Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended the ‘Story of the First Christmas’ last Thursday evening. The performance from the cast and all the singers was outstanding, and was a great way to celebrate a wonderful year.

Thank you also to the parents who attended our Parent Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea last Friday. We have many parents who help out in many ways throughout the year and we are very grateful for their support.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports were distributed to families last Friday. As always, feel free to discuss any matters with your child’s class teacher. Year 1 – 6 students will meet their 2016 teacher tomorrow, Tuesday December 15. On this day the students will spend a session working with their new teacher and will also bring home the online booking information for the Beginning of Year Testing which will take place on Thursday January 28 and Friday January 29 from 9.00am – 1.00pm.

GRADUATION MASS & SUPPER

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper is being held tonight, December 14, commencing with Mass at 7.00pm and followed by Supper. In addition to the Graduation Pack, each student will also receive a Graduation Signature Bear as a gift from the P & F. We look forward to celebrating with the students and their families and ask that each family bring a plate to share for supper where we will also make some special presentations to our students.

END OF YEAR MASS

Our End of Year Mass is on Wednesday December 16 at 10.00am. As well as celebrating this year achievements at the Mass, our current Year 6 students will be presenting our 2016 Year 6 students with their commemorative tops. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F are holding the Mega Christmas Raffle this Wednesday. To be in the draw to win a great prize, please return your sold and unsold tickets and money to the office by tomorrow, Tuesday, 15th December.

I would like to especially thank the Parents and Friends Association who have supported and assisted with the many facets of school life over this past year. Their contributions have helped make this year a most successful one! Thank you also to everyone who has supported the P & F throughout the year to make their activities so successful.

END OF YEAR DISMISSAL

The 2015 school year closes on Wednesday December 16 at 3.30pm. Classes for the 2016 school year will commence for all students on Monday February 1. Thursday January 28 and Friday January 29 will be Testing Days for students in Years 1 – 6.

I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication in 2015. It has been an exceptionally busy year, but the staff have been a great support to me, to each other, to the students and to the wider community, and will deservedly enjoy a well-earned break.

On behalf of the Parish and the School Staff of OLW, I would like to wish all families a safe, happy and holy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. Merry Christmas!

Kevin Burke

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SCHOOL BANKING
Thank you to everyone who has participated. If you have not yet done so but would like to open a school banking account, pop into your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch or visit www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html for further information.

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year,
Kim
School Banking Co-ordinator.

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2016

TERM ONE
- STAFF RETURN - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27
- STUDENT TESTING FOR YEARS 1 – 6 THURSDAY JANUARY 28 & FRIDAY JANUARY 29
- ALL STUDENTS COMMENCE LESSONS ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 1
- TERM ONE FINISHES THURSDAY MARCH 24 (EASTER – FRIDAY MARCH 25 to MONDAY MARCH 28)

TERM TWO
MONDAY APRIL 11 - FRIDAY JUNE 24

TERM THREE
MONDAY JULY 11 - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

TERM FOUR
MONDAY OCTOBER 3 - TUESDAY DECEMBER 20 (*Students finish FRIDAY DECEMBER 16)

OLW 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER
MON 14 GRADUATION MASS & SUPPER
TUE 15 MEET THE TEACHER BOOKLISTS DISTRIBUTED
WED 16 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS DISMISSAL 3.30PM
FRI 18 LAST DAY FOR STAFF

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH
SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday, December 21
Reconciliation 2nd Rite 7.00 pm

Thursday, December 24
Carols 6.30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 7.00 pm
Carols 11.30 pm
Christmas Midnight Mass 12.00 am

Friday, December 25
Christmas Day Mass 8.00 am
Christmas Day Mass 10.00 am
Parent Helper Thank You Afternoon Tea
Attention all girls!
Aged 4-14

COME & KICK LIKE A GIRL
Girls AFL and Auskick Launch
- 3 part series -

DAREBIN WOMEN’S SPORTS CLUB

1st Session Sat 12th Dec  |  2nd Session Sat 16th Jan  |  3rd Session Sun 14th Feb
10 - 11.30am  A.H.Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, Preston

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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: Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

Readers for Sunday Mass
13th Dec 6pm E Almeida 8am M Brown 10am B Hayes
20th Dec 6pm K D’Souza 8am N Brown 10am A Fernandez

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
13th Dec 6pm K Zanini 10am D Grant
20th Dec 6pm E Gleeson 10am B Hayes

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
26th Dec Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
13th Dec Pia Matthews
20th Dec Barbara Hayes

9th Dec Church Account $1673.90 ($367.00 raffle money)
Presbytery Account $706.00

Sat 12th Dec: Today we remember Rey Fernandez on his 15th Anniversary.

Mon 21st Dec: Reconciliation mass – 7pm.
Christmas mass times:
Thur 24th Dec: 6.30 carols 7pm Mass
11.30 carols Midnight mass
Fri 25th Dec: 8am & 10am.
3rd Sunday of Advent. Third candle – the candle of joy.

Priest: As we begin the third week of advent, we anticipate Christmas, and so we ask Christ to grant us his grace, that we might be prepared for His coming.
All: Thanks be to God.
(Third candle is lit)

Priest: Incline your ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech you. And make bright this darkness of our minds, by the grace of your visitation.
All: Amen.

Parish Units: New contact person for our Units is Mr. Mark Dunne, 0429 017 333, email address: mark.dunne@vmch.com.au. Please contact him for further details if interested.

Christmas raffle: Set aside a few coins for our Christmas raffle. $1.00 a ticket. Raffle will be drawn after 10am mass on Sunday 20th December.

Handmade cards: On sale now at $3.00 each. Available from the church foyer.
Anointing of the sick: This Sunday. All masses.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal December 2015: Over the next few weeks, we are asking for your assistance in supplying non-perishable goods for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Groceries (with a long use by date please) and other toys may be left under the Christmas tree next weekend. We ask that they be left there on or before Sunday 13th December. The hampers will be distributed during the week beginning 14th December 2015. Please place all donations under the Christmas tree, thank you.
There are envelopes in the foyer if you prefer to donate money. Please put your donation on the collection plate in a Vinnie’s envelope or clearly marked to go to Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Also in the foyer are tags for groceries. Vinnies are requesting to make up Christmas hampers.

Store Volunteers St Vincent de Paul Society: At present SVDP is experiencing a substantial need for volunteers to assist for periods of time in their 2 local Vinnie’s stores at Briar Hill and Heidelberg West. They have positions available for volunteers who wish to involve themselves in the great works the stores do for SVDP Society. There is flexibility for volunteers to do half days only, full single days or multiple days. There are needs especially in the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Both stores would especially welcome more men volunteers to join our teams in both stores. Please make contact with Fr Terry on 9462 1221 if you can help out.

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