



# OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome back to the start of the 2021 school year!

Work has been progressing at a rapid rate over the Christmas break, with the refurbishment of our school toilets now complete. Our classrooms are almost complete as of today, but work on our decking, ramp and handrails are still awaiting completion and approval. As a result, we will not be able to take possession of the classrooms until the necessary approvals have been given. Therefore, some classes will remain relocated for the first couple of weeks of term. Year 1/2S (Mrs Schroeder) will be using the Italian Room, Year 3/4K (Miss Kent) & Year 3/4L (Mrs Laycock) will remain in the Hall, and Year 5/6EJ (Mrs Driscoll & Mrs Mithen) will use the Art Room (Monday – Wednesday) and the Library (Thursday & Friday). It will be a slight inconvenience, but well worth the wait!

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Schools have a new set of protocols for the commencement of the 2021 school year. There have been some minor modifications to protocols for schools in the latest government advice which now allow parents on site provided that we comply with the 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> indoors and that if you are onsite for more than 15 minutes, then you must register through our school QR code. The reality of this means that parents can enter the yard and bag area, but won't be able to enter the classrooms until the 2m<sup>2</sup> is lifted.

Schools are also still required to reduce congestion at drop-off and collection times. Therefore, as we only have one entry gate, we will remain with the staggered entry and exit times to avoid congestion at the gate and in the carpark area until further notice. Parents are still required to wear a mask if the 1.5m social distancing protocol cannot be adhered to. Drop off and pick up times are as follows:

House	Drop Off Time	Pickup Time
Latrobe	8.30am	3.10pm
Bates	8.40am	3.20pm
Kelly	8.50am	3.30pm

## PREP 2021

Our Prep 2021 students commence on Monday February 1 with a staggered start time on this day. Due to COVID-19 protocols, parents will be able to enter the school grounds, but must

wait in the playground with their child until it is their entry time for photographs and welcome. A staff member will be on hand to assist you in this process, but we will need your assistance in order to ensure that we comply with all guidelines.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2021 were announced at the End of Year Mass last year. Maya Jovevski and Kyle Vega are our School Captains, and Amelie Hui and Rares Costin are our Vice Captains. We congratulate them on their selection and wish them well in these important positions. In the next few weeks we will be calling for our students to nominate for the roles of FIRE Carriers and SRC.

## 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 year, 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.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our school swimming program commences next Wednesday, February 3, for Grades 3/4 & 5/6. Permission notes are available through CareMonkey.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

If your child is attending the Before and/or After School Care Program, please notify the school Office as soon as possible. We also keep a list of students who attend the Program, showing on what days of the week they attend. This reduces confusion and enables us to know where each child is after school.

Parents who use the Kingsbury staff car park must enter and exit the carpark slowly and safely - being mindful of students who may be around and other cars in the carpark.

Enjoy the start of a new and very exciting school year!

*Kevin Burke*