Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our Christmas Concert last Wednesday evening by organizing some great costumes for the children and also attending the evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents enjoying the talents of the children as we prepare for the Christmas season.

As we move towards the end of the school year we are also completing organisational matters for next year. Our proposed structure for our Classes and Specialist Programs in 2015 is:

- Prep – Mrs. Catherine Laycock
- Year 1/2 – Miss Huong Nguyen
- Year 1/2 – Miss Jessica Penzo
- Year 3/4 – Mr. Tony Mizzi & Mrs. Lisa Micomonaco
- Year 4/5 – Mrs Alisha Altarelli (Ginn)
- Year 5/6 – Mrs. Deb Myers
- Library – Mrs. Geraldine McKinley
- Art – Mrs. Lisa Hrisikos
- Phys. Ed. – Mrs. Louise Schofield
- Italian – Mrs. Grace Ciorciari

Mrs Alisha Altarelli (Ginn) returns from 12 months leave after getting married and travelling overseas this year. Mrs Joanne Cheer is stepping down from full time work. Joanne is an outstanding teacher and has been a fabulous member of staff, and although she won’t be here full time next year, we are very fortunate that we will still have the opportunity to see her at OLW in 2015.

PREP 2015 ORIENTATION

The final orientation session for our Prep 2015 students is this Thursday, December 11, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. On this day the Prep 2015 students will meet their teacher.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

Our Year 2/3 & 3/4 classes have their final Excursion to Latrobe University this Thursday as part of their current unit of study.

PARENT HELPER AFTERNOON TEA

The OLW staff are holding a Parent Helper Afternoon Tea this Thursday from 2.45 – 3.30p.m. This afternoon tea is to thank our many parents who help throughout the school. If you have assisted in the classroom in 2014, assisted with any special activities or excursions, or attended a working bee, then you are all welcome to come along to the hall on Thursday afternoon.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports will be sent home this Friday with the students. Please read through your child’s report and affirm their achievements with them. Our students have worked very hard throughout the year to achieve excellent results.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass is being held on Monday, December 15, at 7.00pm. We ask that each family bring a plate to share for supper in the Hall where we will also make some special presentations to our students.

END OF YEAR MASS

On Wednesday, December 17, we are holding our End of Year Mass at 10.00am. This Mass will be to celebrate our achievements and successes throughout the year and farewell our current Year 6 students. All families are most welcome to attend.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR AND DATES FOR 2015 START OF SCHOOL YEAR

The 2014 school year closes on Wednesday December 17 at 3.30pm. Classes for the 2015 school year will commence for all students on Monday February 2. Thursday January 29 and Friday January 30 will be Testing Days for students in Years 1 – 6.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke
PREP / YEAR 1 - LAST SWIMMING DAY – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
Swimming lessons on Tuesdays have now finished. We do, however have one more swimming lesson which will take place on Wednesday, 10th December at the usual time of 9.30 a.m.

Prep / Year 1 Teachers

PREP GRADUATION (PREP PARENTS ONLY)
On Wednesday 10th December at 3.00 p.m. all Prep parents are warmly welcome to come and see the Prep’s Graduation Ceremony.

PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The P & F will once again run the Christmas Raffle. Raffle Tickets cost $1.00 each. Prizes will be Christmas Hampers with one hamper including a meat voucher worth $50.00.

The P& F are asking for donations that could be included in a Christmas Hamper. Please send along any donations to the school office to help fill the hampers.

2015 EMA EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCES CHANGES
From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

FROM JUDY THE LOLLIPOT LADY
To all the children, families and OLW staff wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Best wishes to the Year 6 children. Hope to see you all in 2015.

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR
DECEMBER

| WED 10  | Prep / Yr 1 Last Swimming Lesson
| Prep parents invited to see the Prep Graduation at 3.00P.M. |
| THUR 11 | Prep 2015 Orientation – Meet the Teacher 9.30-11 A.M.
| Parent Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea 2.45-3.30P.M. |
| FRI 12  | School Reports sent home |
| MON 15  | Yr 6 Graduation Mass 7 P.M. |
| WED 17  | End of 2014 School Year Mass at 10.00 A.M.
| Santa visiting OLW school children 11.30 A.M.
| 2014 End of School Year – Children dismissed at 3.30P.M. |
| THU 18  | Staff Inservice |
| FRI 19  | Staff Inservice |
Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083

Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin       Tel: 9462 1221       School Tel: 9460 6684
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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: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, a rise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Readers for Sunday Mass
7th December  6pm J Wild  8am K McGrath  10am J Hubber
14th December  6pm G Verhoeve  8am S Suri  10am R Cicognini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
7th December  K Zanini  10am M Nolan
14th December  E Gleeson  10am D Grant

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
6th December  Tien, Lan & Coi Nguyen & E Nguyen & Charles
20th December  J O’Mahony, Freddie & Laura

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
7th December  Barbara Hayes
14th December  Amelia Marii

30th November 2014  Church Account $1781.00
                  Presbytery Account $ 657.00

• Happy Birthday: Happy Birthday Hannah. You have now received your OBE.
• New Rosters 2015: Now available in the foyer. Please take your roster home with you.
Second Candle is lit

From Mark 1: “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way the Lord make his paths straight.’”

Let us pray: God of peace, we look forward to the time when the earth is full of your glory, when righteousness is at home and peace reigns in all the world, May we prepare for that day by working together for justice and peace. Amen.

This is the third Sunday of Advent. We’re glad that Christmas is getting closer. The first candle reminds us to wait. The first candle is lit. The second candle reminds us to prepare. The second candle is lit. As we wait and get ready, we are thankful that god promises to come and be with us. We light the third candle in joy for the promises of God.

- **Help for Margaret Cusack:** Could adults consider helping Margaret Cusack with the children’s liturgy. Margaret will do the teaching and talking. The helper sits with the children helping keep control in the class. Please see Margaret or Fr. Terry.

- **Christmas Cards:** On sale at all different prices. Please support your parish by buying these cards.

- **St Vincent De Paul:** Our Christmas appeal has commenced. We look forward to the generosity you have displayed in past years. Hampers and gifts will be distributed on Saturday 20th December. Please ensure that the tags from the Christmas tree are attached to the gifts. Donations of food and money will also be grateful.

December 20/21 at all Masses

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

- Monday 22nd December - 7pm Rite of Reconciliation
- Wednesday 24th December - 6:30pm & 11:40pm Carols - 7pm & 2400hrs Christmas Mass
- Thursday 25th December - 8am & 10am Christmas Mass