



OLW NEWS 2023

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Dear Parents,

Today is our school closure day as our staff diligently work on writing reports to ensure your child's progress is well-documented. Tomorrow, is Melbourne Cup holiday, providing an extra day of respite. As we find ourselves at the halfway point of the term, this extended weekend is a well-deserved opportunity for all to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, reenergised and ready for the exciting journey that the remainder of the term holds.

STAFF CHANGES

Year 5/6 teacher, Hannah Walsh will commence maternity leave this week. We extend our warmest wishes for her and hope for a safe and joyful arrival of her baby. It's a time of excitement for both Hannah and Julian, and we send them our warmest regards. During Hannah's absence, Mrs. Christine Moore will step in as the Year 5/6W teacher for the remainder of the year. Christine Moore has been a valuable member of our school community for the last term, and she has had several opportunities to work closely with the Year 5/6W students. Her experience and familiarity with the class make her well-suited for this role. We are confident that she will provide a seamless transition and continue to support your child's education and growth.



FITNESS-A-THON FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce that our recent Fitness-a-thon fundraiser was a success, raising a total of \$3,400. A big round of applause to everyone who contributed to this achievement. Our top three fundraisers have gone above and beyond:

- **1st Place:** *Jessica C in Year 3/4HK*
- **2nd Place:** *Aila in Year 5/6EJ, Jackson in Year 5/6W, Remy in Year 3/4L, and Sailor in Year 1/2M*
- **3rd Place:** *Angela in 1/2S*

Every student who raised over \$20 has been awarded a fitness dice, a token of our appreciation for their outstanding efforts. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one

of you who generously contributed to the fundraiser. Thank you!



NAIDOC MEDCAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations to Zara in year 4HK, for being the recipient of the prestigious NAIDOC Medal of Excellence. Zara's exceptional achievement stands out as one of only 25 such awards presented statewide in conjunction with this year's NAIDOC Week School Initiative. Zara's accomplishment is attributed to her outstanding poem, which beautifully encapsulated the essence of the national celebration, and as a result, she was chosen as the deserving winner of this esteemed prize. Zara's poem is attached in this newsletter.



STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Wednesday 1st of November, Mingchen in year 5 represented OLV at the Victorian Primary School State Athletics Championships. Competing at such a high level is an incredible achievement! Mingchen competed in Long Jump and finished in 6th place with an exceptional jump of 4.0m. We are so proud of your determination and accomplishments Mingchen! We cannot wait to see what the future holds for you!



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS TERM 4

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the interschool sports on Friday. OLV students continue to show sportsmanship, determination and team spirit. The results from the tournaments will be announced in the coming weeks for Rounders, Bat Tennis and Cricket to see how we placed overall against District Schools!



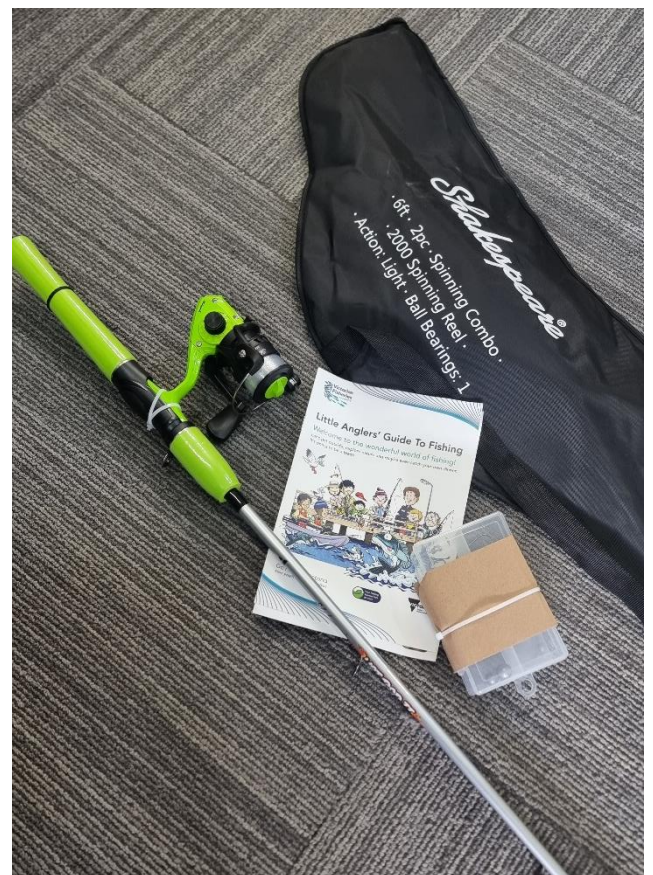
PREP EXCURSION TO MYUNA FARM

Last Friday, our Preps embarked on a thrilling excursion to Myuna Farm. It was a day filled with memorable experiences, laughter, and learning. Our young explorers had the chance to get up close and personal with a variety of farm animals, witnessing their daily routines and even lending a hand with feeding and caring for them. The smiles on their faces told the story of a fun and educational day out. We're grateful to the dedicated staff and educators who made this excursion possible, providing our Preps with a

wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and the animal kingdom. Attached are some photos from the excursion.

DISTRIBUTION OF LITTLE ANGLER KITS

At the 2022 state election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to the students via school. Year 5 students were selected as recipients based on the Victorian Curriculum focus on movement and motor development, and safety considerations. In the upcoming week, teachers will be distributing these complimentary Little Angler Kits to all Year 5 students. Each kit will consist of a fishing rod, reel, fishing line, tackle box, various fishing tackle, and instructional resources to assist parents or caregivers in explaining how to utilise the kit.



P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As the holiday season approaches, we're excited to spread some cheer through our annual P & F Christmas raffle. We invite all families to participate and make this event even more exciting by contributing to our raffle prizes. You can contribute by donating items or gifts that would make fantastic raffle prizes. These donations can be dropped off at the school office, and we appreciate any and all contributions. Donations close December 6th. Keep an eye out this week as your child will be



bringing home raffle tickets. Each ticket costs just \$1, and they offer a chance to win some incredible prizes. The more tickets you purchase, the better your chances of winning! The Christmas raffle drawing will take place on the last day of this term, Friday 15th December. Additional raffle books are available from the school office. All tickets, sold or unsold must be returned by Tuesday 12th December. We appreciate your support and look forward to a festive and exciting Christmas raffle.

CLASS MASSES

Class Masses are set to recommence this term, with each class having the opportunity to attend mass once. This Friday, from 10 am - 11 am, the Preps will be attending Mass led by Father John O'Connor. We extend a warm invitation to parents to join us for these class Masses, where we can come together as a school community.



P&F SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The P & F second-hand uniform shop will continue its monthly operation on the second Monday of each month. Our upcoming sale is scheduled for Monday November 13th, immediately following the assembly. We kindly request uniform donations, and if you have any to spare, please feel free to drop them off at the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated and we thank you for your contributions.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that the phrase of the week, '**straight from the horse's mouth**', means you hear it from the person who has direct personal knowledge of it.

WORD OF THE WEEK

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is on Saturday 11th November and we are participating in the fundraiser. You can find poppies, pens, and wristbands available for purchase at the front office. Your generous donation to the ANZAC Appeal plays a vital role in providing assistance to veterans and their families during their times of need. Your contribution contributes to the RSL's ongoing efforts to provide transformative support to our veterans.



Enjoy your week!

Allison Luff & Huong Lamont

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday November 6th
School Closure Day

Tuesday November 7th
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Wednesday November 8th
Specialist Classes
No School Assembly this week

Thursday November 9th
Years 3 – 6 Art Lessons
1:10pm - Zooper Dooper Icy Pole Sales

Friday November 10th
Years P - 2 Art Lessons
Prep Class Mass 10am – 11am

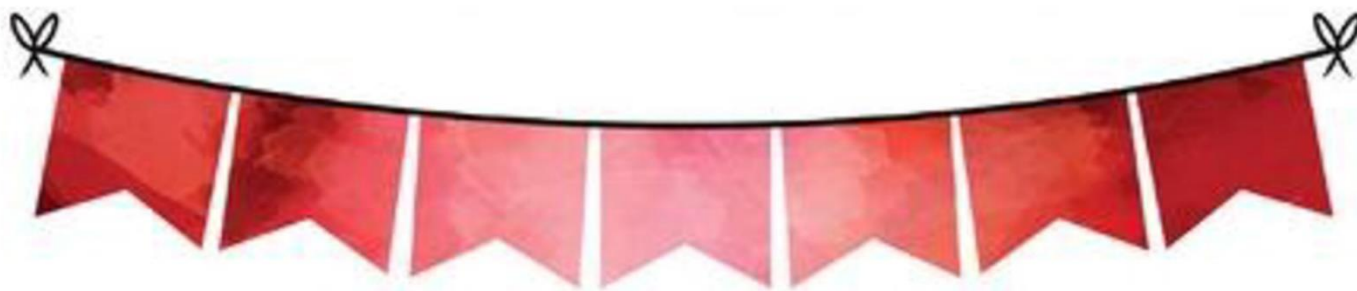


RESPECTING CULTURE

Dirt, water, sun
Let's come together as one
Do it in this way
And listen to what they say
We know what to expect
So show some respect
They've let us use this mighty land
So let's give them a hand
And show our appreciation
Of this wonderful, amazing nation
Dirt, water, sun
Let's come together as one.

By Zara Henderson
Year 4, 2023

Our Lady of the Way Primary School
Kingsbury, Victoria



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LADY OF THE WAY'S 2023



RAFFLE DONATION DRIVE

**ITEMS WILL BE
COLLECTED UNTIL
6th DECEMBER**

Ideas of Donations:

Kids toys	Stationary	Lego
Candles	Jewellery	Books
Video gaming	Beauty products	

Gift cards / vouchers for:

Hair	Beauty	Café
Restaurant	Retail	Movies
Entertainment/Experiences		Gaming

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF MONDAY-FRIDAY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING SCHOOL TERM.

*DONATED GOODS WILL MAKE UP
THE PRIZES FOR THE SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.*

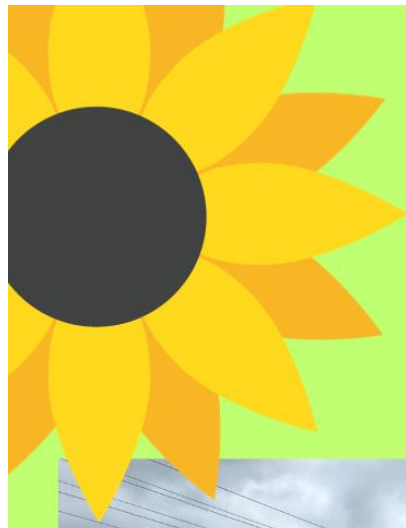
*MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS NEW IPADS*

Questions?

PLEASE CONTACT SALLY

ON 0488552301





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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 mass times are as follows:

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

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Welcome to you all.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Newsletter Information 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4th and 5th November

The Right to Life Australia Inc. Conference and Dinner

When: November 11th, 2023 from 9:15 AM to 9:00 PM

Location: Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, VIC, 3052

9:15am - 10:00am Registration with tea and coffee

10:00am - 4:30pm Day Conference Presentations (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included)

5:00pm - 6:00pm Pre-dinner drinks

6:15pm - 9:00pm Conference dinner

Cost:

Day conference \$105 Pre-dinner drinks and savouries \$25

Dinner \$110 Table of 10 \$990 (10% discount for table of 10)

Student Concession (*please email rtl@rtlust.com or phone the RTLA office (03) 9385 0100*)

Registration closes 6 November at 11am for catering requirements.

If you would like to book by phone, please call the office (03) 9385 0100.

Vinnies – New Members Required

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingsbury or Vinnies as we are now known is one of 245 conferences in Victoria. We deliver food vouchers and Vinnies shop vouchers to people seeking help in Bundoora and Kingsbury. We also assist with the payment of utility bills.

It is very rewarding work as the people we assist are very appreciative of the help we give them. We are always looking for new members and if anyone is interested there is a number of pamphlets at the door of the church which can be taken and read

Recently Deceased: We pray for all who died recently especially Vic Cerra, Giuseppe Mara, Peter Favrin, Graziella Marino

November – Remembrance Month

In this month of remembrance, parishioners are invited to offer their intentions and prayers for their deceased loved ones.

Please write names on the envelopes provided and place them at the front of the church. Parishioners are also invited to light a candle. If you would like a name added to the Anniversary Book, please place name in November book or pass on to Fr John.

Christmas Raffle Donations

Donations of new items to add to our Christmas Raffle would be appreciated. A box marked "Raffle" will be in the church foyer next week. Any queries please see Glenda Tombs. Many thanks.

Seniors Get Fit Classes

Commenced this week in the OLW Hall and followed by morning tea was the Seniors fitness class. Please come and join us. We would love more to come! For this month only Parishioners can attend for free. Sign up forms in the foyer or please see Glenda or Angelina for more information. Next session will be 11th of November at 10am.

Parish Celebration Morning Tea and Welcome

Everyone is welcome on the 12th of November after Sunday 9am Mass. Please join us for Morning Tea and Hospitality, to formally welcome Fr John and celebrate the community of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury. It will be a wonderful opportunity for conversation, food and to celebrate community gathering and spirit.

Prayers for parishioners:

We keep in our thoughts and prayers Maureen Brown and Margaret McIntosh who are unwell during this time. We wish them a quick recovery.

Church Volunteers

Thank you to our parishioners who continue to volunteer and support the parish: Readers, Ministers, Collectors and Counters, setting up and cleaning after mass, organising social events and morning teas, church, and garden maintenance to name a few. If you are interested in wanting to help out in any way, please speak to Fr John.

If you are thinking of being a Eucharistic Minister or Reader, or would like to continue your current role, please write your name and details on the list in the foyer. The list will be collected in the next few weeks so that the new rosters can be organized. Thank you.

Anniversary Notices

If you would like an anniversary notice added to the weekly bulletin, please forward details to Fr John or Carol by the Wednesday of the week or see at 9am mass. This will be said during the mass. Email: cnguyen@penola.vic.edu.au

Parish Suggestion Box

Thank you for your suggestions and comments.

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

Save the date!

Night of the Witnesses 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration, and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith.

We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

Eucharistic Ministers:

4th Nov: 6pm J Vandenberg & J Conway 5th Nov: 9am Gerard Dowling & Diane

11th Nov: 6pm G Tombs & K Zanini 12th Nov: 9am Sharon & A Crupi

Readers:

4th Nov: 6pm Bill Tombs 5th Nov: 9am Evelyn Ginger

11th Nov: 6pm Jenny Glover 12th Nov: 9am Carolyn Nguyen

Father John.

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

The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 November 2023

First Reading Mal 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7-9.13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have one Father, your Father
in heaven;*

*you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus
Christ.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

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St Martin of Tours was born the son of a soldier, circa 315 AD. Born in present day Hungary, he was brought up in Pavia, Italy. As a young officer he encountered a naked beggar, and having nothing to give but the clothes off his own back, he cut his military cloak in two and gave half to the beggar. Later he had a vision of Christ wearing his cloak and soon after he was baptised. Before a battle, St Martin asked to be discharged from the army, stating that as Christ's soldier he was not permitted to fight. When accused of cowardice he offered to stand unarmed on the battlefield between the two opposing armies. After his release, St Martin founded a monastery at Liguage – the first in France – and was made the bishop of Tours in 370 AD. He was also an active missionary in rural France and spoke in defence of those being executed by the Emperor for practising magic and other heresies. He was one of the first non-martyrs to be made a saint.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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Complete the maze by making the right choices

