



# OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone for your support over the past week as we have endeavoured to minimise the impact of the Coronavirus.

As you would now know, **Victorian Schools are closed for the Term 1 break as of today.** At this stage, Term 2 will commence on Wednesday April 15 as the State Government has called a Closure Day for the Tuesday. Stay tuned to our school app for updates!

## **PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS CANCELLED**

Due to the change in government guidelines for staff around the early commencement of student holidays this week, it has been necessary to cancel our Term 1 Interviews. Staff will still be in attendance at OLW, but are required to prepare work that can be undertaken at home should schools remain closed in Term 2.

## **LEARNING FROM HOME**

Last Wednesday a special newsletter was sent out on our school app and our school website with Learning from Home activities for families who preferred to keep their children at home. Should schools remain closed at the commencement of Term 2, then Learning from Home activities will be updated and posted on our school app and on our School website under the newsletters section. A sample daily schedule and an explanation of which activities to undertake with your child will be included, therefore we won't be sending worksheets home.

Students in attendance today were sent home with their stamina reading books (Years 1 – 6) and up to 5 additional books or novels, depending on the grade level. For students on lexile (Years 3 – 6), they will be provided with login details to access additional books online. All of this will also be added to our school app and school website.

## **VACATION CARE PROGRAM**

Unfortunately, the Kingsbury Vacation Care Program has been cancelled for the upcoming holidays. All registered families were notified by email last Friday.

## **FEBRUARY SILVER COIN CHALLENGE**

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2020 Silver Coin Challenge with all proceeds going to Project Compassion. As a school, we raised \$597.25, with our winning class being Year 3/4 who will now receive the perpetual trophy and a free hot chip lunch in the future. Well Done to everyone for supporting this initiative!

## **NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE**

Although the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was postponed last Friday our students have continued to work. We will also join in on the celebration when it is reinstated later in the year.

## **PREP 2021**

Our planned Information Night and School Tours in Term 2 have all been placed on hold. Fortunately, we have already received 29 applications for Prep 2021 so it gives us the opportunity to sit tight and work with these families until we have

## **END OF TERM**

As you would be aware, schools are closing today and students will finish at the regular time of 3.30pm. Currently, the planned first day of Term 2 is Wednesday April 15.

Stay Safe and have a great Easter!

*Kevin Burke*

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS SACRAMENTS 2020**

The dates for the Sacraments had been set for 2020, but are currently on hold due to the Coronavirus.

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

There will be no banking this Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

### **ICY POLES**

The selling of icy poles has stopped until further notice.

### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES NEWS**

Due to the ever-changing Coronavirus (COVID – 19) situation, all P & F Activities will cease until further notice, this includes Icy Poles, Easter Raffle, Easter Bunny Visit at school.

This does not include our Silver Coin Challenge. This is to be counted Thursday the 17/03/2020 and the winning class will receive a hot food lunch in the very near future. All food will be given to the winning CLASS in separate packs to ensure we are in line with government recommendations. For further P & F Activities, we have put them on hold until more information is given to us. We have however re-thought our Mother's Day Stall and are hoping to go ahead with this.

In previous years we have always run a stall, getting each class in at a time to purchase items, however this year we will trial a new system as to where the children can purchase gift bags with random items inside. Not all bags will be the same as we may have trouble getting items from our suppliers this year. There will be 2 options of a \$10 gift bag and a \$5 gift bag. The children are quite welcome to purchase more than 1 bag depending on stock availability. These bags will then be pre-packaged and distributed in the classroom. We are however still unable to confirm this at this time until we are given more information ourselves.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation at this time.

**P&F Committee**

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting (tentative) 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR  
STUDENTS  
MONDAY MARCH 23**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 FOR  
STUDENTS  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15**

**PARENT – TEACHER  
INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED**

**MAKE SURE THAT YOU  
HAVE OUR SCHOOL APP  
DOWNLOADED TO  
RECEIVE THE LATEST  
INFORMATION UPDATES**

**ALL LEARNING FROM  
HOME ACTIVITIES WILL BE  
UPLOADED TO OUR  
SCHOOL APP AND OUR  
SCHOOL WEBSITE**

**ALL MASSES, INCLUDING  
THE EASTER MASSES,  
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**TERM 1 PLP's WILL BE  
EMAILED TO RESPECTIVE  
FAMILIES ON WEDNESDAY  
FOR NCCD STUDENTS**

# KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

## LATELY AT OSHC...

This week at OSHC we had our first try with a new art technique, 'quilling'! This involves rolling thin strips of paper into coils, arranging them and sticking them onto paper. For our first try we used shades of green paper and a template of a four leaf clover to get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. Although the technique is simple, the end result is a beautiful and intricate looking piece of art that is sure to impress everyone's families and friends! We loved seeing boys and girls of all ages give it a go. Candy said she enjoyed the activity because "it's easy, quiet and relaxing", while Rachel-Kate made some fantastic shape and colour suggestions which we look forward to trying soon.

Our Junior Leader this week is Ruby for a great first month at our program. Well done, Ruby!

Parents and families, thank you for your patience and understanding while waiting for news about our holiday program. Unfortunately due to the uncertainty and potential risks associated with COVID-19, it has been decided that the program will no longer run during the autumn school holidays. Please see the attached letter from our school's Principal, Ms. Christine Campbell, and School Council President, Mr. Nigel Proctor.



Mae was excited to try quilling for the first time. We think her art is interesting and beautiful to look at.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	Toast and cereal	Green pikelets	Toast and cereal	Yogurt and fruit	Toast and cereal
AFTERNOON TEA	Super savoury platter	Tomato pasta	Chicken curry	Scones	Asian banquet
ACTIVITY OPTION 1	Quilling craft	Cooking: Irish apple cake	Roy Lichtenstein inspired pop art	Board game championship	Poetry writing
ACTIVITY OPTION 2	Magic potion making	Tennis	Sandcastle competition	Capture the flag	Tail tiggy
FREE PLAY IDEAS	Play charades or Upwords, write a song, put on a play, or create a list of animals starting with each letter of the alphabet.				



# What's on at school?

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 Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.
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 Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

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# *Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury*

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## 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
<b>Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 9462 1221</b>	

## **A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA**

18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria,

“This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully”

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.
- All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority.

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

## ***ALL CATHOLICS IN VICTORIA ARE DISPENSED FROM THEIR SUNDAY OBLIGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (CANON 1248)***

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)).

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

We urge the clergy to make themselves available to visit individuals, especially those who are unwell and vulnerable. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

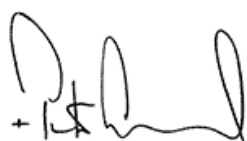
Again, we encourage you to regularly consult your local websites for further details of local arrangements.

Tomorrow further pastoral guidelines will be shared in the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Clergy and religious should consult with their Ordinary if any questions remain uncertain.

All of this is happening during the Season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Easter mysteries. While we are invited to be self-sacrificial at this time, we must remember the words of Jesus upon appearing before his disciples after his resurrection: Again and again he said 'peace be with you.' (Jn 20:19) Let us not panic, nor be anxious, nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves. This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful, and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.

Signed:



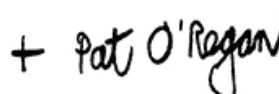
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