



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Over the weekend we received more details on the changes for COVID-19 management that apply both to new cases and new or existing close contacts, which came into effect as of last Friday.

The most important change is that non-household contacts will now only be required to quarantine until they complete a standard PCR test and receive a negative result. The Department of Health will no longer send a text to confirm the quarantine requirements of contacts.

This applies to all students and staff who are identified as a school-based contact. All contacts (staff and students) can return to school after they have provided evidence of a negative PCR test to their school.

All contacts should follow the strong recommendation that they complete five days of rapid antigen testing each morning before attending school.

Contacts will receive a pack of five rapid antigen tests from the PCR testing location and should take the test each day before school until they run out. Schools will no longer distribute rapid antigen testing kits. Instead, these will be available for collection from PCR testing centres at the time a student or staff member attends for the PCR test.

Any student or staff member who returns a positive rapid antigen test result must notify the school and immediately get a PCR test.

In exceptional circumstances, the Department of Health may determine that contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, students will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

For schools with students and staff who are currently under existing quarantine requirements, the above arrangements apply and they are now able to return to school immediately with evidence of a negative PCR test.

Face masks will now only be required by staff, visitors and Years 3 to 6 students in an indoor space within the primary school. The wearing of masks remains recommended for Prep to Year 2 students and in circumstances where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

We are still waiting for further direction from the new School Operations Guide for allowing visitors and adults onto the school site and other school activities. As soon as this information is released to schools, we will let families know of any updated changes.

PREP 2022 ORIENTATION

Our Prep 2022 Orientation Sessions have continued to go very well with our new students involved in PE, Art & Storytime last Friday. Some photos of the sessions are included in today's newsletter.

Our next session is this Tuesday, November 23, and our final session is Tuesday, December 7. All sessions commence at 9.30am and conclude at 11.00am, with entry and exit through the black gates.

ARCHBISHOP PETER'S LETTER

In the coming weeks, the Victorian Parliament will vote on legislation that will affect religious freedom and the independence, integrity and ethos of Catholic agencies and organisations, including schools.

Under current laws, Catholic organisations – along with other Christian, Jewish, Islamic and all faith-based educational establishments – have the right to choose to hire employees who are dedicated to upholding their religious identity.

The proposed legislation will seriously diminish the rights of religious organisations to manage their services and employment according to their faith and beliefs. Please read through the attached information so you can be aware of the proposed changes, and feel free to contact members of parliament if you wish to share your concerns.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our Year 2 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday. The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 3 2021 students will be celebrated this Thursday, November 25. Parents will have received a home activity to complete with their child prior to the Sacrament as part of their role in preparing their child.

SCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL

Our 2021 Sports Carnival will be held over 2 days in December with Year Prep – 2 competing in their events on Wednesday December 8 and Years 3 – 6 competing on Friday December 10. At this stage, due to

COVID regulations, it will be a student only event. If there is any change to this, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Stay safe and enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that fauna means 'the animals of a particular region, habitat, or geological period'.

Our word for this week is:

ENDURANCE

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

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION



*Our Lady of the Way Catholic Church
November 18, 2021*



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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10 November 2021

To: *Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council*

Concerns about the diminishing of religious freedom and the accumulation of power

Dear Honourable Member,

My prayerful greetings to you. I write to express grave misgivings I share with other faith leaders, in relation to the *Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021*.

The proposed legislation diminishes the ability of faith organisations to confidently manage employment matters according to their faith and conscience.

As a point of principle, this is a serious over-reach of the Government into the rightful freedoms of faith-based organisations in Victoria. Organisations of care charity, including religious and church agencies, have a right to practice their faith without new administration burdens and pressures.

In my own context, Catholic organisations are inclusive and welcoming places, not despite but *because* they are Catholic. Across all sectors in Catholic organisational contexts, I am particularly concerned that the introduction of an 'inherent requirement' test is a serious intrusion into the expression of faith, and an unnecessary instrument of power. It will lead to vexatious claims being adjudicated by a Commissioner or the Courts, neither of which have competency to define religious matters for believers.

The Government has been unable to identify a single problem in Catholic schools with which this legislation is meant to address, and many in my community are therefore concluding that the Government means to diminish the rights of large religious communities and concurrently target religious minorities. I hope this is not the case.

To people of faith, this is looking increasingly like a willingness to hurt the rightful expression of religious faith coupled with an extravagant adoption of political power over our lives. Please see attached my statement to the media of 2 October.

With great respect to our public representatives, I urge a mature re-think on both of the above proposals, and for a fairer and democratic approach to be taken.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

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Standing up for religious freedom

Across all areas of society, Catholics run organisations with an open and inclusive commitment to all people in their care.

Our excellence in the provision of services including education is recognised by many – evident in the large numbers of students attending Catholic schools and educational institutions.

What makes these schools unique and distinct is the holistic way faith is taught – as a coherent body of teachings, permeating all aspects of life. Our faith is taught not just in the few hours of religious education classes each week, but is part of the very make-up and fabric of each school.

Unfortunately, in yet another move to restrict religious freedom, the Victorian Government is seeking to change the current approach, which is working well.

Currently, Catholic organisations, including our schools can freely hire those who share our religious beliefs, values and ethos. Incredibly, the Victorian Government has introduced legislation seeking to change this. If it passes, the *Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021* will affect religious organisations all across Victoria, who will be limited in their ability to employ staff, run their schools and provide other services that adhere to their faith, values and ethos.

Strangely, other organisations like political parties will not have the same restrictions placed on them. In other words, the Government will impose on the staffing of faith organisations but not on the staffing of political organisations. Why the imbalance?

Under the new legislation, religious bodies and educational institutes will no longer be able to employ staff who hold the same religious beliefs and values unless they can prove that it is an 'inherent requirement' of the job. The Government has given the example that in a school, the only roles where religious beliefs might be an 'inherent requirement' of the job include positions of senior leadership (e.g., a principal) or religious education teachers. However, what the Government fails to understand is that faith is holistic, it affects the way we see the world and conduct our lives. Just as we don't live our faith for only a couple of hours on Sunday while we attend Mass, nor do teachers and staff in our schools teach and pass on the faith only through set religious education classes. Likewise, it is entirely reasonable and fair that religious bodies should be able to preference those who share their beliefs and values in their own private employment matters.

In a healthy pluralist democracy, the role or importance of faith in a faith-based organisation cannot be relegated to a bureaucrat or a secular court. This is another sad example of religious faith and the freedom of religious organisations being unfairly targeted.

As people of faith, it is our right and responsibility to make our views known about this matter.

The *Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021* is currently before our Parliament and will be debated before Christmas. I encourage all people of faith and goodwill, to stand up for religious freedom and ask our parliamentarians to oppose the Bill, particularly the introduction of an 'inherent requirement' test.

How to stand up for religious freedom

1. Contact your local Members of Parliament in Victoria

Writing to Members of Parliament (MPs) is an effective way to communicate with them about this Bill. A short letter (emailed or mailed) respectfully expressing concerns with the legislation will help them understand what is important to people of faith.

Each Victorian has one MP representing their local **district** and six MPs who represent their wider **region**. If you're unsure who to write to, you can find out which district/region you are part of and the contact details of the MPs representing you here: www.parliament.vic.gov.au/about/electorates

2. Contact your federal Members of Parliament

Writing to federal Members of Parliament to tell them about what is happening here in Victoria is also vitally important, because religious freedom legislation is potentially being considered on a federal level. You can write to them to share your concern and ask them to act to protect the religious freedom of all Australians.

Each Victorian has one local MP representing their geographic **area** and twelve Senators who represent their **state**.

Details of your local federal Member of Parliament can be found here: www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members Simply scroll down to 'Search Members' and type in your postcode to find your MP.

Details of Victorian Senators can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3BNVYAI>

3. Share your concerns with others

You are also encouraged to tell your family, friends and those in your local community about your concerns and ask them to become active too.

4. Get active on social media

You may also like to become active on social media – particularly by sharing your concerns with your Members of Parliament via their social media pages.

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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:	

Hello Everyone.

Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Please remember Linda Cornelius, daughter in law of Ellen. R.I.P & Sr Stella, Good Samaritan Sister, who passed away on Wednesday. R.I.P.

Please be advised we need to be double vaccinated & registered at the front entrance or sign in as per usual to attend mass.

Ageing & Awakening: God's surprising gifts!

We welcome, finally, Sr Kerin Caldwell to OLW to assist us in seeing new gifts in our lives as we age.

Dates: 2022 Jan 28th, Feb 11th & 25th, Mar 11th & 25th, Apr 8th.

All Friday mornings 10.30am – 12.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend this free seminar, please sign the page in the foyer titled Ageing & Awakening Seminar. It is available to sign in today.

Reconciliation Rites OLW:

Tuesday 21st Dec at 7pm.

Christmas Masses OLW Kingsbury: Friday 24th Dec 5.30pm & 8.00pm

Sat 25th Dec 8.00am & 10.00am Sun 26th Dec 8.00am & 10.00am

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nov 20th: 6pm Kath Zanini & Jim Conway

Nov 21st: 8am Martina & Garard Dowling 10am Sharon & Angelina Crupi

Nov 27th: 6pm Pat Hearity & Jenny Glover

Nov 28th: 8am Martina & Garard Dowling 10am Dorothy Grant & Sue

Readers:

Nov 20th: 6pm Frank Williams

Nov 21st: 8am Carolyn Nguyen 10am Wendy Theunissen.

Nov 27th: 6pm Jenny Glover

Nov 28th: 8am Gerard Dowling 10am Pio

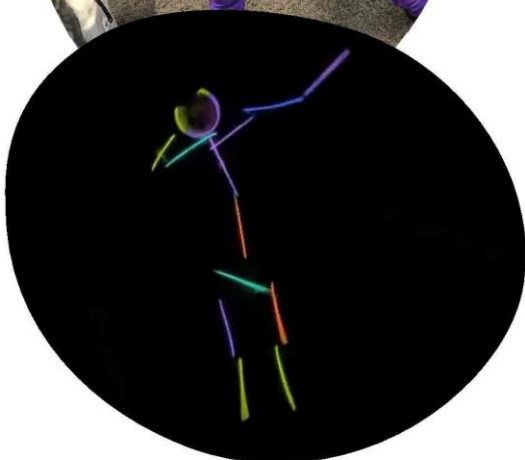
With thanks,
Father Terry.

Lately at OSHC

KINGSBURY OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Email: oshc.kingsbury.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Telephone: 9462 2354



Well it has been a while since our last newsletter report, but rest assured we're still here and making the most of whatever situation we find ourselves in! Throughout the lockdown, for instance, we enjoyed special activities that we're not always able to do with a big group. These included glow stick man dancing in the dark, slime play and a day of "camping" out on the oval.

After a few weeks running separate KPS and OLW "bubbles", we're excited to all be back together in our OSHC space. It feels like a long time since the room was this busy! We're looking forward to trying out some new crafting activities and playing outside as much as we can.

We want to commend the children for being so understanding of the challenges and changes that we've all faced over the last two years. They have proved themselves as strong, flexible and resilient time and time again.

Planning is in progress for the next school holiday program, and we're excited to share everything with you within the next week or so. Please keep an eye out and be sure to register once bookings open up.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	TOAST AND CEREAL	TOAST AND CEREAL	YOGURT, FRUIT AND GRANOLA	TOAST AND CEREAL	CREPES
AFTERNOON TEA	BEEF CHOW MEIN	HONEY CHICKEN	SCONES	ZUCCHINI SLICE	PIZZA
ACTIVITY OPTION 1	CRAFT: COLOURFUL WIND SOCKS	COOKING: HONEY JOYS	CRAFT: WEAVING	COOKING: CRANBERRY AND LEMON ROCK CAKES	CRAFT: CORNER BOOKMARKS
ACTIVITY OPTION 2	POISON BALL	FOOTY	DANCE GAMES	WASPITAL TIGGY	HIDE AND FIND THE OBJECT
FREE PLAY IDEAS	PLAY CHARADES, DESIGN YOUR DREAM BEDROOM, WRITE A COPY OF YOUR FAVOURITE OSHC RECIPE, DRAW A PORTRAIT OF A FRIEND				



Prep 2022 Phys. Ed Orientation Session



Prep 2022 Art Orientation Session

FACE MASKS



\$5 each or 3 x \$12

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& MARKET STALLS | GOLD COIN ENTRY

COVID SAFE EVENT



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A great active activity for the kids to get out of the house post lockdown. Make new friends while keeping active in a fun, inclusive and friendly environment. Preston Reservoir LAC focuses on athletes improving week by week achieving personal bests!

NEW SEASON COMMENCES EARLY NOVEMBER. STAY TUNED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA, TEAM APP AND WEBSITE FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS

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2022 SEASON PLAYERS WANTED

only **\$100 REGISTRATION FEE***

* PLUS \$25 REGISTRATION FEE TO BE PAID TO THE NFNL

A huge thanks to Barry Plant, who are paying the other half of registration fees, to get our kids back into footy after COVID!

 **BarryPlant**
Bundoora

All age groups from U/9 to U/17s

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