

OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

Last week we were saddened by the news of the passing of Mr Mizzi's mother. Her funeral is being held this Wednesday, and I would ask that you keep both Tony and the Mizzi family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

COVID-19 SCHOOL PROCEDURES

There have been some minor modifications to protocols for schools in the latest government advice which now allow schools to conduct meetings with parents on site and allow school tours for prospective families in small groups, however there are no major changes to school procedures. To ensure consistency until the end of the year, we will remain with the staggered entry and exit times to avoid congestion at the gate and in the carpark area, and maintain our current cleaning and sanitising protocols throughout the day.

2021 STRUCTURES & STAFFING

We are currently finalising staffing and class placements for next year and have a few changes in our staffing and programs for the 2021 school year.

Marie Spokes is retiring at the end of this year. Marie has worked as the Reading Recovery teacher in recent years and prior to 2016 was also the Literacy Coordinator. Marie was at the heart of helping to transform our Literacy program which has grown exponentially into a high quality program, and has also helped many of our beginning readers and reluctant readers to engage with reading. We wish her well in her retirement.

Nick Agathos is also leaving us at the end of the year to seek opportunities closer to his new home that he and his partner have bought. In the 18 months that Nick has been with us, it has been great to have him involved in the life of the school and the many extra activities in which he is always happy to share his skills. We are very proud to have been part of his development as a teacher and wish him well in this new and exciting chapter of his life.

As we have finalized our staffing for 2021, we are now constructing our classes. I would like to remind parents that the staff are very aware of the needs of all students, and that classes are constructed to develop the optimum learning environment for all students at their level taking into account gender balance and academic, behavioural, social/emotional and special Date: Monday November 30 2020

learning needs. Therefore, we do not take requests for particular teachers from parents as this goes against our belief of the value and importance of each individual child and may unfairly imbalance a class. Our structure for our Classes and Specialist Programs will be:

Prep – Jessica Penzo

Year 1/2M – Lisa Micomonaco

Year 1/2S – Shirley Schroeder

Year 3/4K – Melanie Kent

Year 3/4L – Catherine Laycock

Year 5/6EJ – Jacqui Driscoll (0.4) & Erin Mithen (0.6)

Year 5/6D – Deb Myers

Art & Library – Lisa Hrisikos

Italian – Grace Ciorciari

Phys. Ed. – Lucy Van Ballegooy

Futurescapes – Huong Nguyen

Literacy Coordinator – Allison Luff Intervention Year P – 2 – Allison Luff

Intervention Year 3 - 6 – Tony Mizzi

School Counsellor – Matthew Jones

Deputy Principal – Learning & Teaching /

Learning Diversity – Allison Luff

Deputy Principal - Curriculum & Innovation -

Huong Nguyen

2021 FAMILY & LEVY FEES

School Fee for 2021 will be \$1700 per family and the levy will be \$400 per child. (\$50.00 will be refunded if families attend one working bee during the year). The annual rise in fees is kept to a minimum and in line with, or just below CPI, to ensure that OLW remains accessible for all families.

As we informed you in last week's newsletter, Student Book Orders will also be billed to your 2021 account as we will be ordering and receiving these items at the school. You will not be required to order and books or texts.

Have a great week!

Kevín Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that haulage means 'the transport of goods', or 'a charge for the commercial transport of goods.' Our word for this week is:

SMIDGEN

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



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Hi Everyone,

Mass times this week:

Monday: 10am. Tuesday: 10am & 7pm. Wednesday: 10am. Thursday: 10am.

Friday: 10am. Saturday: 10am & 6pm. Sunday: 8am & 10am.

The 10am Saturday mass is recorded for viewing over the week on YouTube and website. It will be Sundays readings.

Below is the 1st Leadership Team Member, Robin Nguyen's profile:



Greetings! My name is Robin Nguyen, and I am a final year RMIT student studying a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics and Bachelor of Business Management. I am also a space enthusiast and currently volunteering in the RMIT Rover Team. I have been on the Parish Leadership Team for a few years now, thanks to the opportunity given by Fr Terry. So far, I have had great time as I became more involved with a wonderful parish. Through Fr Terry and Dorothy's help and leadership guidance, we aim to see the growth and longevity of this Parish community.

My parents migrated from Vietnam and came to Australia seeking a better life and eventually settled in Kingsbury around 1994. We were a part of the Vietnamese Parish in Flemington but over the years slowly settled at Our Lady

of the Way Kingsbury Parish due to the warmth and friendliness of this community.

I can say without a doubt that Kingsbury has been an important part of my life and education. I have been here all my life and studied from prep to grade 6 at Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury Primary School. My first involvement with the parish was when I participated in the 2008 World Youth Day that was hosted in Sydney and soon after I joined the Parish choir group for a good number of years. I decided to join the Leadership Team as I wanted to do more for the parish and I hope that we can uphold the Parish's best interests and values.

I usually attend at the 6 pm Masses on Saturday or 8 am Masses on Sunday so feel free to come and chat to me.to me.

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal 2020.

This year the Society is not doing Christmas Hampers. We are distributing food vouchers. If any parishioners can donate we would appreciate your financial help.

Envelopes are available in the church foyer. If you require a receipt, please fill in your name and address. Envelopes can be given to Fr Terry or a Vinnies representative. Phone donations can be made by calling 131812 and confirming the name of the conference. A receipt will be issued to you. Online donations can be made at vinnies.org.au Donors can allocate donations to a specific conference by putting the conference name in the comments field. Receipts will be automatically emailed to donors. Call for volunteers at Vinnies shop, 256 Settlement Rd Thomastown. The shop is very short of helpers at present. Anyone able to help out even a few hours would be most welcome. Contact the shop on 8199 4233

KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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Last week we tried a new science activity which we called the "magic fish experiment". We don't want to spoil the surprise for anyone who'd like to try it at home, but we are willing to tell you that it involves just four household materials; whiteboard markers, aluminium foil, water and a clear bowl or container. The image to the left shows Lincoln and Henry successfully trying it out. Can you guess what we did? Lucas said *"it was challenging at the start, but then I got used to it. It was fun!"*. Even our Leader Steph said it was the most simple yet impressive experiment we've done in her four years at the program!

Regardless of the mix of stormy, wet and hot days we've had this week, we've still enjoyed plenty of our favourite activities, including table tennis, smelly jelly play dough making, and both in and outdoor obstacle courses. During Tuesday afternoon's tennis session, Tristan, Jude and Patrick played a fantastic and competitive game which had us on the edge of our seats. Well done boys!

We are continuing to take bookings for the end of year program. The more the merrier! Please get in touch if you require care throughout the day (OLW families beginning Monday 14th December, and KPS families for Monday 21st and 22nd only). As well as trying some new sensory activities, arts and crafts and science experiments, we'll have lots of festive and fun Christmas activities! Book now to avoid missing out.

	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	TOAST AND CEREAL	CROISSANTS	TOAST AND CEREAL	BACON AND EGGS	TOAST AND CEREAL
AFTERNOON TEA	NOODLE STIR FRY	MAC AND CHEESE	SUPER SAVOURY PLATTER	YOGURT ICY POLES	SAUSAGE ROLLS
ACTIVITY OPTION 1	COOKING: APPLE PUFFS	CRAFT: HAMA BEAD CREATIONS	COOKING: CHOC-COCONUT BLISS BALLS	CRAFT: INSTRUMENT Making	CRAFT: 'OJO DE DIOS' MEXICAN CRAFT
ACTIVITY OPTION 2	INDOOR OBSTACLE COURSES	TENNIS	CAPTURE THE FLAG	TAIL TIGGY	FOOT GOLF
FREE PLAY IDEAS	PLAY SCRABBLE OR TWISTER, DRAW A COMIC, WRITE A LETTER TO A CELEBRITY, TRY THE LEGO 20-BRICK CHALLENGE				



Classroom Deck Area & Door Openings



Year 6 Chess Challenge