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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined in our Christmas Carols last Thursday evening. It was wonderful to see so many families join in the picnic in spite of the hot weather. Our students were amazing with their performances and it was great to see everyone get into the real Christmas spirit. Thank you to the staff for preparing the students for the event, and a special thank you to the P & F for organising the sausage sizzle and the sale of water and Zooper Doopers.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Huong Lamont and her husband Justin on the safe arrival of their daughter Makenzie a little over a week ago. Both Huong and the baby are doing well.

YEAR 5/6 RESERVOIR CUP

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students who competed in the Indoor Soccer competition last Thursday. Both teams performed exceptionally well on the day in very hot conditions, and our Girls team finished 2nd and our Boys finished 1st in the competition. Congratulations to everyone involved, and thank you to the parents who came along to support the teams.

YEAR 5/6 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Our Year 5/6 students have another big week ahead of them with secondary school orientations taking place this week, a trip to Funfields on Wednesday, and our Graduation Mass & Supper on Thursday.

PREP 2025 ORIENTATION

Our final Prep Orientation program sessions is this Tuesday from 9.30am – 11.00am to coincide with most secondary school orientation programs.

TEAM DEAM CHRISTMAS SHOW

All students will be joining in the Team Dream Christmas Show this Friday afternoon.

2025 FAMILY & LEVY FEES

The School Fee for 2025 will be \$1950 per family and the levy will be \$450 per child. (\$50.00 will be refunded if families attend one working bee during the year). The annual rise in the fee is kept to a minimum and in line with, or just below CPI, to ensure that OLW remains accessible for all families.

Please remember that if you ever have any concerns over the payment of school fees, you should contact the office so that we can assist you with managing your situation.

Student Book Orders will be managed by the school again this year. Families will not be required to order any classroom books or equipment for 2025. All books and requirements for your child will be billed to your 2025 school fee account.

P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F Christmas Raffle Ticket sales close this Friday. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10 for the book of tickets which went home with each child last week. Additional books are available from the school office. Prizes will be on display in the school office and all sold or unsold tickets must to be returned by this Friday, December 13.

Enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

REVIEW WORDS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that **'up to my eyeballs'** means to be very busy with something.

Our Review words for this week are:

'frankincense' and **'myrrh'**

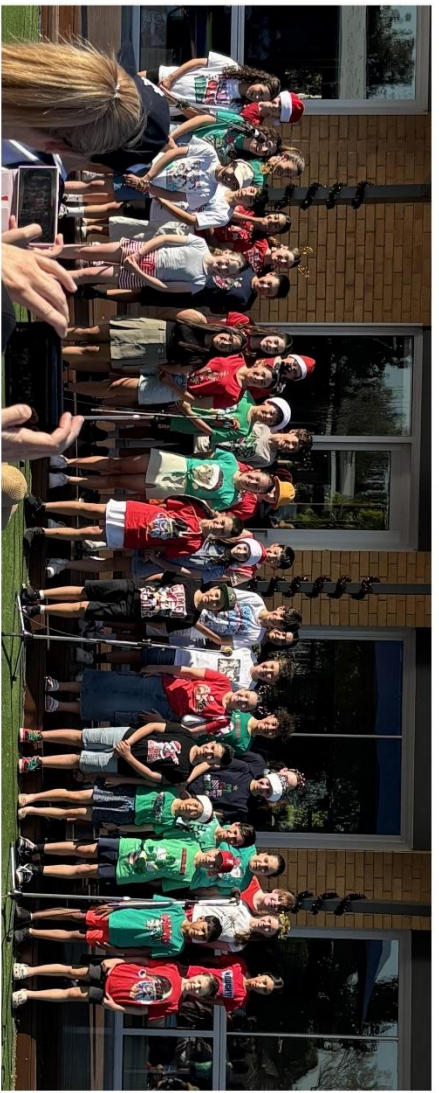
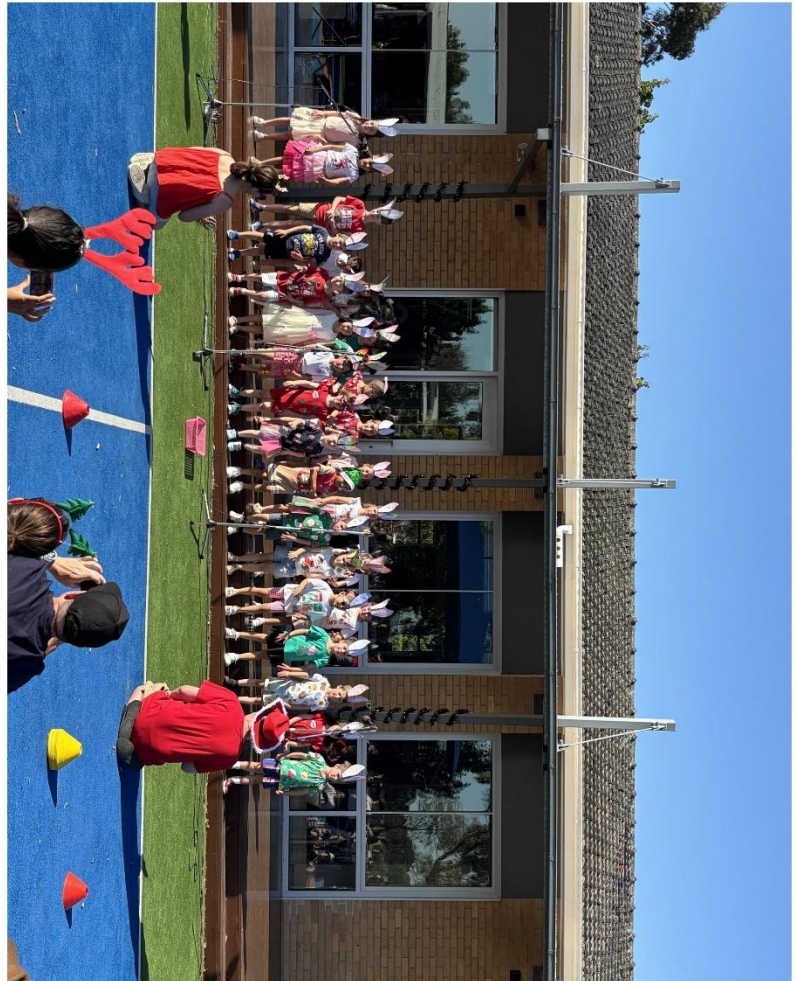
Find out their meaning and see if you can add them to your vocabulary over the next week.

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER

MON 9	Prep Farm Excursion Santa Maria Orientation
TUE 10	Prep Orientation Loyola Orientation OLMC Orientation Govt. Schools Orientation
WED 11	Year 5/6 Funfields
THUR 12	Graduation Mass & Presentations
FRI 13	Team Dream Christmas Show Reports go home
TUE 17	Last Day for Students Whole School Mass – 11.30am Dismissal – 3.20pm

[OLW 2024 Calendar](#)







Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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Parish Website: <http://www.olwkingbury.org.au/>

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♦ Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury (Principal- Kevin Burke): 03 9460 6684

♦ Holy Name East Preston (Principal –Caroline Galea): 03 9471 0883

♦ Holy Name Preston East: 28 Rob St, Reservoir - 03 9471 0832

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Date: 7th and 8th of December- Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday Evening:

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 East Preston

Sunday Afternoon:

4:00pm at Holy Name East Preston (Vietnamese)

WEEKDAY

Our Lady of the Way:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am

Holy Name East Preston:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00am

Prayer Groups

Rosary

Before morning Masses:

Our Lady of the Way:

9:20am

Holy Name East Preston:

8.30am

Morning Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady of the Way:

Friday at 9:15am to 9:45

am before 10am Mass

Confession Times

Holy Name East Preston:

Saturday after 9:00 am

mass

Our Lady of the Way:

Saturday 5:15-5:45pm

before 6pm Mass

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Advent Wreath Prayer: The Candle of Peace

Priest: The second week of Advent we remember the gift of Peace we have in Christ. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for and must work for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him working together in faith.

Let us pray together – All: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by working for Christ's peace to take root in our family. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

♦ FAITH REFLECTION: ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS by Fr Frank O'Loughlin

This week we begin a new series of contributions to the newsletter of Our Lady of Pentecost Parish. Given that we will begin the new liturgical year in a week's time on the First Sunday of Advent, it is a good time to give some consideration to the first stage of that liturgical year: Advent and Christmas. Our liturgical year is actually made up of two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent and Christmas) and then the Easter Cycle (Lent and Eastertime). The rest of the year is filled in by the Ordinary Sundays of the Year.

We do not know the date of Jesus' birth and it was only in the fourth century that we began to celebrate his birth. Birth dates were not recorded in the time of Jesus as they are not in many cultures today. The date chosen to celebrate his birth was already a date of significance in the world of the time. The date chosen was that of the winter solstice, that is the shortest day of the year, the day when the light from the sun shone for the shortest time. But that also meant that from that day on the daylight began to increase. This was seen as suitably symbolic for the birth of Jesus as he was the new light which came into the world and from his birth onwards, his new light was to increase in our world. So, there are in fact three different Mass liturgies for Christmas: the first at midnight or its equivalent time of darkness, the second at dawn and the third in the full light of day. So, in these three different Masses, there is captured the development of the light of Christ coming into the world. He comes into the darkness, his is the dawning of new light, and his light is like the full light of the sun shining on the world.

Practically speaking, most people do not go to Mass three times at Christmas and so do not get to celebrate these three different Masses. I suspect the three Masses only happen in monasteries these days. It is also notable that the time chosen – the shortest day of the year – was already a pagan feast not only in the Roman Empire but in many ancient societies. People were already celebrating the shortest day and the expansion of the light which followed it. This was no accident; it was a deliberate choice because it provided already an established cultural setting as a basis to begin to proclaim Christ as the new light. For the most part and when possible, the Church did not simply do away with the already existing religiousness of the people but used it to lead them to Christ.

The Advent Wreath also images the light of Christ gradually coming into the world as we light one more candle each Sunday of Advent with the final candle – the Christ candle – being lit at Christmas. <https://www.cbdparish.org.au/blog/advent-and-christmas/>

♦ PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Anniversary: We pray for all anniversaries about this time especially: Thomas Powell, Irene Collins, Frank Reardon, Stuart Patterson, Bill Longmuir, Eddie McGrath, Dorothy Batts.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	PARISH SUGGESTIONS
Would you like to serve as a Special Minister, a Reader, Alter Server, or be a part of the Welcome Party? Do you have musical talent or would like to be part of cleaning roster? Please let Fr John know.	Do you see a need in the community? Thank you for your on-going suggestions and comments. We value your voice and feedback. If parishioners have any suggestions for, please place in suggestions box in foyer. PLT meeting: 18th Dec.

♦ SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR AUX. BISHOP ELECT

Fr Thinh Nguyen, a past parishioner of our community, has been elected as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. To show our support, there will be a special collection this week on the 7th & 8th of December. Donations will support his ordination.

♦ ADVENT YEAR C

Advent Penitential Rite

To prepare our hearts and mind for the coming of Christ, there will be a penance service for Advent. Reconciliation (an examination of conscience and individual confession) will be on Tuesday the 10th of December at 7pm.

Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

Each Sunday during Advent, the candles will be lit progressively as we anticipate Christmas. Please speak to Fr John or a member of PLT, if your family would like to assist with the lighting of the candles.

A Prayer for Advent

God of this Advent time, as we watch, wait, long and hope, awaken our hearts to your presence in our community. Inspire hearts for leadership and give us discerning hearts as we continue our journey of being parish together. We ask this in the name of Emmanuel— God with us. Amen

♦ PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas Raffle is back! There are 3 great prizes to be one. Raffle tickets are available for \$1 each in the foyer. Tickets will be drawn on the 21st Saturday of December after 6pm Mass.

Piety Store and Christmas Products

The Piety Store, located in the foyer cabinet near the fridge, has been restocked with Christmas gifts and items. If parishioner is looking for a particular item to purchase, please let any PLT member know and we will try to procure. 2025 Columban Calendars (\$10) and Advents books (\$5) are still available in the foyer.

♦ CHARITY DRIVE

Vinnies Christmas Tree and Donations: Our Christmas St Vincent De Paul giving tree is up in the foyer. During this season, if you would like to donate goods, vouchers and gifts, to support the families in need in our community and share in the spirit of the season, please place it under the tree. Envelopes available in foyer of the church for anyone wishing to make a contribution to St Vincent de Paul to help those in need this Christmas.

♦ ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Giving hope: 7 ways to make a difference this Advent and Christmas

Advent is a season of preparation, a time to look to the future with hope and to ready our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ, the greatest gift of all. Advent is an opportunity to reflect the mercy and generosity of God in our own lives, spreading hope through acts of kindness and compassion—a task that takes on even greater significance in light of the Jubilee Year that is almost upon us. As we prepare to make room for Emmanuel, God with us, there are many ways we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in our communities. Here are six ways you can spread joy and hope this Christmas: 1) Jesuit Mission Australia—making an impact for those in need, 2) Caritas Australia—helping to create brighter futures, 3) Catholic Mission—providing life-giving clean water in Myanmar, 4) Order of Malta Australia—showing people they are not alone, 5) CatholicCare Victoria—offering hope in the darkest of times, 6) St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria—helping families survive the cost-of-living crisis. Visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/giving-hope-7-ways-to-make-a-difference-this-advent-and-christmas>

♦ ROSTER:

Updating 2025 Rosters

Rosters for 2025 will be drafted soon. A list of names for current Readers, Ministers, Cleaners and Altar Servers will be in the foyer. Please indicate if you can continue your service next year. We also welcome new volunteers as we are in need.

Eucharistic Ministers:

7th Dec: 6pm- K Zanini & Special Minister

8th Dec: 9am – Angelina Crupi & Margaret Leonard

14th Dec: 6pm- G Tombs & Special Minister

15th Dec: 9am – Di Austin & J Vandenberg

Readers:

7th Dec: 6pm – Elizabeth Becker

8th Dec: 9am- Carolyn Nguyen

14th Dec: 6pm – Gabriel Becker

15th Dec: 9am – Martina Dowling

Cleaning:

8th Dec: Cleaners

22nd Dec: Jason C and Joseph G

CHURCH OFFERINGS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION?	FORTNIGHTLY OFFERINGS
1st Collection Thanks-giving offering: 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- Presbytery offering 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	Weekend of 24th November and 1st December: 1st collection: \$1502.50 2nd collection: \$ 996.50 <i>We appreciate your generous support to the parish and priest of Our Lady of the Way.</i>

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

8 December 2024

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow
and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for
ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God
around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal
on your head:
since God means to show your splendour
to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will
be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour
through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and
east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant
that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting
hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground
level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the
glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light
of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full
of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with
joy, remembering how you have helped to
spread the Good News from the day you
first heard it right up to the present. I am
quite certain that the One who began this
good work in you will see that it is finished
when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God
knows how much I miss you all, loving you
as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that
your love for each other may increase more
and more and never stop improving your
knowledge and deepening your perception
so that you can always recognise what is
best. This will help you to become pure and
blameless, and prepare you for the Day
of Christ, when you will reach the perfect
goodness which Jesus Christ produces in
us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:**

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's
reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor
of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his
brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of
Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch
of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas
and Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.
He went through the whole Jordan district
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the
book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The second and third weeks of Advent this
year focus particularly on the role of John
the Baptist as the one who prepared the
way for Jesus and announced his coming.
It continues the theme of preparation that
was begun last week, but still, rather than
preparing for the birth of Jesus, we are
exploring the wider theme of preparation.
The gospel writer includes a quote from
Isaiah in which the prophet says, 'Prepare
a way for the Lord.' (Often translated as
'Prepare the way of the Lord'.) The
application of this passage to John the
Baptist is a logical one. This gospel
emphasises that John was preaching 'a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness
of sins'. Throughout the gospel of Luke,
the recognition of sinfulness and the
desire to repent and seek forgiveness is
the prelude to receiving God's favour.

This gospel makes it clear that one way in
which we can prepare a way for the Lord
is to recognise our faults and failings and
to seek forgiveness. It is only through
such repentance that we can make
ourselves receptive to the love of God.
The only preparation of the way that is
necessary for the Lord is a personal
preparation to be receptive. We are
absolutely assured of God's love. The
problem is that we often feel that we are
undeserving of that love or are unable to
receive it. When we are called to 'Prepare
a way for the Lord' it is a call to prepare a
way in our own hearts – to break down
the barriers that we have put up; to clear
the obstacles that we have placed in the
path. God's love will find a way! We simply
make the way easier for ourselves to
recognise God's love if we 'Prepare a
way'.

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In 1531, Juan Diego, a peasant convert was walking in the hill country of central Mexico. A woman, surrounded by bright light, appeared and introduced herself as the Virgin Mary. She requested that a church be built in the place where they stood. The first chapel was built in about 1533. A new basilica was constructed in 1964.



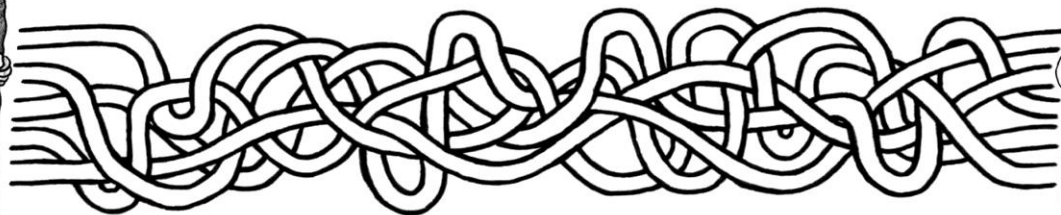
Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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desert	prophet	shouting
emperor	ready	sins
forgiven	road	valley

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Help John the Baptist prepare the way for the Lord by finding the straightest path to Jesus





CHRISTMAS

Mass

ADVENT PENITENTIAL RITE

Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury
Tuesday 10th December- 6:00pm

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

‘Christmas Carols’ at Kingsbury- 5:30pm
Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury- 6:00pm
Light Refreshments after Vigil

Holy Name East Preston - 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury- 9:00am
Holy Name East Preston - 10:30am





KINGSBURY THEIRCARE



WEEK 9 - 'TALENT SHOW'

Our long awaited Talent Show is finally upon us! We are SO excited to hold our Talent Show this Friday the 6th of December and see the amazing Talents of our children!

This week was all about preparing for our talent show, and making fun things to use in the performance! We had so many creative minds at work, so many practices and rehearsing stations and lots of applause and encouragement!

ACTIVITIES

- Our talented children began this week making some incredible advertisement posters for our upcoming talent show, creating bold, bright, colourful and exciting posters to grab the attention of the eye and draw people to the information of the show! We have them on display in our room, come and take a look!
- Badminton was a great highlight this week, although it has been a reoccurring activity within the service due to it's popularity, it always brings something different to the table in terms of skills, sportsmanship and determination, as so many of the children give it a go and try something new!
- We also made mini paper chain people to replicate the people in our performances, so many children drew themselves and their friends in costumes and colourful clothing, it was awesome!
- We had a 'dress rehearsal' of the talent show as well, but it turned into a fun, crazy dress up party! We all had so much fun making fun costume designs and dancing around in our new clothes!

NO HAT NO PLAY

Now that it is Term 4, NO HAT NO PLAY, everyone **must** be wearing a hat at OSHC. We provide sunscreen for all children, but please ensure a hat is brought along in their bags!



NOTICE

When possible, please ensure you are booking as early as you can! Booking in advance supports us to staff the program adequately in line with our 1:15 ratio. Additionally, if your child is away from school or if plans change, a friendly reminder to give us the heads up via a text or call!

AWARDS

During a region wide conference, our service won the most outstanding feedback award which was amazing to see! Thank you so much for all of your kind words in the Resonate Feedback, we will continue working hard to ensure the service is of high quality and enjoyment for you all (both children and parents/carers!)



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Red Door Cafe Lunch orders

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Order Before 11am

Ph: 9078 9725

Toasties \$7

Cheese

Cheese & Ham

Cheese & Tomato

Cheese, Ham & Tomato

Wraps

Chicken schnitzel \$9.90

{Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo}

Ham \$7.90

{Ham, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato}

Hot Food

5 Nuggets & Chips \$9.50

Pizza {Margarita} \$6.50

Lasagne \$9.90

Penne bolognese \$9.90

1/2 Sausage Roll \$6.00

Whole Sausage Roll \$10.90

Chips \$6.00