



OLW NEWS 2017

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Beginning of Year Mass last Friday, it was great to have you share in this celebration. It was also a wonderful opportunity to farewell Fr Jim and thank him for all that he has done for our community.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will be every Wednesday during the school term. Banking will commence this Wednesday, February 15. All bank books and new applications can be sent on this day and then every Wednesday. Please see the attached flyer in today's newsletter.

EDUCATION BOARD

Our Education Board is an important body who support the work of the school and provide advice to the Principal and Parish Priest on school matters. At the end of 2016 one member concluded their time on the Board as their children have now finished primary school. Therefore, we are seeking 1 new member for the Board for a period of tenure of up to 3 years.

If there is more than 1 nomination then this will need to go to a vote of the school community.

To give you some idea of the work and responsibilities of the Board, I have included some information in today's newsletter. Some of the main purposes and responsibilities of the Board are:

- to act as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education;
- to provide a link between the parish priest, principal, teachers and parishioners in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the parish community;
- to promote community development;
- to promote the Catholic ethos of the school and to support the Religious Education programs;
- to provide advice on school policies when required, to plan for the future of

the parish primary school and its ability to accommodate future enrolments.

Some of the key qualities and skills for members of boards are:

- Commitment to Catholic education in the parish and school
- Commitment to the vision and mission of the parish and school
- An understanding of the role of parish priest, principal and board members
- Willingness to ask questions and seek clarification
- Ability to think strategically
- Willingness to support the contributions of other board members
- Capacity to listen in an active and meaningful way
- Willingness to work co-operatively with others
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times.

Our Meeting dates for 2017 are: March 22, May 10, June 14, August 2, September 6, and November 15.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please complete the response form attached, and return it to the school office by Friday February 26.

OPEN EVENING

Our Lady of the Way 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 is being distributed to the local Kinders, but please feel free to let other people know about the evening. A flyer is included in today's newsletter. We currently have 14 applications for next year so if your child is 4 year old Kinder, please collect an Enrolment Form as soon as possible as places are limited.

Have a great week!

Kevin Burke

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Students from Year 1 – 6 will also be attending the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 1st at 10.00am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent and is a very important time in the Church year. All families are most welcome to join us in celebrating this Mass.

2017 FAMILY SCHOOL FEES

2017 FAMILY SCHOOL FEE will be:
\$1350.00 per family.

The breakdown of the Fee is:-

FAMILY FEE \$1200.00

REFURBISHMENT \$100.00

WORKING BEE \$50.00

(Please note that \$50.00 will still be refunded if families attend at least one Working Bee during the year.)

STUDENT LEVY FEE

In 2017 the Student Levy per child will be \$380.00

The Levy cost covers programs such as the swimming program, excursions, incursions, Phys Ed equipment and Art materials etc.

As always, families are able to pay by direct deposit, credit card, eftpos, cash or cheque. Families who wish to set up a payment plan are most welcome to contact the school office to organise this with Anna. Banking details are listed below for those who wish to use internet banking. Please include your eldest child's full name as the reference.

School Banking Details:

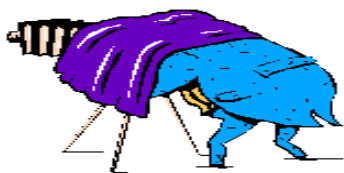
Bank: National Australia Bank Ltd

BSB: 083 347

Account No: 691378781

If you have any concerns with the school fees or payments, please let the office know so that an appointment can be arranged with the principal.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



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

BE SUNSMART – WEAR A HAT!

The School Hat must be worn during Term 1 and in Term 4.

Children who do not have a school hat are required to sit under the verandah at recess and lunchtime, in line with our Sunsmart Policy.

CSEF - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.

Please complete the attached application form and return to the office with your concession card no later than February 29th.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

FEBRUARY SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

To start the year off we will be running our Silver Coin Classroom fundraising challenge in the month of February. Bring to school all the 5, 10 and 20 cent pieces you have been saving or collecting.

The class who raises the most money will receive the perpetual trophy and a free hot chip lunch. Many grades have made a great start this year, with some over one-third full already! Who will be the winning classroom this year?

ICY POLES

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

BEFORE / AFTER CARE REPLY SLIP:

Please return this reply slip before

Wednesday, February 15.

Yes, my child / children will use the after school care / before school care on:

PLEASE TICK (✓)

MONDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
TUESDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
WEDNESDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
THURSDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
FRIDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....

FAMILY SURNAME:

CHIKD/REN:

SIGNATURE:

OLW 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR**FEBRUARY**

MON 13	SWIMMING
TUE 14	SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM BEGINS
WED 15	PARENT HELPER REFRESHER TRAINING
FRI 17	MUSIC LESSONS BEGIN
MON 20	SWIMMING
TUE 21	SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
MON 27	SWIMMING
TUE 28	SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

MARCH

WED 1	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 10.00AM
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
WED 15	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

LITERACY NEWS**PARENT HELPER REFRESHER TRAINING**

All currently trained parent helpers who wish to assist in our Literacy Sessions in 2015 are required to attend a Refresher training session this Wednesday, February 15, from 9.00 – 10.30am.

NEW PARENT HELPER TRAINING

New Parent Helper Training commences on Wednesday March 8 and continues on Wednesday March 22 from 9.00 – 10.30am. Any parents who would like to assist in the classroom need to attend the two sessions.

If Parents are unable to attend the Refresher or New Parent Training sessions in Term 1, a second round of sessions will be repeated early in term 2 on dates to be advised. Please complete the response form attached to today's newsletter if you wish to be a Parent Helper in 2017.

Allison Luff (Literacy Leader)

**PARENT HELPER TRAINING
RESPONSE FORM****Refresher Training:**

I _____ will be attending the Parent Helper Refresher Training on Wednesday February 15.

Eldest child's name _____

Eldest child's grade _____

Contact No: _____

New Parent Helpers:

I _____ will be attending the New Parent Helper Program on Wednesday March 8 & March 22.

Eldest child's name _____

Eldest child's grade _____

Contact No: _____

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

ENROLMENT:

The enrolment process is now available through the OLW school website at:

<http://www.olwkingbury.catholic.edu.au/location-and-contacts/20/p/before-after-school-care/>

Families can download the **My Family Lounge** app from the itunes store or google play store and book their children in using the MyLounge app.

The link for the website is:

<https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/webui/Account/Embeddable/?databaseId=708>

EDUCATION BOARD NOMINATION

Name: _____

Contact Phone No: _____

I wish to nominate for a position on the Our Lady of the Way Parish Education Board.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland

The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Australian residents aged 4–13 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CBA YouthSaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking' program. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11.59pm AEST 20/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw: 13/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEST 11/1/17. Winner in The Australian 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTP2/16/07009, ACT TP16/01720, SA 116/1500.

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____





PAYING SCHOOL FEES ELECTRONICALLY

How does it work?

Direct Debiting allows the Catholic Development Fund (CDF), on behalf of your School, to deduct periodically from your account an agreed amount to cover your School Fees and Levies.

Benefits to You

CDF believes that this will assist families with the difficult task of budgeting for annual school fees and charges. One less major bill to worry about and it is free. It can save you time, money and hassles. No more problems with cheques left in school bags or the worry of sending cash.

Benefits to School

Transmission occurs automatically and is secure as no cash changes hands. The process of counting and banking funds will be greatly reduced, assisting school administration. CDF guarantees complete confidentiality on behalf of your School.

How to Apply

- Complete the attached **Authorisation form (Part "A")** and **Direct Debit Request form**.
- Sign both forms and return to the School office.
- The School will complete **Part "B"** and forward all completed forms to CDF (allow 14 days for CDF processing).

Variations

If you wish to alter the amount being transferred or cancel the authority, just advise your school.

Normal bank charges may apply, eg. dishonour fees if you have insufficient funds in your bank account.

(You will need to contact your bank or financial institution to establish if your account is suitable for direct debiting to occur. Credit card accounts and Passbook accounts are not suitable for direct debiting with CDF.)

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AUTHORISATION FORM

☐ New Authority ☐ Amendment (please ✓ appropriate box)

Part "A" (Parent to complete)

Date / /

I/We authorise the Catholic Development Fund to arrange for debiting the account, as described in the **Direct Debit Request form** with the sum of \$ (minimum transaction amount \$20.00).

☐ weekly ☐ fortnightly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly
(please ✓ preferred option.)

commencing / / (allow 14 days)

until / /

Sign here

Sign here

(For joint accounts, two signatures are required)

Part "B" (School to complete)

Date / /

The above amount to be credited to:

School CDF Account No.

School CDF Account Name

SF No. (Debtor Number)

Parent's Name

DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST

Request and Authority to debit the account named below to pay the Catholic Development Fund

Request and Authority to debit	Surname or Company name Given names or ACN/ABN (You)
Insert name and address of financial institution at which account is held	request and authorize the Catholic Development Fund (Lic ID 111990) to arrange for any amount the Catholic Development Fund may debit or charge you to be debited through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System from an account held at the financial institution identified below subject to the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (and any further instructions provided below)
Insert details of account to be debited	Financial Institution Name: Address: Name of Account: BSB Number: Account Number:
Acknowledgment	By signing this Direct Debit Request you acknowledge having read and understood the terms and conditions governing the debit arrangements between you and the Catholic Development Fund as set out in this Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.
Insert your signature(s) and address	Signature: Print Name: Signature: Print Name: Signature: Print Name: Signature: Print Name: Address: Date: / /



OUR LADY OF THE WAY KINGSBURY

School Tours & Open Evening

Wednesday March 15 2017
4.00pm to 6.00pm

Everyone is most welcome to come along and:

- Meet our friendly Staff
- Meet our Student Leaders
- Tour the School and view all Classrooms, Specialist Areas and our grounds.
- Collect an Enrolment Pack



Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083



Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin
Email: terrybergin1@bigpond.com

Tel: 9462 1221

School Tel: 9460 6684

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: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Readers for Sunday Mass

12 th Feb	6pm J Glover	8am B Bowlen	10am J Hubber
19 th Feb	6pm E Nguyen	8am M Brown	10am G Haridass

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

12 th Feb	6pm L Gangi	10am N Buchan
19 th Feb	6pm K Zanini	10am N George Swamy

OLW Church Cleaning Roster

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

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster

19 th Feb	Joan Fothergill
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1 st Feb	Church Account	\$975.50
	Presbytery Account	\$660.00

Parish Lunch: Wednesday Feb 22nd at “Coopers” Plenty Rd Bundoora. 12.00 noon.

Open day Parade College: Sunday 19th Feb

10am - 2pm Preston Campus, 8 Clifton Grove

11am – 3pm Bundoora Campus, 1436 Plenty Rd.

Open Day registration via – www.parade.vic.edu.au

Fr Jim Kierce's retirement:

Father Jim has decided it's the right time to go into full time care, initially at Justin Villa, North Balwyn, then to Little Sisters of The Poor, Northcote.

Jim has been with Kingsbury for 13 years and he celebrates his 91st birthday next Tuesday, Valentines Day. Happy birthday Jim!

His time with us has been a blessing for our community: offering Mass during the week and on the weekends, and joining the people for morning tea.

His wise advice to me personally, his friendship, and example of living his priestly life has been exemplary.

This desire to serve in a Parish as long as he was able led to the respect and love we all have for him.

Being the oldest living priest in the diocese, he has done great service for the priesthood.

Kingsbury Parish is having a farewell morning tea for Fr Jim, after 10am Mass on Sunday 12th March, 2017. All are welcome.

Thank you Jim.

Justin Villa: 2 Caravan St, Balwyn Ph: 9816 0111 (office)

Little Sisters of the Poor: 112B St Georges Rd Northcote Ph: 9489 8444.

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