Dear Parents & Families,

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 students who represented OLW in the Reservoir Cup Basketball Championships last Friday. Our Girls Team performed very well throughout the day, finishing 3rd, whilst our Boys Team also performed very well, finishing 1st. Congratulations to all the students who represented our school. This week our Year 5/6 students will be ALSO BE competing against the 8 schools in our district in the Reservoir Cup.

OFFICE REFURBISHMENT

Our refurbishment commenced today and will be completed by the start of Term 4. The Office entry and some of the offices are being reconfigured to provide a better working area and more welcoming foyer, and a sign will be erected out the front of our school entry to mark our main entrance. A temporary office has been set up in the Brennan Room of the School Hall so entry to the school will be through the School Hall during school hours. Signs will direct you and visitors to the entrance.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated in our Parish this Sunday, August 23 at a special Mass at 11.30am. This is a very important step in the faith journey of the children, and I ask that you keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

Please see the notice about this fund for holders of a Concession Card and ensure that you claim this benefit if you are eligible, as this may affect future government support to you. If you are unable to download the form please come to the school office and we will assist you in printing a copy.

WONDER OF LIVING PROGRAM

Information about the Wonder of Living Program was distributed to families

of children in Years 4 to 6 last week. This program is for parents who would like support in assisting their child to learn about sexuality education. It is a value-based, family-orientated program which supports a parent’s role as primary educator by modelling the delivery of age appropriate information from within a context of warm, healthy relationships. Please return the response form asap to indicate your attendance.

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is celebrated in schools from Monday August 24 – Friday August 28. The theme this year is “Books light up our world.” Our students have been working on this theme in both Library and Visual Arts programs. As part of our celebration of Book Week, we are inviting students to come dressed up on Friday August 28 as their favourite book character related to this theme. On Friday morning there will be special gathering where the students will be able to show off their costume. Our P & F are organizing a small treat for each child who participates in the dress-up.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On the back of a successful food donation appeal, our Student Representative Council is coordinating the Wear Your Favourite Team Colours Day on Tuesday September 15. Money raised will be used to support Aussie Kids living with cancer.

On the day, children are invited to come to school wearing their favourite sports team colours from any code (e.g. Collingwood- black and white, Melbourne City – blue and white, etc). Children can also wear their own sporting club uniform. The Parents and Friends Association is organising hot dogs for lunch. More details closer to the date.

Have a great week,

Kevin Burke
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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 will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

Parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form each year and lodge it with their child’s school for processing. Eligibility will be subject to the parent / legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on the first day of Term two or three. The office staff must copy or sight the concession card to ensure that the parent’s name and Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) matches the Centrelink database.

The annual CSEF amount per primary school student will be $125. Parents can also download the CSEF application form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Applications will close at the end of Term 3, (17 September, 2015) No late applications will be accepted after this date.

GARDEN HELP NEEDED

The Student Representative Council has been busily designing Stage 2 of the Garden Development and now need the help of some parents to transplant some shrubs and dig holes. Stage 2 incorporates the area between the hall ramp and the playground equipment. If you can spare an hour or two on any Monday or Tuesday for the remainder of August please see Tony Mizzi or complete the attached form and return to school.

I ...................................................... am able to assist with Stage 2 of the Garden Development on:

( ) Monday Aug 17  ( ) Tuesday Aug 18
( ) Monday Aug 24  ( ) Tuesday Aug 25

Signed:

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OWL 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

FRI 21 YEAR 5/6 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
SUN 23 YR 6 CONFIRMATION AT 11.30 A.M.
WED 26 WONDER OF LIVING PROGRAM – 7.00PM
THUR 27 YEAR 4 @ LOYOLA
FRI 28 LATITUDE FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER

WED 2 LOYOLA SECONDARY LINK PROGRAM
THUR 3 DEPUTY PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE
FATHER’S DAY STALL
FRI 4 YEAR 3/4 SOCCER TOURNAMENT
MON 7 SANTA MARIA VISIT FOR YEAR 4 & 5 GIRLS
TUE 8 LAST BASKETBALL – SPORTING SCHOOL PROGRAM
FRI 11 YEAR 5/6 SOCCER TOURNAMENT
SUN 13 RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS
TUE 15 WEAR YOUR FOOTY COLOURS DAY & HOT LUNCH DAY
WED 16 LOYOLA SECONDARY LINK PROGRAM
FRI 18 LAST DAY OF TERM – DISMISSAL @ 1.00PM

REINFORCEMENT NEWS

SACRAMENTS FOR 2015

Confirmation (Year 6) will be celebrated on August 23 at 11.30am with Bishop Terry Curtin being the celebrant.

Reconciliation (Year 2) will take place on Tuesday 10th November at 7.00pm. The Commitment Mass for this Sacrament will take place on Sunday September 13 at the 10.00am Parish Mass.

Catherine Laycock (R.E.L.)

Next P & F Meeting is Tuesday August 17 @ 5.00pm in the School Hall
BOOK WEEK 2015

We will be celebrating book week on Friday the 28th of August. The theme this year is “Books light up our world.” Book week is always an exciting event and highlights the importance of reading and an appreciation of books.

This term in Visual Arts and Library students have been participating in class activities related to the short listed books. On the 28th of August students will have the opportunity of dressing up as their favourite book character. Every student is encouraged to wear their character costume to school in the morning and join in the parade which will be held in the hall. Parents are most welcomed to join in this celebration of reading and learning.
Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Readers for Sunday Mass
16th August 6pm J Wild 8am B Brown 10am G Haridass
23rd August 6pm E Almeida 8am M Brown 10am R Cicognini

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
16th August 6pm K Zanini 10am M Nolan
23rd August 6pm E Gleeson 10am I Lowe

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
22nd August Tien, Lan & Coi Nguyen & E Nguyen & Charles

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
16th August Joy Conway
23rd August Judy McCll

12 August Church Account $1300.00
Presbytery Account $ 675.00
CatholicCare collection $ 515.00

Mass: Sunday 9th 8am. Mass will be offered for Felice Faltore.

Mass: Sunday 9th August 10am. Mass will be offered for Angelo Tonelli.

Mass: Sunday 16th August 10am. Mass will be offered for Roquey Almeida.

Vale Fr. P Boyle O.S.M. Fr. Paddy Boyle who was Parish Priest here from late 1967 till 1974 died last weekend in W.A. He will be remembered as “a lovable Irishman and an excellent leader” as described in our 50th Anniversary.
Fr. Myles Lynch will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr. Paddy here at O.L.W. on Sat. 29th August at 10.00am.
**PARISH NEWS**

**Rosters:** Rosters for the Church Cleaning, Readers and also Minsters of the Eucharistic are available on the table in the church foyer. Please take your list. Those who are readers and Eucharistic Ministries, please tell Father before mass what you will be helping him with.

**Father’s day:** Get your dollars ready for the great Fathers Day raffle. Only $1.00 a ticket.

**Parish Luncheon:** The next Parish luncheon will be held on Wednesday the 26th August at Groovetrain at 12.00pm. All welcome, sign on in the main foyer.

**Encyclical on the Environment** now available in the Foyer. Please collect your copy.

**St. Gabriels’s Theatre Group.** Auditions for the musical “Mary Poppins” will take place on Sunday 30th August at 6.30pm in St Gabriel’s Hall, Viola St, Reservoir. All ages welcome, including family groups.

**Diamond Valley Deanery Art Sale** continues with the exhibition and sale of artworks donated by artist Judy Racz at Bridges Restaurant (1075 Heidelberg–Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge) **Opening** - 2pm -5pm Sunday 23rd August. RSVP to Bridges 9718 0099 (Nick). **Exhibition** 18th August until 20th September. An opportunity to own an original artwork and at the same time to assist the needy within the community with all proceeds to the pastoral needs within the Diamond Valley Deanery. Wide variety of styles and prices. A catalogue can be found at [www.cam.org.au/greensborough](http://www.cam.org.au/greensborough)

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