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**Dear Parents & Families,** 

Thank you to all the families who attended our Christmas Concert last Wednesday evening. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and it was great chance to come together and showcase the skills of our students with some beautiful singing and dramatization of the story of the first Christmas. Thank you also to all the staff worked with the students to learn the songs and be prepared for the evening.

### **END OF YEAR REPORTS**

End of Year Reports were distributed last Friday. Included in the Report envelope will be an information sheet on how to place your child's Booklist order for 2020 so that families have the opportunity place their orders before Christmas. Please read through the information carefully as some items purchased in previous years, such as an art smock or pencils, can now be brought back at the commencement of next year and only need purchasing if new items are required.

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the P&F mega Christmas Raffle that was drawn last Wednesday evening. With over \$2,000 in prizes, we have some families that will be enjoying some wonderful extra gifts this Christmas! Thank you to all our sponsors for their very generous donations that made our raffle such a success!

### **GRADUATION MASS & SUPPER**

Our Year 6 Graduation Mass and Supper is being held tonight, 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 ask that each family bring a plate of food to share for supper in the Hall.

#### 2020 CLASSES

Year 1 – Year 6 students will spend a session with their 2020 class on Wednesday December 18. On this day the students will spend an hour or so working with their new cohort and will also bring home booking information for the **Beginning of Year Testing.** 

### **END OF YEAR DISMISSAL**

The 2019 school year closes on Wednesday December 19 at 3.30pm. Classes for the 2020 school year will commence for all students on Monday February 3 as Wednesday January 29 and Thursday January 30 will be Testing Days for students in Years 1 – 6, and Friday January 31 will be a School Closure Day as part of our School Review Process which is taking place in 2020.

I would especially like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication in 2019. It has been another exciting year with many outstanding achievements, and 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

### WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that decorate means 'make something look more attractive by adding extra items or images to it'.

Our word for this week is:

### IMMINENT

Find out it's meaning and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!



## KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

### LATELY AT OSHC...

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at OSHC! After talking about what Christmas means to each of us, we got to work creating extra decorations to add to Christmas displays both here and at home. So far we've made Christmas cards, splattered wrapping paper, and salt dough ornaments to hang on our trees. We're also celebrating the festive season with cooking activities and music, and we can't wait to watch the ultimate Christmas movie, Home Alone, on Friday!

Our Junior Leader this week is Roan for a great improvement in his willingness to help out, especially at pack up time. Well done Roan, we hope you will keep this up when you return from your overseas adventure!

Don't forget, bookings are now open for our Summer Holiday Program. We're excited to be heading off on some fun excursions to IMAX, Zone Bowling and Bounce (just to name a few!) and having fun at school with the Ultimate Games video game bus, karate lessons, messy play, Junior MasterChef and more. Please arrange your bookings as soon as possible via My Family Lounge or our paper booking form. We hope to see you there!

To all the Grade 6s, good luck as you venture off to high school! To those who we won't be seeing over the holidays, we hope you have a lovely Christmas with your families and friends and look forward to seeing you in 2020.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Toast and cereal	Toast and cereal	Raisin toast	Toast and cereal	Pikelets
AFTERNOON TEA	Yogurt, fruit and granola	Breadstick toasties	Scones	Tomato pasta	Popcorn
ACTIVITY 1	Salt dough ornament making	Cooking: Candy cane brownies	Robot building	Cooking: Melted snowman biscuits	Movie: Home Alone
ACTIVITY 2	Boot camp	Waspital tiggy	Bug catching	Tail tiggy	Poison ball
FREE PLAY IDEAS	Draw a portrait,	do a word search, cop	oy your favourite recip	oe, play Twister, make a	Christmas card.

### Sacramental Dates for 2020.

### First Eucharist (Year 3)

Commitment Mass Sunday 3rd May at 10:00am The Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 31st May at 11:30am

### **Confirmation (Year 6)**

Commitment Mass Sunday 21st June 10:00am The Sacrament of Confirmation Thursday 23rd July at 5:00pm

### **Reconciliation** (Year 2)

Commitment Mass Sunday 18th October 10:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday 17th November at 7:00pm

### OLW CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve (24/12)

- 6.30pm Carols
- 7.00pm Children's Mass
- 10.00pm Mass

Christmas Day (25/12) - 8.00am

- 10.00am



## SUMMER 2020 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



New enrolments welcome! To enquire, please contact the program on 9462-2354 or via email: oshc.kingsbury.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

# "Come & play footy with us" REGISTRATION DAY



## Saturday 8th February 2020 10am - 2pm

- U/9 Tackers to U/17s
- Friday Night Auskick
- Girls u/14s, u/16s & u/18s

For more information contact: CRAIG MARTIN 0433 330 790

**Bundoora Park Thunderbolts Junior Football Club** Bundoora Park Oval - Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2020**

Grades 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6 commence Swimming on Tuesday February 4. Please note that this is day 2 of Term 1. Year Prep and 1/2 will undertake their swimming program in Term 4. *Details and Permission Forms for the Term 1 swimming program will go live on Care Monkey on Thursday December 19.* 





## Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083



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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice indeed, the Lord is near.

*Communion Antiphon:* Say to the faint of heart; Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our god will come, and he will save us.

### **Readers for Sunday Mass**

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm É Almeida	8am M Browne	10am E Fredericks
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6pm J Wild	8am C Nguyen	10am M McIntosh

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm L Gangi & Volunteer required	10am M Leonard & Volunteer required
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	6pm E Gleeson & Volunteer required	10am A Crupi & H Oipenda

### **OLW Church Cleaning Roster**

21<sup>st</sup> Dec **Professional Cleaners** 

### **OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster**

15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Heidi Olpenda
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Margaret Sullivan
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11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Church Account	\$1210.00
	Presbytery Account	\$714.00

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: 6pm mass. Please remember Jean Georgesz on her anniversary. Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10am mass. Please remember Cath Mortell on her anniversary.

### Christmas dates & times:

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: Rite of Reconciliation 7pm.

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: Carols 6.30pm. Mass 7pm & 10pm

Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: Mass 8am and 10am

Our Parish could do with more help with the readings and extraordinary ministers for Holy Communion. Please see Fr Terry or Dorothy if you wish to take on one of these roles.

### *Third Sunday of Advent:* Parishioners light third candle, the candle of Joy.

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Reflection...grateful praise.

My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long. Psalm 71:18 How often are our mouths filled with praise? It is much easier to fill them with complaints. Any one of us can offer a laundry list of things that are wrong in our life. It can be much harder to find the good. Today, let us make an effort to do just that. Let us thank God for all the blessings in our life. Instead of simply bringing our needs to God, let us also praise him for his goodness and kindness. As we pray for relief from the inevitable aches and pains that accompany us as we age, let us also be grateful for the bountiful years we have enjoyed in this beautiful world that he created. We can also praise God by praising the good in others. At this time of the year, many are tired from all of their holiday or work preparations. A kind word can make all the difference in a person's day. Dear God, help me to always remember to praise you and give you thanks always. I ask this question, who do you know who could use some praise today or maybe during this month of Christmas? May the flame of my prayer rise to heaven, like incense on the wind, and may the angels and all the saints hear my prayer, and circle round in wisdom and joy, Amen.

### Vinnies Appeal: How can a hungry child celebrate Christmas?

"Little children, let us not love in the word or talk but in deed and truth". I John 3-18. Supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal is one way to show our love with deeds. It is support needed to assist the poor with rent, utilities bills, food, transport, education expenses, prescription medicine etc. Money makes Vinnie's work possible. There are envelopes for donations in the church foyer. If you require a receipt, please fill in your name and address. Please return presents for the kids with the tag from the Christmas tree. Contributions of non-perishable food with long expiry dates should be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. We count on your customary generosity to enable Vinnies to ensure everybody has a very Happy Christmas.

*Raffle:* Our last raffle will be drawn Sunday after 10am mass. Thanks to all who donated items. Grateful thanks: to Mrs Margaret Barnard for organising our Parish lunches throughout the year. Great success thank you!

Mark your calendars: Presenting on unforgettable afternoon celebrating love and the love of music. Presenting Alejandro Aguanta from Bolivia, a master of classical guitar. So prepare to treat your ears and your taste buds for a delightful afternoon of music and a delectable light tea. All details will be announced early in the new year. So tell your friends, loved ones and family and mark the date on the new year's calendar. Don't miss out!

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