all welcome to attend either or both occasions. This is in 4 weeks’ time.

St. Monicas Epping: Inviting past students and teachers of St. Monicas College Epping, who attended between Year 7 1981 –Year 12 1986, to our 30 year anniversary at Stolberg Café, Preston on Sat 27th Aug. Please contact Isabelle Oliveri at isabelle@studid.com.au
**Father’s Day Raffle:** Raffle tickets available, only 50c each. All funds raised go to parish costs.

**Tuesday 9th Aug:** Mrs Margaret Flannagan will be buried from OLW Parish on Tuesday 9th August.

**Practicing English:** A young Vietnamese couple are in need of coaching in English. If anyone is interested in helping them, please see Fr Terry.

**Reflection: The struggle to love our neighbour, by Ron Rolheiser.**

“The most damaging idolatry is not the golden calf but enmity against the other.” The renowned anthropologist, Rene Girard, wrote that and its truth is not easily admitted. Most of us like to believe that we are mature and big-hearted and that we do love our neighbours and are free of enmity towards other. But is this not so?

In our more honest, more accurately perhaps, in our more humble moments, I think that all of us admit that we don’t really love others in the way that Jesus asked. We don’t turn the other cheek. We don’t really love our enemies. We don’t wish good to those who wish us harm. We don’t bless those who curse us. And we don’t genuinely forgive those who murder our loved ones. We are decent, good-hearted persons, but persons whose heaven is still too-predicated on needing an emotional vindication in the face of anyone or anything that opposes us. We can be fair, we can be just, but we don’t yet love the way Jesus asked us to, that is, so that our love goes out to both those who love us and to those who hate us. We still struggle, mightily, mostly unsuccessfully, to wish our enemies well.

But for most of us who like to believe ourselves mature that battle remains hidden, mostly from ourselves. We tend to feel that we are loving and forgiving because, essentially, we are well-intentioned, sincere, and able to believe and say all the right things: but there’s another part of us that isn’t nearly so noble. The Irish Jesuit, Michael Paul Gallagher, (who died recently and will be dearly missed) puts this well when he writes (In Extra Time): “You probably don’t hate anyone, but you can be paralysed by daily negatives. Mini-prejudices and knee-jerk judgements can produce a mood of undeclared war. Across barbed wire fences, invisible bullets fly.” Loving the other as oneself, he submits, is for most of us an impossible uphill climb.

So where does that leave us? Serving out a life-sentence of mediocrity and hypocrisy? Professing to loving our enemies but not doing it? How can we profess to be Christians when, if we are honest, we have admit that we are not measuring up to the litmus-test of Christian discipleship, namely, loving and forgiving our enemies?

*To be continued next week...*