

Dear Parents & Families,

It has come to our attention that some children are being dropped off at the Link St park very early in the morning, sometimes prior to 8.00am, and they play there until close to school time. For your child's safety and wellbeing, I wish to actively discourage this from occurring. Although this is a small and caring community, to leave a primary age child at the park without adult supervision for such a long period of time places your child at an unnecessary risk. The Before School Program is the safest place for your child to be if you need to get to work early. FEBRUARY SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all our classes for a fabulous effort in this year's Silver Coin Challenge. A total of \$1,225 was raised, with Year 3/4 winning by a narrow margin over Year 4/5. We will now organise their hot chip lunch in the coming weeks.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Congratulations to all our students who were elected House Captain, House FIRE Carrier or Vice Captain, SRC Representative. These are very important roles within the school and give the students a real opportunity to help shape OLW and have a positive impact on the activities of the school.

PLAY AREAS

The softfall mulch was blown in last Friday to bring our redeveloped play areas closer to completion, and were an instant hit with the children. We are still waiting for one more piece of equipment to arrive from overseas and this will complete the bottom of the oval area.

We are currently receiving quotes for the refurbishment of our three green shelters along the side of the oval and hope to have this project completed before winter.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TRIALS

The District Athletics Competition is at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium this Wednesday, March 8. We have 46 students representing OLW and wish all our competitors and teams the best of luck in their events. Parents are most welcome to join us throughout the day and support their children.

OPEN EVENING

OLW is holding an Open Evening and Guided Tours for prospective and current families on Wednesday, March 15, from 4.00pm - 6.00pm. **Our School** Captains will be hosting the tours of the school whilst our staff will be available in their learning spaces. Information has been distributed to the local Kinders, but please feel free to let other people know about the evening. We currently have 22 applications for next year and we have a limit of 25, so if your child is 4 year old Kinder, please collect an Enrolment Form as soon as possible as places are limited.

NEW PARENT HELPER TRAINING

All new parents who wish to assist in our Literacy Sessions in 2017 are required to attend two training sessions. The first session, focusing on assisting children learning to Read and will be held this Wednesday March 8 from 9.00am -10.30am. The second session will focus on assisting children with learning to Write and will be held on Wednesday March 22 from 9.00am – 10.30am.

These sessions are for new parent helpers to the school who may wish to assist in the classroom in 2017. As part of these sessions, we will also work with each parent to complete the necessary documentation to meet the new Child Safe Standards for Volunteers that effective from the became commencement of the 2017 school year. This will ensure that all our volunteers will meet the standards under this new Ministerial Order.

Have a great week, and best of luck to all our competitors on Wednesday!

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017 Here are some important dates for students who are participating in the Sacramental Program this year.

First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) for all Year 3 students who have been Baptised in the Catholic Church will take place on Sunday 21st May at 11:30am. The Commitment Mass for this Sacrament will take place on Sunday 26th March at the 10:00am parish Mass. All students receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist are expected to attend this Commitment Mass.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 students will take place on Friday 15th September at 7:00pm. The Commitment Mass for this Sacrament will take place on Sunday 20th August at 10:00am.

The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) for Year 2 students will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 7:00pm. The Commitment Mass for this Sacrament will take place on Sunday 29th October at 10:00am.

Catherine Laycock (Religious Education Leader)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our Lady of the Way school photo day will be next **TUESDAY MARCH 14. Full Summer uniform is to be worn.**

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO FORMS have been sent home today.

If you require FAMILY PHOTO FORMS (all your children photograph together) please contact the office.

OLW 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH				
MON 6	SWIMMING			
TUE 7	SPORTING SCHOOLS			
	PROGRAM			
WED 8	DISTRICT ATHLETICS			
	NEW HELPER TRAINING			
MON 13	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY			
TUE 14	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY			
	SPORTING SCHOOLS			
	PROGRAM			
WED 15	FIRE CARRIER DAY			
MON 20	SWIMMING			
TUE 21	SPORTING SCHOOLS			
	PROGRAM			
WED 22	NEW HELPER TRAINING			
THUR 23	SWIMMING			
SUN 26	FIRST EUCHARIST			
	COMMITMENT MASS			
TUE 28	LENTEN PARALITURGY -			
	PREP & YR 1/2			
	SPORTING SCHOOLS			
	PROGRAM			
WED 29	LENTEN PARALITURGY –			
	YR 4/5N & 5/6M			
THUR 30	LENTEN PARALITURGY –			
	YR1/2P & 3/4M			

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEW/S FEBRUARY SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 for raising the most money. All grades did an amazing job and we are very grateful for your support!

ICY POLES

Icy poles will be sold during lunchtime on MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS for Term 1. The cost of an icy pole is 50 cents.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will be every Wednesday during the school term. All bank books and new applications can be sent to the office every Wednesday.



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Pancake Day

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Last Tuesday the Year 1&2's celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making their own pancakes. Below is a recount written by a Year 1 student about his experiences of the day. There are also some photos of the day for you to enjoy

On Shrove Tuesday, the Year 1&2 classes made pancakes. We put the ingredients into a bowl. There was sugar, flour, egg and milk. We whisked it up and then we cooked it in the hall. We waited for our pancakes to be ready to eat. We were super happy. I love Shrove Tuesday and I love eating pancakes. ~ Sheehan, 1/2G







Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin Tel: 9462 1221 School Tel: 9460 6684 Email: terrybergin1@bigpond.com 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: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my strength.

Readers for Sunday Mass

5 th Mar	брт L Lipson	8am C Nguyen	10am A Petrucco
12 th Mar	6pm E Almeida	8am P Hearity	10am I Lowe

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5 th Mar	6pm M Nolan	10am J Aroquianadin
12 th Mar	6pm M Martin	10am D Grant

OLW Church Cleaning Roster

11th Mar J McGoon, T McGree, D M Loriega, D I Corsa Me 25th Mar Professional Cleaners

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster

12 th Mar	Phil Tobey
19 th Mar	Margaret Sullivan

01 st Mar	Church Account	\$1171.00
	Presbytery Account	\$767.00

Parish Lunch: Wednesday March 29th at "Coopers" Plenty Rd Bundoora. 12.00 noon. Please add your name to the list, located in the foyer. All welcome. This month's luncheon was terrific, including a special lunch menu. Grateful thanks to Margaret.

Rose Marie Prosser: Starting this Wednesday at 10.45. During the Lenten season this year Rose Marie will be having discussions with us on how our image of God has changed over the years and how we all have a different life story to tell because we are on our own journey. This is a general guide for the discussion during the month of March. So, on Wednesday the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March 10.45 in the foyer, Rose Marie will be with is once again. All are welcome.

Project Compassion: Boxes and envelopes are now available in the foyer.

The word made flesh.

In the Gospel of Saint John we read:

The Word became flesh; he came to dwell among us...through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him. All that came to be was alive with his life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines on in the dark, and the darkness has never quenched it.

Look steadily at the *darkness*. It won't be long before you see the light. Gaze at things. It won't be long before you see the Word.

The word became flesh; he came to dwell among us...

And stop those frantic efforts to change flesh back into words. Words, words, words!

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