



OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome to the 2023 School Year! We hope that the break has been enjoyable for families and everyone is feeling refreshed and rested.

Over the holidays we have undertaken some further refurbishment work in our Library and Year 1/2 classrooms to complete the refurbishment of the main school building. This work is being finished today, with pinboards and whiteboards being installed. The spaces look fantastic and provide high quality learning environments for our students.

STAFFING UPDATE

We welcome Mrs Rachael Lorkin who will be taking over our Futurescapes program. Due to Rachael's teaching commitments at another Catholic School, she will be taking Futurescapes 1 day per week and Futurescapes will rotate with our Music program on a per semester basis in 2023.

We also welcome back Mrs Huong Lamont who returns part-time from Parental Leave and will be working Wednesday to Friday of each week. Huong will continue in her Deputy Principal role.

I will be taking leave from this Friday as I am undergoing knee replacement surgery. MACS has approved Allison Luff to take on the role of Acting Principal during my absence.

ENTRY & EXIT TIMES

There has been a slight change to our daily routines in order to comply with the new Award. School Entry remains from 8.40am. At 8.48am a bell will ring for the classrooms to open so that students may enter and unpack their bag. Our exit time will now become 3.30pm for all students. The gates will open at 3.25pm to allow parents to enter the school grounds. We ask that parents remain off the deck outside the classrooms until the 3.30pm bell rings so that there is no distraction for the students and so that doorways are kept clear. Each year level will have a particular routine or meeting point and will explain this to the students on Wednesday.

DAY 1 OF CLASSES – WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

Classes commence full time this Wednesday as Monday and Tuesday are testing days. Our Preps are also commencing this Wednesday. Students from Prep – Year 6 are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday as we

are also commencing our regular Wednesday specialist program of PE, Library & LOTE.

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

We will be holding our Beginning of Year School Mass this Thursday, February 2 at 10.00am. Families are most welcome to join us for this celebration.

SCHOOL LEADERS MASS

A Mass for our 2023 Staff and Student Leadership groups will be held on this Sunday, February 5, at the Parish 10.00am Mass. All families are also welcome to attend this celebration.

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 2023. After this week, the weekly school newsletter will only be available electronically through Skoolbag.

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 must also make the change in Operoo so that all forms for school extra-curricular activities reach the correct email address.

CSEF

Families who hold a current Health Care Card are eligible to apply for CSEF support. Please contact the school office for an application form. Please note that closure dates apply.

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.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our School Advisory Council is an important body who support the work of the school and provide advice to the Principal and Parish Priest on school matters. At the end of

2022, two members concluded their time. Therefore, we are seeking two new members for the SAC for a period of tenure of up to 3 years. If there is more than 2 nominations, then this will need to go to a vote of the school community. To give you an idea of the work and responsibilities of the SAC, I have included some information in today's newsletter. Some of the main purposes and responsibilities of the SAC are:

- to act as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education;
- to provide a link between the parish priest, principal, teachers and parishioners in relation to the provision of Catholic education in the parish community;
- to promote community development;
- to promote the Catholic ethos of the school and to support the Religious Education programs;
- to provide advice on school policies when required, to plan for the future of the parish primary school and its ability to accommodate future enrolments.

Some of the key qualities and skills for members of the SAC are:

- Commitment to Catholic education in the parish and school
- Commitment to the vision and mission of the parish and school
- An understanding of the role of parish priest, principal and board members
- Willingness to ask questions and seek clarification
- Ability to think strategically
- Willingness to support the contributions of other board members
- Capacity to listen in an active and meaningful way
- Willingness to work co-operatively with others
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times.

Our Meeting dates for 2019 are: March 8, May 10, June 14, August 16, September 16, and November 15.

If you are interested in becoming a SAC member, please send in a letter of interest stating that you wish to apply for a position on the SAC to the school office by Friday February 24.

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.

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 or on the deck at recess and Lunchtime. (i.e. No Hat, No Play)

Keep safe and well, and enjoy the start of a new and exciting school year!

Kevin Burke

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.



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:

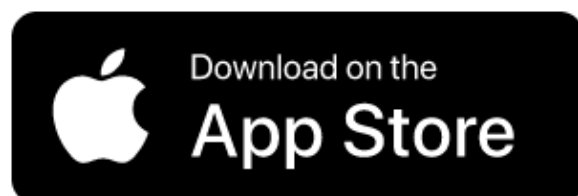
CHILD/REN:

SIGNATURE:

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'



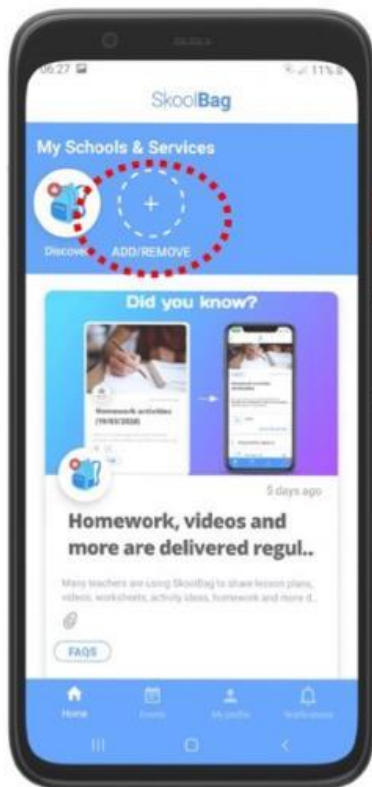
Open the confirmation email sent to your mail inbox and confirm your account



Add your school

Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'

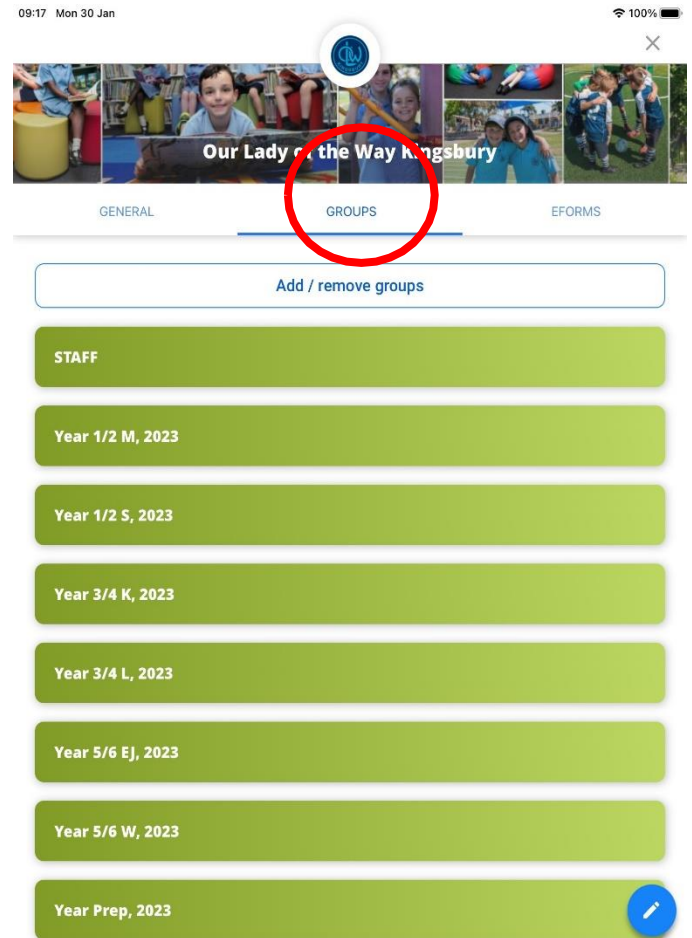
Click '+', now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services



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.