Dear Parents & Families,

Last Thursday three of our FIRE Carriers visited St Pius X Primary School to further their knowledge on Aboriginal perspectives. Together, the two groups designed and began their Art work to be displayed in each school. Some photos of the session are included in today's newsletter.

**PREP 2016**

The last Orientation Session for Prep 2016 is tomorrow, December 8, from 9.30am – 11.00am. Our new Preps have settled in very well and have already experienced many aspects of school life.

**YEAR 5/6 @ FUNFIELDS**

This Wednesday our Year 5/6 students have their end of year excursion to Funfields at Whittlesea. The weather looks great for the day and everyone is looking forward to the trip.

**OLW STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS**

This Thursday, all students will be taking part in the telling of the story of the first Christmas which will be held in the Church at 7.00pm. Our students have been practising the songs, and we have selected students from each class to act out the story. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**REPORTS DISTRIBUTED**

It is planned that End of Year Reports will be distributed to families this Friday. Included with the Report will be your child’s 2016 Booklist with instructions on how to complete your order online.

**GRADUATION MASS & SUPPER**

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper is being held next Monday, December 14, commencing with Mass at 7.00pm. 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.

**2016 CLASSES**

Year 1 – Year 6 students will meet their 2016 teacher on 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.

**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.

**END OF YEAR DISMISSAL**

As you would be aware, Wednesday December 16 is the last day students attend school this year. We will be finishing at our regular time of 3.30pm on this day.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

All prizes are on display at the school office, with tickets just $1 each. If you require more tickets, please let the office know as tickets are selling fast!

Enjoy the last full school week!

*Kevin Burke*

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

On Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9, Thursday 10 and Friday 11 at 3.30 p.m. there will be a second hand uniform sale outside the staff office. All items selling at $5.00 each.
SCHOOL BANKING

This Wednesday, 9th December, will be the final opportunity to get your school banking in for the year.

You have done a fantastic job with your weekly banking and I am happy to see you are well on your way to achieving your banking goals!

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 CROSSING

Wishing everyone at Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes to the Year 6 on their Graduation Night and for the future.
Judy Besedin
School Supervisor (Lollipop Lady)

ST JOHN’S FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS

On Wednesday November 18, the St John’s Ambulance Service came to Our Lady of the Way to teach the students first aid. The older students learned how to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It was lots of fun. We also learned about the DRS and ABCD:

D for danger  A for airway
R for response  B for breathing
S for send for help  C for CPR
D for defibrillation

A way to remember the triple zero phone number is to make an ‘ok’ sign with your thumb and index finger; the circle is the zero and the three fingers sticking up remind us about triple zero. There was also different techniques to doing CPR. We didn’t realise that there were different ways to perform CPR on different aged people. It was a lot more tiring than we expected!

By Kaleb and Kimmy

OLW 2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

TUE 8  PREP 2016 ORIENTATION
WED 9  YEAR 5/6 @ FUNFIELDS
THUR 10  THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS AT 7.00 P.M.
FRI 11  REPORTS DISTRIBUTED
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

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)
Combined FIRE Carriers session with St Pius

Senior students learning CPR
Claim up to $1000 dental treatment every 2 years via Medicare

What is Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)?
CDBS is a new Medicare funded programme that allows for up to $1000 basic dental treatment over a 2 year period for eligible 2-17 year olds.

Am I eligible?
2-17 year olds are eligible if they receive Family Tax Benefit A or other relevant Australian Government payments.

Where can my children be treated?
Children can be treated at over 80 dental clinics across Victoria.

What dental treatments can be claimed?
Check-ups, fissure sealants, cleaning, fillings, x-rays, extractions, root canals. Benefits exclude orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and services provided in a hospital operating theatre.

Do I need to pay anything?
No, you will not have any out-of-pocket costs when your children are treated in a public dental clinic. All public dental clinics bulk bill treatments.

For more CDBS information you can visit humanservices.gov.au

To book an appointment today contact your nearest local clinic:
Darebin Community Health
PANCH Preston: 9485 9000
East Reservoir: 8470 1111
Northcote: 9403 1200

For more clinics and public dental information visit www.dhsv.org.au

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Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin
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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: 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, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Readers for Sunday Mass
6th Dec 6pm L Lipson 8am C Nguyen 10am E McGoon
13th Dec 6pm E Almeida 8am M Brown 10am B Hayes

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6th Dec 6pm M Cusack 10am I Lowe
13th Dec 6pm K Zanini 10am D Grant

OLW Church Cleaning Roster
12th Dec J McGoon, T McGree, Tracy
26th Dec Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster
6th Dec Christina Sant
13th Dec Pia Matthews

2nd Dec Church Account $1387.50
Presbytery Account $725.00

2nd Sunday of Advent. Second candle – the candle of peace.

Priest: May our hearts be filled with peace as you hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, who told of one who would be born, the Prince of Peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Candle is lit.)

Priest: Let us pray: Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God’s love.
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.

Handmade cards: On sale now at $3.00 each. Available from the church foyer.

Anointing of the sick: 3rd Sunday of Advent. All Masses. 12th Dec 6pm Mass, 13th Dec 8am and 10am Mass.

Blessing of the Archway: On December 12th at 6pm mass, Father Terry will bless the Archway. All are welcome to attend.

Our Parish will have a special doorway to celebrate this year of Mercy. Also, there shall be a lot more things happening in our parish. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and notice boards for information on upcoming events.

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 Wed, Thurs, Frid and Sat. Both stores would especially welcome more men volunteers to join our teams. Please make contact with Fr Terry on 9462 1221 if you can help out.

Bilingual:
I’m learning the new dialect, that’s very politically correct.
So I will never cause offence and sit politely on the fence.
Amending every word I think so I won’t cause a nasty stink,
Repressed, compliant and precise, insincere and very nice,
A most insipid little spook, speaking fluent gobbledygook.

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