



OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

There is a significantly growing concern about the impact of Coronavirus. I want to reassure you that our first priority at OLW is the health and safety of our school community. We are being provided with the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community as safe as possible from the outbreak.

If an incident does arise, it will be addressed in accordance with our Critical Incident and Emergency Management Plan. We will also have access to resources and support from Catholic Education Melbourne and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As parents, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason. Any child coughing or sneezing at school will be sent home.
- Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping students feel prepared and safe
- Encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork, and to stay connected with their learning by completing learning tasks at home.

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions.

These are available at:

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic Education's response at: <http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>.

As you can appreciate, this is an evolving situation that may change rapidly based on Government decisions,

but we will keep you updated whenever things change through our school app. Therefore, please make sure that you have downloaded Flexibuzz and have notifications switched on so that you can receive the latest information and be aware of what may be transpiring.

We are aware that some families may prefer to keep their children at home during this time of concern and uncertainty. If you choose to do this, we would encourage you to ensure your child's learning continues. Some sample websites of suitable activities are included in today's newsletter.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS

The St Patrick's Day Mass & Concert and the Creative Arts Exhibitions have been postponed in response to the Coronavirus.

P & F MEETING

Our first P & F Meeting for 2020 is Tuesday March 17 at 5.00pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

OPEN EVENING & TOURS

At this stage, our Open Evening and Guided Tours on Wednesday, March 18, from 4.00pm - 6.00pm will be going ahead.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Our first Ed Board Meeting for 2020 is Wednesday March 18 at 7.00pm. Minutes and Agenda have been distributed through our school app.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The District Athletics Competition scheduled for this Friday, March 20, have now been postponed.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

This Friday, March 20 is the National Day of Action. Our students have commenced working on this initiative, over the past few weeks, and some information about how you can support your child is included in today's newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are being held on Tuesday, March 24. All students must be in their full Summer Uniform for the photos.

Girls are required to wear their School Dress with white socks and black shoes, and Boys are required to wear their School Polo Top and Blue Shorts with navy socks and black shoes.

Please remember that no jewellery other than a watch can be worn and hair below the collar must be tied back with scrunchies or ribbons in the school colours. Your help with this will ensure that our school photos look outstanding.

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday March 26, which is the second last day of term. This will be a Closure Day for students, but they will be required to attend the Interview. Friday March 27 will also be a Closure Day for School Review. OSH Care will be operating on this day for those who require this service. Therefore, Wednesday March 25 will be the last day of classes for Term 1.

Enjoy the week and stay healthy!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that jubilant means 'feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.'

Our word of the week for this week is:

REVELATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2020

The dates for the Sacraments have been set for 2020. They are as follows:

First Eucharist (Year 3) – Parent - Child Night Wednesday April 22 at 7.00pm

Commitment Mass Sunday May 3rd at 10:00am

The Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 31st May at 11:30am

Confirmation (Year 6) - Commitment Mass Sunday June 21st 10:00am

The Sacrament of Confirmation Thursday July 23rd at 5:00pm

Reconciliation (Year 2) - Commitment Mass Sunday 18th October 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday 7th November 7:00pm

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking takes place each Wednesday. Dollarmite Bank Books can be forwarded to the office in the classroom tub basket.

ICY POLES

Icy poles are sold each Tuesday & Thursday. Icy poles are limited to 2 per person and are 50 cents each

NEXT MEETING

Our next Meeting is Tuesday March 17 at 5.00pm.

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTO ORDERS

School Photo Day 2020 – Our Lady of the Way Primary School / Kingsbury

Annual school photos will be taken on 24 March, 2020 when sibling photos will also be taken by request.

IMPORTANT - To ensure a sibling photo is taken on photo day, please complete your request online before midday on the day before photo day.

1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/nPExfC
2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo
3. Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school for photos before photo day however if you do not have internet access you may contact the school for an order form.

School photo ordering details will be issued closer to photo day.

KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

LATELY AT OSHC...

Last week we explored and celebrated Vietnamese culture and cuisine by making some delicious chicken rice paper rolls! In Vietnamese these are called Gỏi cuốn, pronounced like 'goi kwoon'. Preparing the rice papers was a little tricky (we learned that they can break very easily), but the results were worth it! Even though it was a messy task, Ivy and Verity thought they were healthy and delicious. Coca was excited to share his Vietnamese heritage with his friends and thought everyone did a great job.

Our Junior Leader this week is Huy for great participation in last week's comic drawing activity. The storyline he created about a man and his disastrous fishing trip was very creative and funny. Well done, Huy!

Stay tuned for information about our fast-approaching Autumn Holiday Program! We hope everyone can be a part of the fun and different experiences we have on offer!



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Closed for Labour Day	Toast and cereal	Porridge with banana or berries	Toast and cereal	Hash browns
AFTERNOON TEA		Chilli con carne	Chicken or salami wraps	Mac and cheese	Yogurt icy poles
ACTIVITY OPTION 1		Kandinsky-inspired collage craft	Haring-inspired painting	Cooking: Chewy ginger cookies	Cooking: Cheesymite scrolls
ACTIVITY OPTION 2		Kite flying	Cricket	Indoor soccer	Party style races and relays
FREE PLAY IDEAS	Write a poem, draw a comic, play 'Simon Says', try a Sudoku puzzle, or read a book.				

Helpful Websites when Learning from Home

- IXL English: Online English skills to practise
From phonics and reading comprehension to writing strategies and more.
<https://au.ixl.com/ela>
- IXL Mathematics: Online mathematics skills to practise
Helps students to gain mastery and fluency of essential skills.
<https://au.ixl.com/math>
- Australian Government: Learning potential
Select from a range of learning tasks that may interest your child.
<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/age-group/primary-school>
- nRich: Problem solving tasks
These tasks are linked to the UK curriculum (which is very similar to the Victorian Curriculum)
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11h3pSE48IMxcP_839w9EgCdUhDaBixfXOEZNilGrwc/edit#gid=1970937135

For young children, parents may need to sit with their child and work through the activities with them. Students should also continue to complete a minimum of 10 - 30 minutes of home reading each day, depending on their level.



What's on at school?

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Our Lady of the Way is using the FlexiBuzz app to communicate with you on everything that is happening at school.

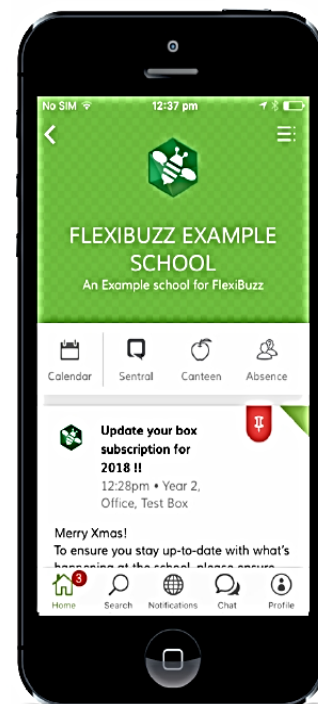
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 Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.
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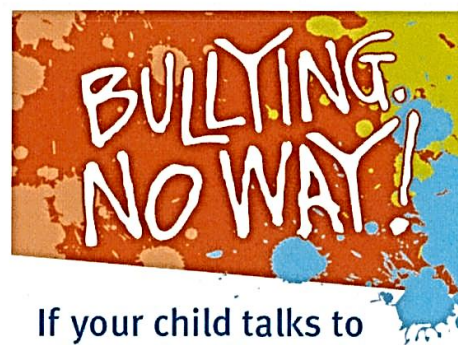


Dear Parents & Families

At Our Lady of the Way we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

We are sending you a pocket card from Bullying. No Way! with tips on what to do if your child talks to you about bullying. Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. Adapt these tips to what works for you and your child.



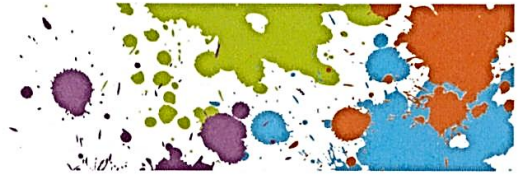
If your child talks to you about bullying:

- If your child talks to you about bullying:**
1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
 2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
 3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
 4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
 5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher
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 6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

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and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please feel free to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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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: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Communion Antiphon: When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Readers for Sunday Mass

15 th Mar	6pm M Reid	8am Sr Julie-Anne	10am E Fredericks
22 nd Mar	6pm F William	8am B Bowlen	10am M McIntosh

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

15 th Mar	6pm A Lamb & Volunteer required	10am D Austin & Volunteer required
22 nd Mar	6pm K Zanini & Volunteer required	10am M Leonard & Volunteer required

OLW Church Cleaning Roster

28 th Mar	Professional Cleaners
11 th Apr	Thien&Lan Nguyen, E Nguyen, Charles, Goutham

OLW Sacristy Linen Laundering Roster

15 th Mar	Margaret Sullivan
22 nd Mar	Pia Matthews

11 th Mar	Church Account	\$1329.00
	Presbytery Account	\$765.00

PARISH NOTICES

Sr Kevin Caldwell talks: If you wish to place your deceased family members in the Parish memorial book. ***Please put THE DATE and THE MONTH and FULL NAME***

If you wish to come to the Sr Kevin Caldwell talks and discussion on GOD'S SUPRISING GIFTS. Starting April 17th 2020. Please place name on sheets in main church foyer, this is for seating and catering purposes. Thanks

Welcome Loyola Students, Parents and Staff: You are most welcome to celebrate with us today. Thank you for coming.

Parish lunch: Bundoora Hotel – Wednesday 25th March 12 noon. Check the list for the name.

Woop Woop sculpture garden trip: Bus trip to Woop Woop sculpture garden & fun gallery on Friday 14th April

From Merrilands Community Centre

Asquith st Reservoir (Melways 8H12)

9:00AM sharp departing, \$65 includes morning tea & hotel lunch, return 5:00PM

Payable by 29th March. Contact Evelyn 9460 8544 or 0409 805 845

Station of the cross: will be held each Wednesday during lent. Starting a 9:30AM

Reflection on LENT: Once again Lent has come, once again LET US WELCOME IT, let us thank GOD for it, let us enter upon with zest and expectations as upon a season of blessing, a season most fit for us. Many shrink from lent as a dreary, painful, forbidding season, and so lose half it is blessing, and all it is sweetness. Away with this, let us take up the cross with a smile, let us look up to GOD, and around our fellow parishioners, and inward at our own hearts, and renew our time with JESUS.

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