



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome to the 2021 School Year! It has been an extremely smooth start to the year with all students, including our new Preps, settling in very well today. We also welcome Mrs Driscoll who will be teaching Year 5/6 each Monday and Tuesday, and our new students in other levels of the school. We hope they enjoy a happy and productive time whilst at OLW.

As we said in last week's newsletter, work has been progressing at a rapid with the refurbishment. Our classrooms are essentially complete, but work on our veranda roof, decking, ramp and handrails are still awaiting completion and approval. As a result, we have not be able to take possession of the classrooms until the necessary approvals have been given. It will be a slight inconvenience, but the rooms look fantastic as you will see from the photos in today's newsletter.

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 2m² 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 2m² rule 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. We will need your assistance in order to ensure that we comply with all guidelines. 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

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 have ordered and received these items at the school. You will not be required to order and books or texts.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our school swimming program commences this Wednesday, February 3, for Grades 3/4 & 5/6. Permission notes are still available through CareMonkey/Operoo if you have not yet completed the permission form.

CONTACT & EMERGENCY DETAILS

If there is a change of address, mobile number, home, work phone number or email please notify the office so that our records can be updated. You can also make the change in CareMonkey/Operoo and the change will sync with our school administration system.

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.

BE SUNSMART – WEAR A HAT!

The School Hat must be worn during Term 1 and in Term 4. Children who do not have a school hat are required to sit under the veranda at recess and Lunchtime. (i.e. No Hat, No Play)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our whole school assembly takes place each MONDAY AFTERNOON. At Assembly we gather in Prayer led by the School Captains, and this is then followed by the presentation of Student Awards and general reminders. Due to the current building works we will be holding our Assembly in the Parish Church from next week, but unfortunately, COVID-19 protocols do not yet allow parents to attend. We hope that this won't be for too long as we would love to have families be able to share in this activity with the school.

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

Kevin Burke

OLW SCHOOL PRAYER
MARY OUR MOTHER,
YOU ARE THE MOTHER OF GOD,
THE MOTHER OF JESUS,
YOU CARED FOR HIM,
YOU REACH OUT AND CARE FOR US.
AS OUR MOTHER YOU ARE
A SPECIAL PERSON IN OUR LIVES.
HELP US TO WORK AND PLAY
HAPPILY, TOGETHER.
SHOW US THE WAY
AND LEAD US TO JESUS
OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRAY FOR US

OLW CLASSROOM TUBS SYSTEM
(INFORMATION SENT / RECEIVED FROM
/ FOR ALL PARENTS)

At OLW, every classroom has a tub. The tub system is used for transferring all money, messages, notes to the office or teachers, etc, that your child brings to school on specific days. At the beginning of the day the classroom tub is sent to the office for the correspondence, messages, money, etc to be dealt with. Before the final school bell the tubs are collected from the office and all receipts, replies, newsletters, etc are taken back to the classrooms. We feel this is a great starting point for children to learn about responsibility, and less interruption to learning and organisation. Please encourage or remind your child to place all messages, etc into their OLW classroom tub on arrival at school as they unpack their school bag.

MEDICATION REGISTER:

All schools are required by law to have a medication register book. When your child requires medication, we require a parent / guardian to fill out this book on what medication your child requires and when the medication is required. Medication must be in its original packaging and the dosage must be specified on the packet and confirmed by the parent in writing.

As a general rule, if your child requires medication for an illness, then they are not well enough to attend school.

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY LEAVERS
SIGN – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

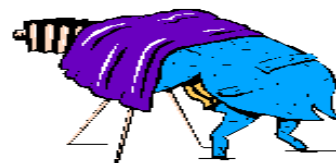
We ask all parents to sign this book if your child has arrived late at school, leaving during school hours for appointments or leaving school early. This folder is kept at the front office.

PHYS ED LESSONS

Physical Education lessons will be held on WEDNESDAY this year. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform and runners each WEDNESDAY.



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Our Lady of the Way School Photo Day will be on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021**
 More details to follow closer to the date.

BEFORE / AFTER CARE REPLY SLIP:

Please return this reply slip to the OLW School Office.

Yes, my child / children will use the after school care / before school care on:

PLEASE TICK (✓)

MONDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
TUESDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
WEDNESDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
THURSDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....
FRIDAY	A.M.....	P.M.....

FAMILY SURNAME:

CHILD/REN:

SIGNATURE:

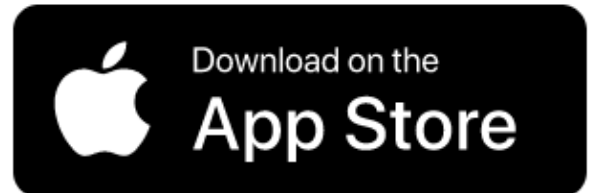
OLW SCHOOL APP – SKOOLBAG

OLW uses the SkoolBag App for notifications to families, school newsletters and general post about school activities. Please see overleaf for how to install the app. Current users will need to update their child's class details for 2021. After this week, the weekly school newsletter will only be available electronically through Skoolbag.

How to Install SkoolBag

Instructions for parents installing the SkoolBag app.

The SkoolBag school app is the best way for parents to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last minute forms, newsletters and all school communications. Get started with SkoolBag in only a few minutes. Just follow these simple steps:



Download the SkoolBag App

Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for and install 'SkoolBag'. Alternatively, click on the Google Play or Apple App Store icons above and download the SkoolBag App.

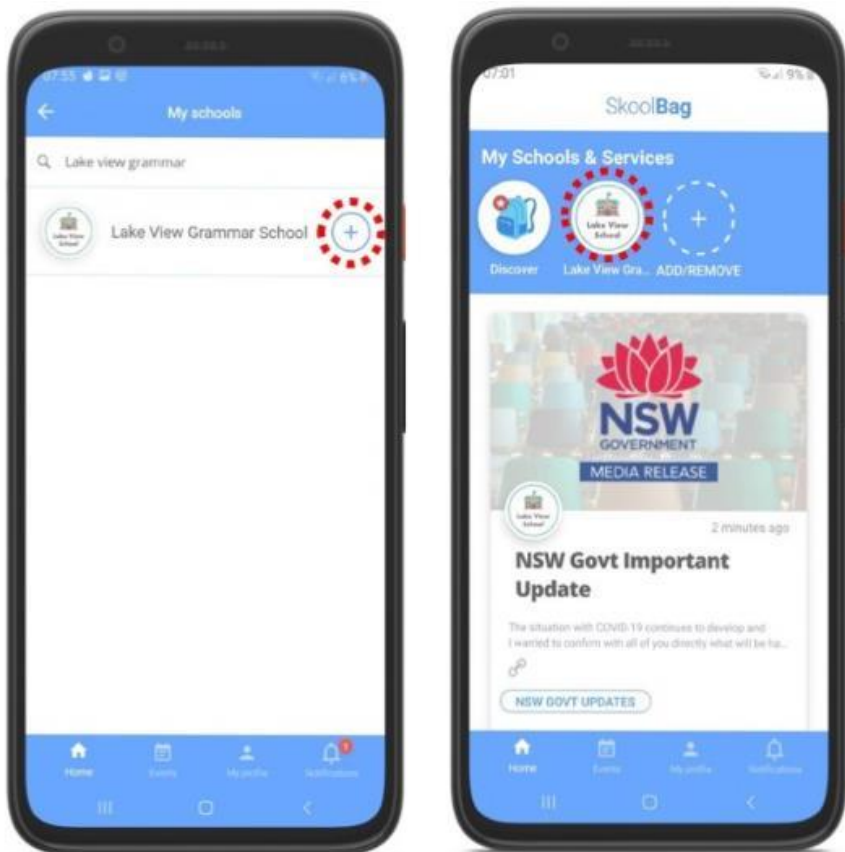


Create an account

Open the SkoolBag app and Click 'Sign Up'.
Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign Up'



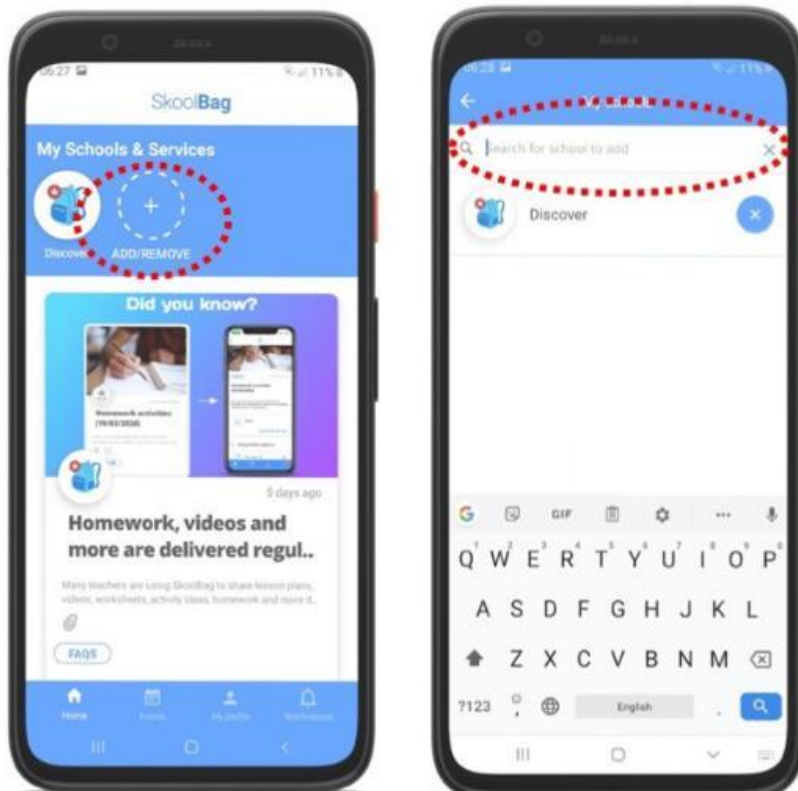
Open the confirmation email sent to your mail inbox and confirm your account



Add your school

Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'

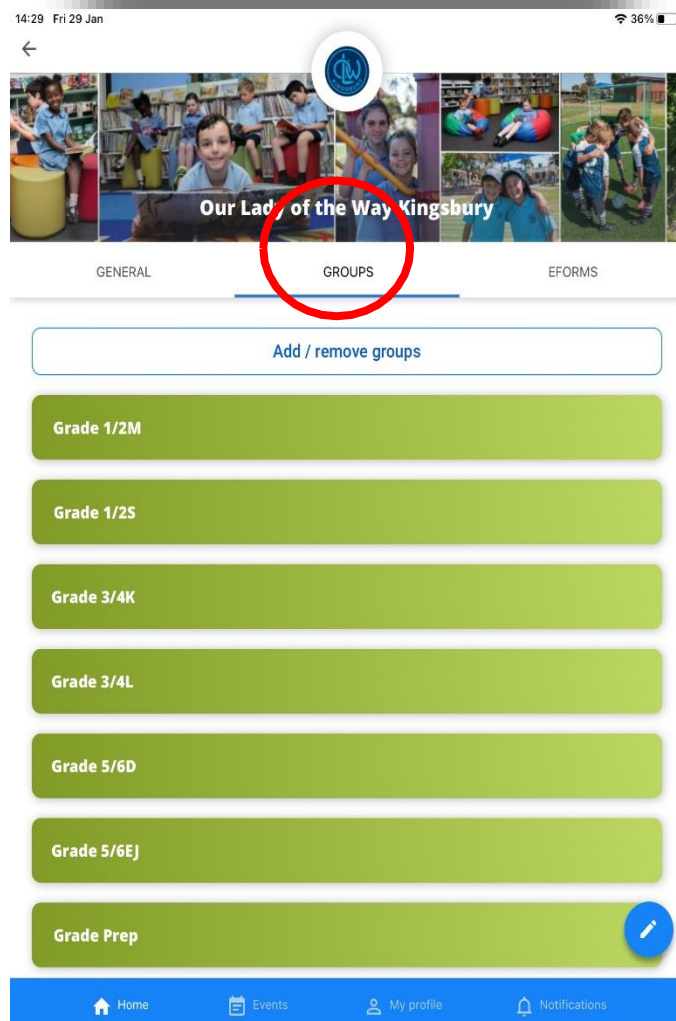
Click '+' to add your school, now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services



Click on '**Groups**' to Add the groups that you or your child/ren wish to receive notifications for.

Click on '**General**' to see School Newsletters and announcements.

Click on '**Eforms**' to submit Absentee Forms.



You are now connected to OLW to receive all our latest news and information.

If your notifications are switched off, please make sure that you manually check the app regularly to ensure you have the latest information for events, school or parish news.



Preview of our Refurbished Classrooms, Hallway & Toilets



Our Summer Harvest from our Vegetable Garden

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

Presbytery: 13 Green Ave, Kingsbury, 3083

Parish Priest: Fr Terry Bergin
Email: terrybergin1@bigpond.com

Tel: 0488 020 364

School Tel: 9460 6684

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



Welcome!

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

Lent begins on Wednesday 17th February. Masses will be at 10am and 7pm on this date.

There are no rosters for Readers or Communion Ministers. If anyone would like to read please see Father Terry before mass. For Communion could two people just come up during the lamb of God please? Thank you.

Census forms are to be found on the foyer table. Please fill out if you wish to receive SMS texts and be on our register. All details are private.

Money total received for the last 4-5 weeks is \$3,500.00.

Thanksgiving envelopes cost \$1,600.00 per year for about 100 sets. This year we will not be ordering any sets of envelopes. Rather, we will keep the container system we use now for the rest of this year. If you'd prefer, please use the internet deposit scheme we used during the lockdown. Any questions, please see Father Terry or the Finance Committee Michael Jolley, Thien Nguyen or Liwa Becker.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30:17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.