



# OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents & Families,

We wish to extend a big thanks to Guido Meloni and Sally Plissi who answered the call to put together our new staff desks for our teachers in our refurbished rooms.

It was so lovely to see all of our students return to school last week. The happy, smiling faces created a buzz in our school and we are looking forward to the year ahead full of new learning and friendships made.

We welcomed our new Preps for 2023 and they settled in well, ready to begin their journey of their schooling years.

## STAFFING UPDATE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, I will be taking on the role of Acting Principal in Kevin's absence. It is pleasing to note that Kevin's surgery was successful and we wish him well for his recovery.

Please see Mrs Huong Lamont or myself if you have any concerns or good news to share.

## ENTRY & EXIT TIMES

Please be aware of the slight change to our daily routines in order to comply with the new Award. The students are working well with this new arrangement.

- 8:40am - Gates open
- 8.48am - Bell rings to open classroom doors. Students may enter and unpack their bag.
- 3:25pm - Gates open for 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 to ensure that doorways are kept clear.
- 3:30pm - Bell rings for all students to end the day.

## ASSEMBLY

Whole school assemblies will begin today, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February in the hall at 3:10pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend our assemblies. Our 2023 school captains will be assisting in our weekly assemblies.

## SACRAMENTS 2023

Father Trac and the school have now set our Sacrament dates for 2023. The following dates for our Sacraments are:

First Reconciliation – Yr 2 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm

First Eucharist – Yr 3 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11:30am

Confirmation - Year 6 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm

## P&F – PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Our Parents and Friends Committee meets once a month to organise fundraisers and events for our school. The P&F will meet each month on a Thursday afternoon at 2:45pm in the staffroom. The first meeting has been set for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm. At this meeting we will set the fundraisers for our school. If you are interested in joining the P&F please come along to our first meeting.

## 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. 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, three members concluded their time. Therefore, we are seeking three new members for the SAC for a period of tenure of up to 3 years. If there are more than 3 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 2023 are: March 8, May 10, June 14, August 16, September 16, and November 15. Our first meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March will begin at 5:30pm and conclude at 6:30pm. This is our School Open Evening and Tours for new families. This meeting will be an opportunity to meet and greet new families for the first half an hour for our meeting.

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)

Enjoy the week!

*Allison Luff*

**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 OLV 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: .....

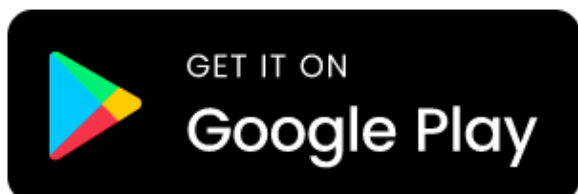
CHILD/REN: .....

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 Store icons above and download the SkoolBag App.

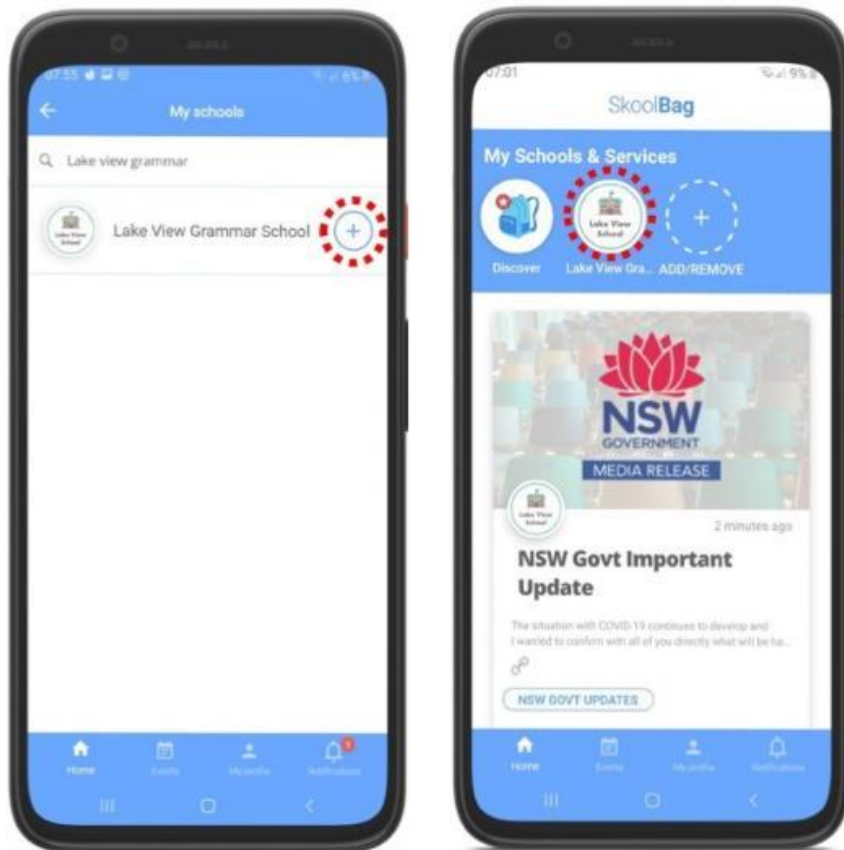


## Create an account

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



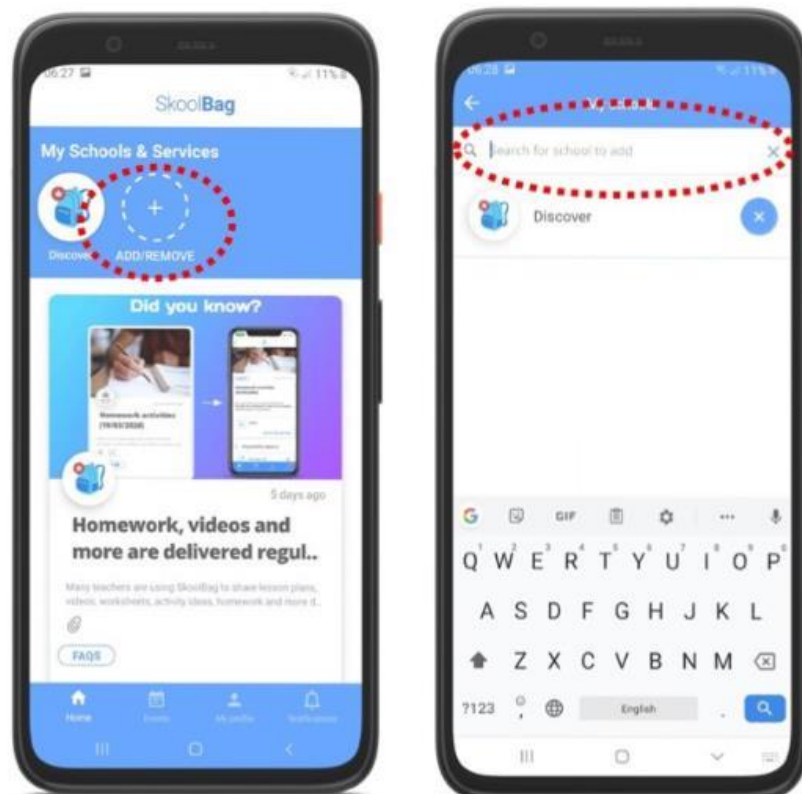
Open the confirmation email sent to your mail inbox and confirm your account



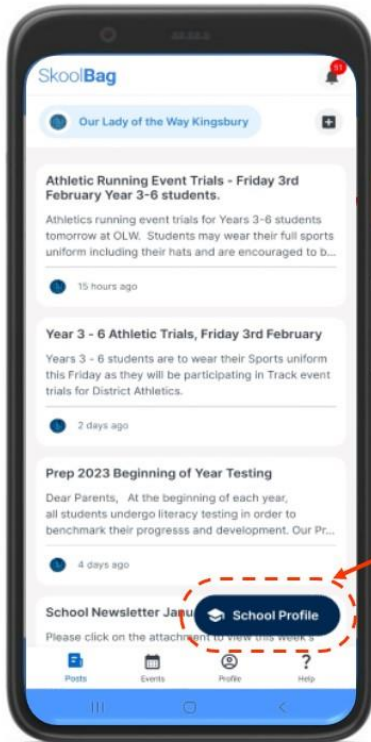
## Add your school

Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'

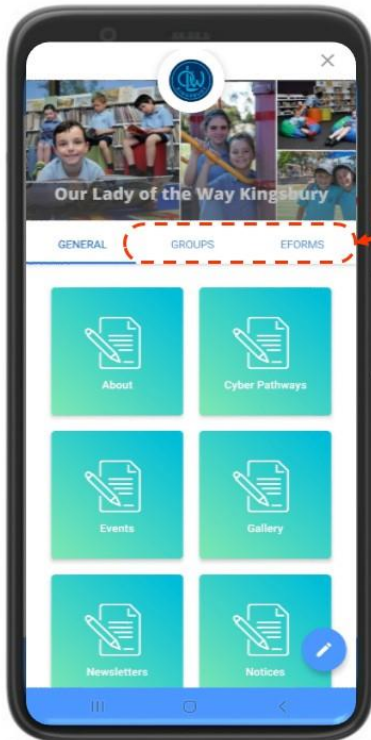
Click '+' to add your school, now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services



# Adding Your Child's Class Group



Click on **School Profile**



**GROUPS** - Select the to add your child's group.

**EFORMS** - you can submit an online absence form or leave a message for your child's classroom teacher.

# KEON PARK STARS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



## JOIN US IN 2023

### U9 - U10 - U11 - U12 - U15

**\$100  
FEES**

We are looking for players to join our Junior Football sides in Season 2023

- All abilities welcome
- Players will get game time
- Community based sporting Club
- Great family friendly environment
- Affordable registration fees
- Located at JC Donath Reserve
- AFL Auskick & NetSetGo Netball program on Saturday mornings
- Winter Junior Netball season starting March

\* NFNL \$25 Registration is paid separate and must be paid before playing

REGISTER  
NOW WITH  
QR CODE



**REGISTRATION DAY: SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

JC Donath Reserve (Middle Oval), Reservoir 11:30am-2:30pm

\* HELP WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION \* PAY 2023 KPSJFC CLUB REGISTRATION FEES \* ORDER UNIFORMS \* FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE \*

**REGISTER NOW AT [www.keonparkstarsjfc.com/register](http://www.keonparkstarsjfc.com/register)**



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JUNIOR FOOTY & NETBALL – AUSKICK – NETSETGO NETBALL



# PARADE COLLEGE

## OPEN DAY



Sunday February 26

10am - 2pm  
Bundoora Campus

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# Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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## Mass Timetable

Saturday – Vigil Mass:	6.00PM
Sunday:	8.00AM and 10.00AM
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday	10.00AM
Rosary: Tuesday - Friday	9.30AM
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday from 5.15 to 5.45PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Friday from 9.15 to 9.45AM

*Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364*

Welcome to you all.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## Newsletter Information on 5th Sunday – 04 and 05 February 2023

### Opening of the Parish Year 2023

In asking God's blessing for each one of us and the new school year, we will have an Opening of The Parish Year 2023 Mass at 10:00 am, with commissioning our parish's activities and OLW school. Following this will be hospitality, which is a great opportunity to get to know and connect with one another.

### St Vincent De Paul message

The society sincerely thanks all parishioners for their generous donations to the Christmas Appeal. While the demand is ever increasing, your generous gifts are graciously accepted and needed. Thanks to all from SVDP Kingsbury.

### Ash Wednesday 22 February 2023

Dear parishioners of Our Lady the Way Parish, we are heading to the Lenten Journey of 2023 soon, also known as the conversion journey. We will mark this journey by celebrating the Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Beginning of the Lenten Time, we are invited to reflect upon the three beautiful and meaningful aspects of the season. Almsgiving and fasting and prayer are honoured ways of changing whatever prevents us from drinking from the streams of divine grace. Almsgiving reminds us of the covenant bond that joins us with each other and of the social responsibilities that accompany it. Fasting sensitises us to the dependence we have on the natural world. It also curbs our insatiable desire for more and more. Prayer unites us with God, the source of our being and our merciful covenant partner.



## Order of Malta – Lourdes Day Mass – Saturday 18 February 2023

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes. The Mass will take place again on Saturday, 18th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

Please promote this Mass, especially among parishioners who are sick, infirm or elderly and the people who care for them. Everyone attending will receive a gift pack containing Lourdes water, rosary beads and prayer material.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

### Remembering Mass and Prayers:

Early in January, together with family and friends, we celebrated the funeral Mass for Mrs Svetlana Simenetto. On Saturday night 4 February, we will celebrate the memorial for the late Svetlana Simenetto. Ivano, her husband and the children and friends will be attending Mass with us and asking our prayers.

Also, please keep the late Mrs Maureen Kanan in your prayers. Maureen was a parishioner of OLW Kingsbury until 3 years ago when she went to live with her daughter's family. We keep her and the family in our prayers during this time.

### Eucharistic Ministers:

04 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	6pm Jim Conway	5 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	8am Gerard Dowling	10am Sue
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	6pm Jenny Glover	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	8am Martina Dowling	10am Maria

### Readers:

04 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6pm Bill Tombs	05 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	8am Jason Cassar	10am Evelyn Ginger
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6pm Robyn Nguyen	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	8am Maureen Brown	10am Margaret Leonard

Fr. Trac

Priest in Charge

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### Online Donation

**1st Collection:** is for the support of our parish, its welfare and maintenance. *(Taken up after the homily).*

**Name: Kingsbury Parish Church**  
**BSB: 083 347 A/C: 68643 0901**

**2nd Collection:** is for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. *(Taken up after the prayers of the faithful).*

**Name: Our Lady of the Way Parish Presbytery**  
**BSB: 083 347 A/C: 66765 5224**

We appreciate your generous support to the parish and priest of Our Lady of the Way.

*At Our Lady of the Way, Kingsbury Parish we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

# The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 February 2023

## First Reading Is 58:7-10

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord;*

*the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 5:13-16

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

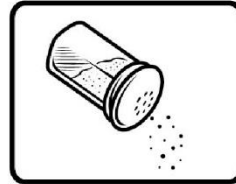
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**P**aul Miki was a Japanese Jesuit priest who was well known for his preaching. During his life the number of Christians in Japan was steadily growing. This displeased the Japanese ruler, Hideyoshi. He ordered the execution of Paul Miki and 25 of his companions. They were all crucified near Nagasaki in 1597; the first Christian martyrs in Japan. It is said that Paul Miki gave his last sermon from the cross, during which he forgave his persecutors as Christ had done.

Unscramble and decipher these tiles to reveal one of Jesus' sayings from this week's Gospel.



" \_\_\_\_\_ "

# Crossword

## Across

- 2: a light you can carry around
- 5: not dark
- 7: the opposite of bottom
- 10: you eat this when you are hungry
- 12: Jesus' friends

## Down

- 1: Jesus told the disciples they were like \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone on earth
- 3: an indoor plant grows in this
- 4: a very large town
- 6: kept out of sight
- 8: the number before two
- 9: a place where you live
- 11: a small mountain

