



Our Lady of the Way Primary School

Green Avenue, Kingsbury

P.O. Box 159
KINGSBURY, Vic 3083

Tel: 9460 6684
Fax: 9460 7831

Email: principal@olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au

August 18 2021

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Families,

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A School Closure day for Parent – Teacher Interviews had been planned for Monday September 13. However, due to the current lockdown extension, we are trying to avoid having the students off site for any additional days this term so we are now going to conduct Parent – Teacher Interviews online from Monday August 23 until Thursday September 2.

The interviews are spread over a 2-week period so that staff can still conduct their daily online class sessions, as well as provide onsite supervision of students, attend to school meetings, plan and correct student work, and provide online classroom support. It is our usual custom to have the parents and the student attend the interview, but we are aware that some parents may be at work or away from their home or caring for others and may not be able to have their child with them for the interview. We understand the many complexities that families are currently working with, but would ask that if your child can't be part of the interview, that you share your child's successes with them once you are back at home.

Instructions for login are attached to this special newsletter and bookings are now open. The easiest way to register for interviews will be through our school app which takes you directly to the login page. Interviews will be held online using the platform Whereby platform. When you access our regular booking form, please ensure that you include an active and current email address. Depending on whether you use a smartphone or PC, you may receive a prompt after booking an interview to email your booking to yourself as shown below:

Parent bookings confirmed.

EMAIL BOOKINGS

Please select 'EMAIL BOOKINGS' as this will send you the video link for the interview in calendar form so that you can add this to your personal calendar. If you are using a smartphone, it will usually email you directly, without the prompt.

CLASS DAILY MEETING MOVING TO GOOGLE MEETS

As the Interview platform uses Whereby, we now need to move our classroom online daily sessions to the Google Meet platform from next Monday. Instructions on how to login to the Google Meet platform will be forwarded to families on Friday. We have a new and simplified process for accessing the class Google Meet session that will not require synching in and out of Google. We are also encouraging students to log into both the morning and the afternoon session to meet with their teacher and classmates to discuss their learning. Your child's teacher will discuss this with the students when online later this week.

MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES

From Monday, August 23, our School Counsellor Matthew Jones will be running two online sessions each Monday to support families during this time. These sessions are group sessions for parents to join in dialogue with Matthew as he presents strategies around some particular aspects that may be affecting families at the moment. These sessions are not structured as individual counselling sessions or group therapy, the sessions are designed to provide strategies, advice and support to the great work of our families.

Session Times are:

10.30am – Year 3 – 6 Parents

11.30am – Year Prep – 2 Parents

August 23 Topic: Strategies to assist with managing the household during lockdown

Sessions will be about 30 minutes in duration with time split between a presentation of information and discussion. We have structured the sessions around the junior school and the senior school as the content and discussion may be slightly different between the two levels. You are welcome to attend one or both sessions, and no pre-registration is required. Login details for the Sessions with Matthew are included in this newsletter and are the same for each session, each week.

ONSITE SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN OF AUTHORISED WORKERS

The government has tightened the restrictions on who can attend for on-site supervision and both parents must be authorised workers working outside the home and hold a permit. Schools are required to keep a record of approved students onsite, including a copy of all permits. I have included a copy of the updated guidelines below that we are required to follow.

Authorised Worker Permits for On-site Supervision

From Wednesday 18 August, parents and carers will only be able to request on-site supervision for their child/ren where both parents and or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made. A copy of a permit/s must be submitted for those seeking on-site supervision and be retained by the school.

PHOTOS OF STUDENTS ENGAGED IN WORK DURING LEARNING FROM HOME

Don't forget that we are inviting families to send through some photos of their children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into a weekly video. These are a great source of inspiration for other students, families and the staff. The video will showcase the amazing activities that our families are undertaking at home and will also build further connection across the school. The video will be compiled each Friday morning, so if you can send your pictures through to either the classroom teacher or directly to me before Thursday evening, then they will appear in the next week's newsletter. Otherwise, they will be held over to the following week.

Stay safe and don't forget to book an interview!

Kevin Burke

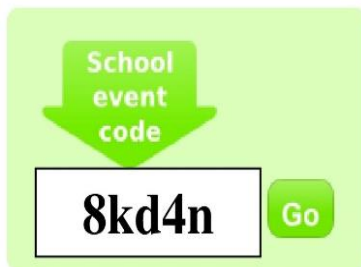


Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Due to the lockdown extension, Parent-Teacher interviews will now be held over 2 weeks from **Monday August 23 until Thursday September 2** rather than holding a School Closure Day as previously planned for in September. **The interview will be conducted online using Whereby, with instructions and video link in your booking confirmation email.** The interview times available are designed around online Meet sessions, staff onsite supervision and online intervention programs.

Bookings can be made through the School Interviews tab on the SkoolBag main page, or you can go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au to enter the School Event code shown below.



Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Enter THIS school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



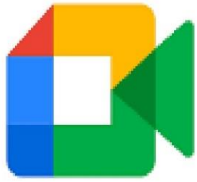
Before you click finish, make sure that you select '**email booking information**' so that the link will be emailed to you automatically - *check your junk mail folder* if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited on each day. If a teacher feels that the interview requires further discussion, they will make alternative arrangements with you.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Where possible, we would prefer that the student also be involved in the discussion. However, we are aware that some parents may not be at home at the time of the interview, so having their child with them may not always be possible. If you are in this situation, please make sure that you speak with your child when you are at home and celebrate their successes.



Google Meet

Sessions with Matthew

Class meeting link: meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt

Meeting code for iPad & tablet users: **jibyhyohbt**

Years 3 - 6	10:30am - 11:00am
Years P - 2	11:30am - 12:00pm

