



OLW NEWS 2017

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Dear Parents & Families,

Congratulations to our House Captains, House Vice - Captains, SRC Representatives and FIRE Carriers who were presented with their badges at Assembly today. These students will play a vital role in the development of student leadership across the school.

SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

The Silver Coin Challenge ends tomorrow and we now have two classes who are on to their second container so if you want your class to be the winner, then tomorrow is your last chance to bring in any coins!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TRIALS

Team Selection of our District Athletics Team is now complete and the students are training for their particular events. Permission forms will be sent home this week for all students who will represent OLW in the District Athletics Competition at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium on Wednesday March 8.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, students from Year 1- 6 will be attending the Parish Ash Wednesday Mass at 10.00am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is promoted as a day of fasting and abstinence by the Church.

Guidelines state those who have completed their eighteenth year and have not begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast, and all who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. Although our students are not bound to fast or abstain, the staff will talk with the children about the ways that they can prepare themselves for celebration of Easter.

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. A flyer is included in today's newsletter. We currently have 18 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 on 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.

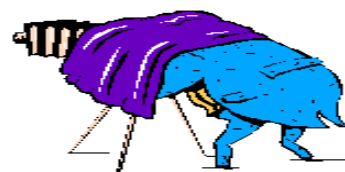
These sessions are for new parent helpers to the school who may wish to assist in the classroom in 2017.

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 became effective from the 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!

Kevin Burke

SCHOOL PHOTOS



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday March 1st is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The Season of Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter (not including Sundays) and is a time of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday is the day for us to take stock of our spiritual lives and we are encouraged to attend Mass on this day in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. As Lent begins, we should set out specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them—for instance receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To celebrate the beginning of Lent all students from Year 1 to Year 6 will attend Mass Ash Wednesday at 10:00am. All parents and family members are warmly invited to attend this special celebration.

During the liturgy, the ashes which give Ash Wednesday its name will be distributed. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.

The distribution of ashes, is a tangible reminder of our own need to focus on being better people. Through acts of penance comes a change of heart – a coming back to God.

Catherine Laycock
Religious Education Leader

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

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.

Completed application form with your concession card must be at the office no later than February 29th.

OLW 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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 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 1/2G SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
WED 29 LENTEN PARALITURGY – YR 4/5N & 5/6M
THUR 30 LENTEN PARALITURGY – YR1/2P & 3/4M

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FEBRUARY SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

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. Who will be the winning classroom this year?

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.



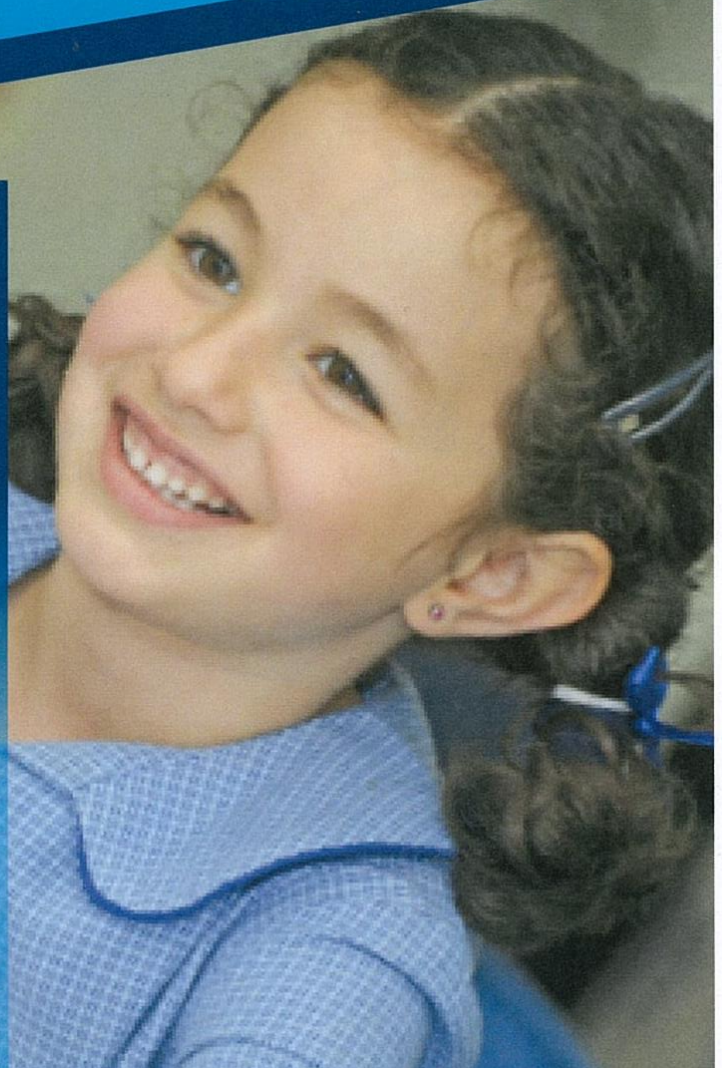
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School Tours & Open Evening

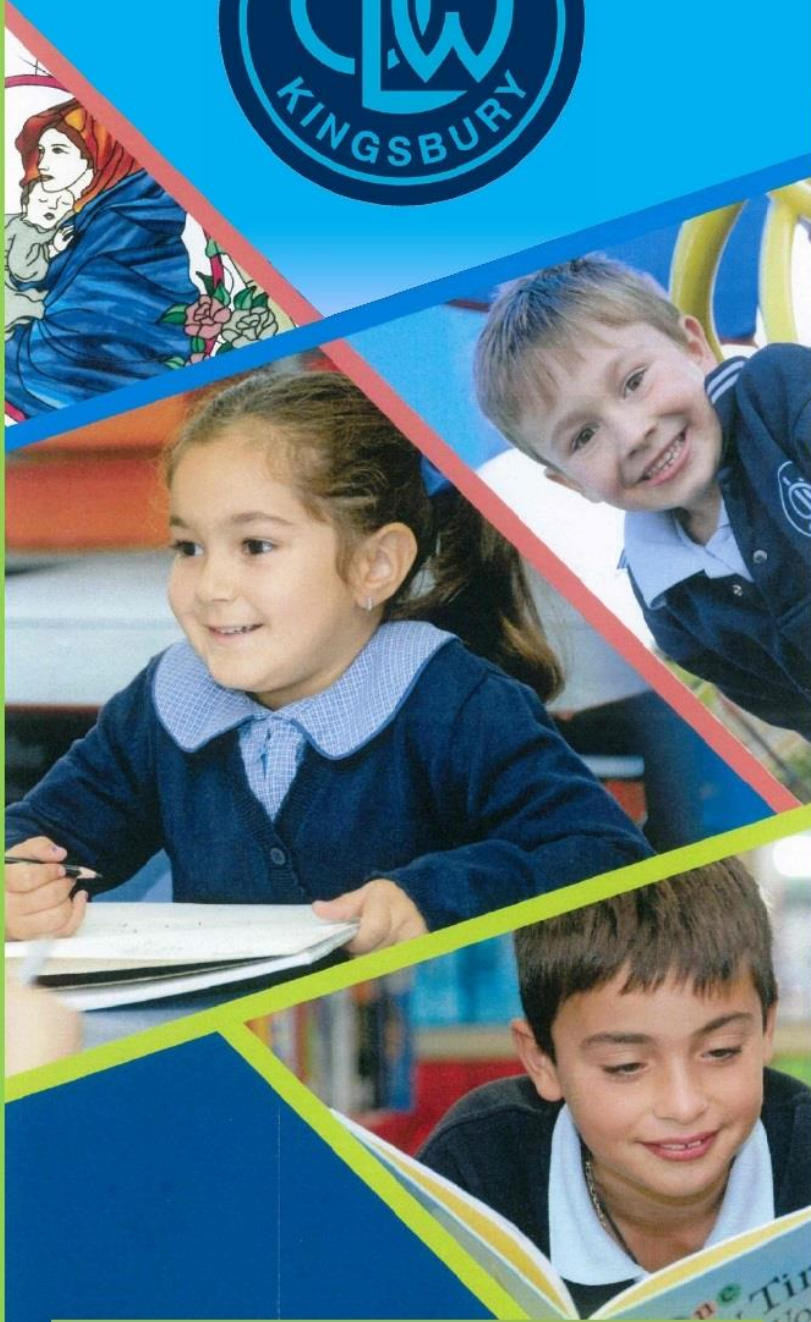
Wednesday March 15 2017
4.00pm to 6.00pm

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



Prep 2018 Information Night



SCHOOL TOURS
THURSDAY APRIL 27 &
THURSDAY MAY 4 @ 9.15AM

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
THURSDAY MAY 11

Thursday March 30 @ 7.00pm

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083



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

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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 became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Communion Antiphon: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, o God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Readers for Sunday Mass

26 th Feb	6pm J Conway	8am K McGrath	10am A Fernandez
5 th March	6pm L Lipson	8am C Nguyen	10am A Petrucco

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

26 th Feb	6pm E Gleeson	10am B Hayes
5 th Mar	6pm M Nolan	10am J Aroquianadin

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

5 th Mar	Lan
12 th Mar	Phil Tobey

22 nd Feb	Church Account	\$1126.00
	Presbytery Account	\$822.00

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: 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 us once again. All are welcome.

Phone No: Father Jim can be contacted on 9816 0115 whilst at Justin Villa.

Lent: begins next Wednesday, 1st March. The distribution of ashes masses will be at 10am and 7pm Wednesday.

The Temple Bells:

The temple was built on an island and it held a thousand bells. Bells big and small, fashioned by the finest craftsmen in the world. When the wind blew or a storm raged, all the bells would peal out in a symphony that would send the heart of the hearer into raptures.

But over the centuries the island sank into the sea and, with it, the temple bells. An ancient legend said that the bells continued to peal out, ceaselessly, and could be heard by anyone who would listen. Inspired by this legend, a young man travelled thousands of miles, determined to hear those bells. He sat for days on the shore, facing the vanished island, and he listened with all his might. But all he could hear was the sound of the sea. He made every effort to block it out. But to no avail; the sound of the sea seemed to flood the world.

He kept at his task for weeks. Each time he got disheartened he would listen to the village pundits, who spoke with uncton of the mysterious legend.

Then his heart would be aflame...only to become discouraged again when weeks of further effort yielded no results.

Finally he decided to give up the attempt. Perhaps he was not destined to hear the bells. Perhaps the legend was not true. It was his final day, and he went to the shore to say goodbye to the sea and the sky and the wind and the coconut trees. He lay on the sand, and for the first time, listened to the sound of the sea. Soon he was so lost in the sound that he was barely conscious of himself, so deep was the silence that the sound produced.

In the depth of that silence, he heard it! The tinkle of a tiny bell followed by another, and another and another...and soon every one of the thousand temple bells was pealing out in harmony, and his heart was rapt in joyous ecstasy.

Do you wish to hear the temple bells? Listen to the sound of the sea.

Do you wish to catch a glimpse of God? Look intently at creation.

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