



OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate a special day in our Catholic Religion – ‘The Feast of the Assumption’ on 15th August.

On the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Catholics give thanks and praise for the holy and blessed life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Church celebrates how God has honoured Mary as the mother of all and welcomed her into heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (Lk 1: 39–56)

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

Loving God, may we always know that we are chosen by you. As our lives are formed in faith, hope and love in the light of Christ. Amen

Our Lady of the Way Primary School fosters inclusiveness based on faith, learning and community partnerships. We seek to embrace the spirit, enlighten the mind, and awaken the whole individual, empowering them to become an active global citizen.

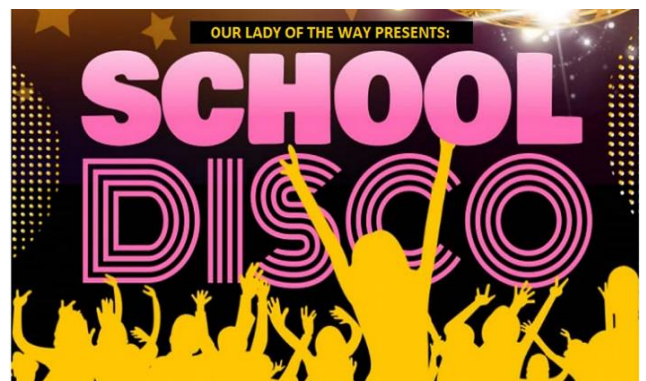
PARENTS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

It has been wonderful to watch the enthusiasm of our students finding spare coins around the house to donate to our Spare Coin Fundraiser. I have heard stories of students looking through the backs of their couches or behind tables to find any spare coins. This Spare Coin challenge will continue for this week and we will announce the class winner at next weeks’ assembly.



SCHOOL DISCO

The Parents & Friends school Disco, in the School Hall on Friday, August 18th is an exciting event for our students. The event will showcase Move Dance Co. Two sessions are scheduled: Years Prep to 2 will participate in the 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm session, while years 3 - 6 will join the 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm session. Drop-off and pick-up of students must occur at the school entry gates during the designated start and finish times. It’s important to note that this is a food-free event, and no food will be provided. However, each student will receive a bottle of water upon entry. The event will be supervised by P&F members who hold a Working with Children Check. I have added the flyer to the newsletter and you can still fill in a permission form for your children up until tomorrow 15th August.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The P&F will hold a second-hand uniform sale in the school hall after the Monday assembly on 14th August, running until 3:40pm. If you are interested in making a purchase, this is a cash only sale.

The P&F plans to hold the second-hand uniform shop on a monthly basis. If you have any uniforms that you would like to donate, please feel free to drop them off at the school office for the P&F. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



YR 3/4 INDOOR SOCCER

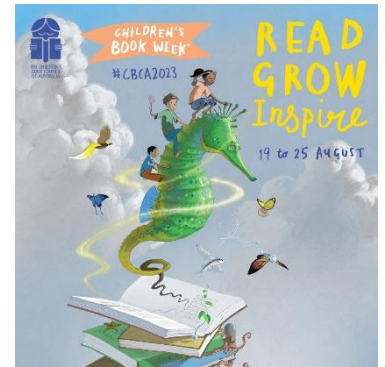
What a wonderful day our Year 3/4 students who participated in the Reservoir Cup on Friday had. We have some amazing results. Our 3/4 girls came third on Friday. They showed such strength and resilience and continue working hard to come third.

Ours 3/4 boys came first. They were amazing showcasing their skills and talents in soccer. They certainly enjoyed each goal and celebrated in style. Thank you to Mrs Van Ballegooy and Ms Claudia who coached and trained the students. Your calmness and control under pressure again displayed how lucky we are at OLW to have you as part of our community.



BOOK WEEK

Book Week runs from Saturday 19th August – Friday 25th August. This year's theme is; '**Read, Grow, Inspire**'. Our Book Week Parade will occur at 9am on Tuesday 22nd August. Everyone is welcome to attend and see our students dressed up in their favourite book characters.



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

This week marks the beginning of National Science Week. The school theme for National Science Week in 2023 is: *Innovation: Powering Future Industries*. The theme incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using artificial intelligence (AI). The teachers have been planning a science experiment for their class this week. There are so many different and exciting experiments that will be performed around the school.



WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that the word '**holiness**' means a state of being holy.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Our phrase of the week this week is: '**under the weather**'. Find out its meaning and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Keep Friday 1st September Free for our Father's Day Breakfast.

All father's and guardians are invited to our Father's Day Breakfast beginning at 8am. Feast on egg and bacon sandwiches and enjoy barista coffee from the coffee van. Eat breakfast with your children and then you are welcome to visit your child's classroom or play a game of soccer on the oval.

See the invitation attached to this newsletter and complete the Operoo form indicating your attendance for catering purposes.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our SAC meeting is on this Wednesday 16th August at 5:30pm in the school hall. The agenda was emailed last Friday to the members of our SAC. If you did not receive the agenda, please email me.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Our next meeting for the members of our P&F is on Thursday 17th August at 2:45pm. We will meet in the hall.

WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee in Term 4 on Friday 13th October from 3:40pm – 5:40pm. The working bee will be focussed on cleaning out furniture under the school hall. We have organised a skip for this old furniture. Our staff have been slowly clearing out the Brennan room in the hall and under the hall. We have many items that we will offer to parents before we throw them out. Look out in next week's newsletter for what is available.

Enjoy your week!

Allison Luff & Huong Lamont

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday August 14

P&F Spare Coin Drive Continues
Prep Fire Fighter Visit
3:00pm – Assembly
3:20pm - Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tuesday August 15

Feast of the Assumption
1/2 Science Incursion

Wednesday August 16

5:30pm – School Advisory Council

Thursday August 17

Year 5/6 Guest Speaker – Katrina Morrow
2:45pm – P&F Meeting

Friday August 18

National Day Against Bullying
2pm – 1/2 Science Incursion
Year 5/6 Soccer Tournament
School Disco

CHESS CHAMPION

Congratulations to Victoria Mao who again competed in a chess tournament. Victoria won 4 out of 7 rounds and won a silver medal. The tournament was an accredited primary interschool tournament by the Australian Chess Federation. Eighty primary students attended this tournament and it is an open tournament where boys and girls play together.





It's time to bring in your coins!

The class that fills their coin jug will win a hot chip lunch.

All funds raised will go towards purchasing Beebots (Future Scapes).

COIN DRIVE

7th -23rd AUGUST 2023



DEAR FATHERS & GUARDIANS,
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Father's Day Breakfast

Where: OLW School

Date: Friday 1st September

Time: 8:00am - 8:50am

TO ASSIST US WITH CATERING ARRANGEMENTS
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 25 VIA OPEROO

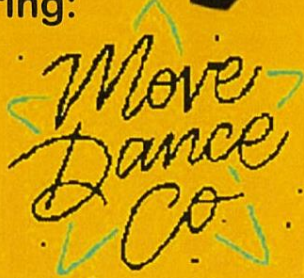




OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRESENTS:

SCHOOL DISCO

Featuring:



Prep - Grade 2 5:00pm till 6:30pm
Grade 3 - Grade 6 7:00pm till 8:30pm

Students must be dropped off and picked up from the black school entry gates at allocated start and finish times

Please note: No food will be supplied as this is a food free event. A bottle of water will be provided to each student upon entry. Members of parents and friends holding a working with children's check will assist in supervising

Friday 18th August 2023



Please return RSVP slip by Friday 11th August 2023

Child's Name: will/will not be attending

Class:

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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New Weekend Mass Time for both OLW and Holy Name

Both communities of OLW and Holy Name have supported the new weekend Mass Times. This change will be effected from **Saturday/Sunday 5th -6th August 2023**. Mass times will be as per roster, on the door and in the bulletin.

- Saturday Night: 6:00pm at Our Lady of the Way
- Sunday Morning: 9:00am at Our Lady of the Way
- Sunday Morning: 10:30am at Holy Name
- Sunday Afternoon: 4:00pm at Holy Name (Vietnamese)

Weekday Mass Times

The following 3 weeks, mass times are as follows:

- Our Lady of the Way: Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am
- OLW Communion Service: Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am
- Holy Name: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00am

Welcome to you all.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23

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Newsletter information 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th and 13th August 2023

Invite God into the storms of our life.

This Sunday's Gospel passage speaks of Jesus walking on the water of the stormy lake. During the crossing of the lake by night, the disciples' boat is hindered by a sudden wind storm. At a certain point, they see someone walking on the water. Upset, they think it is a ghost and cry out in fear. Jesus reassures them: *"Take heart, it is I; have no fear"*. Peter gets out of the boat and takes a few steps; then the wind and waves frighten him and he begins to sink. *"Lord, save me"*, he cries, and Jesus grasps him by the hand and says to him: *"O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"*.

This Gospel narrative is an invitation to abandon ourselves trustingly to God in every moment of our life, especially in the moment of trial and turmoil. When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, in life's difficult moments where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out: *"Lord, save me"* and to knock on God's heart - It is a beautiful prayer.

And Jesus immediately reaches out his hand - Jesus is the Father's hand who never abandons us, who only wants what is good for us. God is not the hurricane; he is not in the fire and he is not in the earthquake - God is the light breeze. Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to his love and tenderness, amid the storm.

Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments, he is well aware that our faith can be weak - myself included - and our journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces.

Jesus heard the cry of Peter. So let us ask for the grace to hear the cry of all those tossed by the waves of life. It is the cry of all those who face the storms of life without the presence of a friend or family. As Christians we cannot stand with arms folded in indifference, we must stretch out our hands, as Jesus does with us, *"Stretch out your hand to us, Lord, and take hold of us. Help us to love as you love"*. The Lord stretches out his hand, freely and not out of duty. And so it must be with us.

Let's not forget this: He is the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek him, he is present beside us lifting us back up after our falls. Maybe in the dark, we cry out: "Lord, Lord!" thinking he is so far away. But he says gently, "I am here." He is with me - That is the Lord.

New Parish Priest Appointed

Fr John O'Connor has been appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury and Holy Name East Preston from the 8th of September. We look forward to welcoming him.

Meanwhile Fr Joel Peart has come from Mill Park and is filling in until Fr John O'Connor arrives. We welcome and thank him for being with us and for his assistance during this time.

For security, could you please keep an eye on the church and presbytery as you go by. Fr Peart will go back to his parish after masses at Kingsbury.

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Aging and Awakening: God's Surprising Gift

We have been fortunate to have Sr Kerin lead us in Scripture to reflect on the journey of our later life. A group of parishioners have continued to gather in support of each other with a cup of tea and discussion. Please join us if you are free for the next session: Friday 25th of August, after 10:00am.

Parish Suggestion Box

A white suggestion box has been placed in the church foyer. If parishioners have any concerns or questions, please feel free to write a message and place it in the box or reach out to a member of the Parish Leadership Team (PLT).

Parish Luncheon

Please join us at our next Parish luncheon on the 30th of August, at the Summerhill hotel. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.

Eucharistic Ministers:

12th Aug: 6pm J Vandenberg & K Zanini 13th Aug: 9am Sharon & A Crupi
19th Aug: 6pm J Conway & K Zanini 20th Aug: 9am Sue & Maria

Readers:

12th Aug: 6pm Gabriel Becker 13th Aug: 9am Evelyn Ginger
19th Aug: 6pm Frank Williams 20th Aug: 9am Margaret Leonard

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 pari

The Living Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 August 2023

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

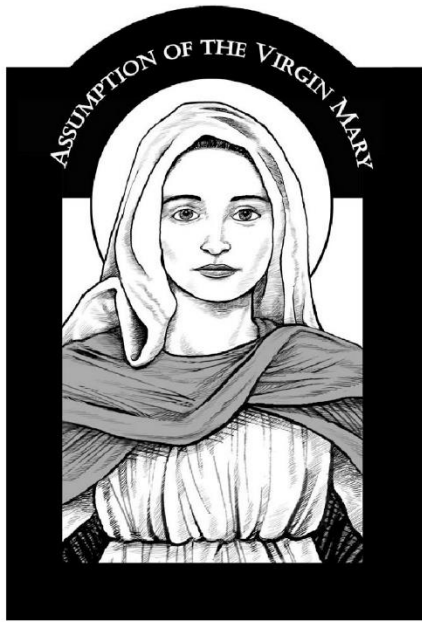
In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Mary is seen as the first disciple of Jesus and a model for all disciples; it is fitting that she receive the gift of discipleship first of all. Belief in the Assumption of Mary had become widespread by the end of the seventh century and was eventually defined in an infallible statement by Pope Pius XII in 1950.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| afraid | ghost | pray | water |
| boat | helped | sink | waves |
| faith | Peter | tossed | wind |

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Help Jesus find his way across the water and onto the boat.
 Be sure to pick up St Peter along the way!

