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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

### THANK YOU

I am overwhelmed with the support and praise from our School Community. When I have spoken to any prospective parents who are interested in sending their children to our school they always refer to a family they know that has said great things about Our Lady of the Way. I thank you for your endorsement.

### A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

As we near the end of Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their hard work and support:

Our Year 6 children who have done an impeccable job in leading the school.

Our School Captains who lead our Assemblies each week and who gave up their Wednesday evening to lead families around the school on tours.

Our Student Leaders who continue to set an example of excellence across the school.

The parent helpers who have assisted our students throughout the term.

The staff at OLW for their hard work and dedication to the children.

The school community for their support and for speaking so highly about our school.

And finally, thank you to all the beautiful children who bless our school with smiles and laughter every day.

### **END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

Term 1 will conclude this week, Friday, 4th April at 1 pm.

The children will participate in an Easter Liturgy from 12.15 pm in the hall, parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us. This will be followed by our Easter Raffle draw.

### **BEGINNING OF TERM 2**

The children will commence school for Term 2 on Tuesday, 22nd April (Monday, 21st April is a Public Holiday).

### ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please note that Friday, 25th April is ANZAC Day (Public Holiday.) Our children will participate in a school-based service to honour the day on Thursday, 24th April.

### WELCOME BACK MRS BELVEDERE!

We welcome Mrs Jessica Belvedere back to OLW. Mrs Belvedere will join us from the beginning of Term 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in a classroom support role.



### **OPEN EVENING & ENROLMENTS**

Our Open Evening was a wonderful success with over 20 families coming along to see what our school has to offer! Our wonderful School Captains did an amazing job of running the tours and were certainly very busy. I would like to thank them for their incredible efforts and for our wonderful staff for staying back to chat with prospective parents.

Parents please note: We have a limit of 25 places, so if your child is in 3 or 4 year old Kinder please complete and return an Enrolment Form as soon as possible. If you have other children enrolled at the school you will still need to complete an enrolment form for any new siblings.

### PREP 2026 INFORMATION EVENING - TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL

We will be hosting an Information Evening for prospective parents for Prep 2026. The evening will commence at 7 pm and provide new families with an insight into a day in the life of a student at OLW. Please note: this is an information evening for new parents who are looking to enrol for Prep 2026; existing families are not required to attend.

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you to our families who have already returned raffle tickets and money, ready for our draw on Friday, 4th April. I would also like to thank parents who have generously donated items for our Easter Raffle.

Please note: the final day for donations is Wednesday, 2nd April. All tickets and monies must be returned by Thursday, 3rd April.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that our students are required to be wearing the correct summer uniform each day.

**Girls:** Summer dress, white socks and black shoes/runners OR Blue school t-shirt polo, navy school shorts or navy skirt, white socks and black shoes/runners.

Boys: Blue school shirt polo, navy school shorts, navy socks and black shoes/runners.

All hair is to be tied up if hair touches shoulders and only simple earrings and watches are to be worn. Hair ribbons or small clip bows are to be in school colours (Navy, White or Light Blue).

Casual runners or sneakers are not acceptable school uniform attire and colourful or bright runners are only allowed when sports uniform is worn.

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL - THURSDAY, 8TH MAY**

Our Mother's Day Stall will be held for our children on Thursday, 8th May. A note will go home early next Term.



### **DISTRICT ATHLETICS - WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH**

Congratulations to all our students who represented OLW in the District Athletics last Wednesday. Our students performed exceptionally well throughout the day, with many now heading onto the Division Championships later in Term 2. I would like to thank Mrs Lucy Van Ballegooy for her incredible effort to ensure that the day ran smoothly. I would also like to thank the OLW staff and parents who supported the students on the day.

### **CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS**

Congratulations to all our students who participated in our Cross Country Trial at Bundoora Park last Friday. It was a fabulous effort by the students to run the challenging course. Team selection is based on the top finishers in each age group who will then go onto the District Cross Country Championships which will be held on Wednesday 14th May.

A big thank you to the parents who assisted with marshalling of the event and being stationed out on the track to assist with supervision and safety of our students.

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING YEARS 3 - 6 (TERM 2)**

As part of our Physical Education Program all children are expected to attend Swimming Lessons. Swimming costs are included in the Levy Payment.

Swimming lessons will be held at YMCA Leisure City in Epping for all students in Years 3 - 6 every Tuesday and Thursday, commencing Tuesday, 29th April for four weeks. Lessons will end on Thursday, 22nd May. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue.

If your child is unable to partake in the swimming lessons, a medical certificate must be produced. (Please notify the office with the medical certificate).

A note will be sent home shortly providing further details.

Parents are welcome to watch lessons in the viewing room however are not permitted in changerooms.

All dates are elsewhere in this newsletter and can also be found in the school calendar.

### OUR LADY OF THE WAY FEAST DAY

We will be celebrating our Feast Day on Friday, 23rd May. More details to follow early next term.

### **EARLY NOTICE - TERM 2, SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

Our staff will be attending a Professional Learning day on Monday, 26th May to further develop understandings in the areas of Literacy and Mathematics. This day will be a school closure day for all students. TheirCare will be operating on this day.

### **CAR PARK SAFETY**

I have noticed some parents driving through the parish carpark at great speed. Please remember to drive slowly and safely to avoid accidents.



# Mother's Day Breakfast Friday, 9th May

On Friday, 9th May we invite all our Mothers and Grandmothers to join us for a Mother's Day Breakfast from 8 am until 9 am in our school yard. Gates will open at 8 am on this special morning.

Staff will be serving up a delicious breakfast of bacon and eggs for all.

We look forward to celebrating our wonderful Mums and Grandmothers on this special day.





### RED DOOR CAFE LUNCH ORDERS

Red Door Cafe will continue to run lunch orders for the OLW students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you would like to order lunch for your child, please head to the cafe on any of these mornings to place your order. Please see attached flyer for menu items.

Wishing you all the very best for a safe and restful break, and a happy and Holy Easter.

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# 2025 Sacramental Dates

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6) Thursday, 5th June at 5 pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist (Year 3) Sunday, 3rd August at 1 pm

First Reconciliation (Year 2) Tuesday, 21st October at 2 pm

# Word of the Fortnight

Our word for the fortnight is

'preparation'

Find out its meaning and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary this week.



# Calendar Dates - Term 2, 2025

	April / May
TUESDAY 22/4	Term 2 begins - Planetarium Incursion (All levels)
THURSDAY 24/4	Anzac Day Liturgy (students and staff only)
FRIDAY 25/4	ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday)
MONDAY 28/4	Assembly (3 pm)
TUESDAY 29/4	Swimming (all Year 3 - 6 students) Prep 2026 Information Evening (7 pm) for new families
THURSDAY 1/5	Swimming (all Year 3 - 6 students)
FRIDAY 2/5	Year 3 / 4 Class Mass (10 am). All welcome! Interschool Sport (Senior students)
MONDAY 5/5	Assembly (3 pm) Uniform sale after Assembly
TUESDAY 6/5	Swimming (all Year 3 - 6 students)
WEDNESDAY 7/5	Year 4 students to Loyola College
THURSDAY 8/5	Mother's Day Stall Swimming (all Year 3 - 6 students)
FRIDAY 9/5	Mother's Day Breakfast (8 am - 9 am) Interschool Sport (Senior Students)





# BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to our School
Counsellor Matthew and his partner
Stephanie on the safe arrival of little
Elizabeth (born 8th March). We wish
them all the very best and look ofrward
to meeting baby Elizabeth very soon!







# St Patrick's Day Mass 2025



On Friday 21st March, the 6 Faith leaders and 4 School Captains attended St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate Catholic Education Week and St Patrick's Day. There were 300 Catholic schools with student representitives in attendance for the Mass. After Mass, the students headed the Fitzroy Gardens where a school band was playing music and many mini soccer pitches were created for everyone to use.





On Wednesday 26th March, 53 Year 3-6 Students represented OLW at the District Athletics competing against 6 other schools. Our student's showcased incredible talent, determination and team spirit. From lightning-fast sprints to impressive long jumps, every event was filled with energy and excitement. The support for each other created an unforgettable atmosphere.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and sportsmanship, your efforts made the day a huge success. Many student's will be moving on to the next round: Division Athletics. A highlight was 4 of our Circular relay teams winning and the other 2 coming in a close second!

A huge thank you to Mrs Van Ballegooy for her tireless dedication to our students, her organisation & traning.



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# SPORTING UPDATE CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 48 3–6 students tried out for the Cross Country Team. Students who were successful will be competing at the Keon Park District Cross Country. Students ran either 2 or 3km around Bundoora track. Thank you to Mrs Van Ballegooy for her preparation, Mrs Mithen for assisting setting up the course and all parents who helped on the day.

















# **School Photos 2025**

Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online.

Go to https://order.arphotos.com.au and enter the 2025 image code for your child (from their personalised flyer that was sent home.)

Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings.

Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration.

That's it! When 2025 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again each year using your child's new image code to link their photos for the current year with your contact details.

To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2025 images are online before placing orders.

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2025 school photos can be viewed and ordered.











# RED DOOR CAFE LUNCH ORDERS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

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# TOASTIES

WRAPS

Cheese: \$7.00

Cheese & Ham: \$7.50

Chicken Schnitzel: \$11.90

Cheese & Tomato : \$7.50 Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo \$11.90

Cheese, Ham & Tomato: \$8.50

Ham: \$8.90

# HOT FOOD

5 Nuggets & Chips: \$9.90

Pizza(Magarita): \$7.50

Lasagne: \$12.90

Penne Bolognese: \$10.90

1/2 Sausage Roll:\$ 6.00

Whole Sausage Roll: \$10.90

Chips:\$6.00





# TheirCare Program



### Monday

To begin our reduce, reuse, recycle week, we decided to recycle toilet rolls and make toilet roll cars! This sparked awesome conversations about how we can re-use and recycle objects that would usually go in the bin, and turn them into such incredible things!

### Tuesday

It felt very odd not having TC Titans on this week, but we still had an incredible time getting back into normal routines again and playing outside - today we had Tail Tiggy as an outdoor activity and this has always been a highlight activity that shines light on sportsmanship, motor skills and resilience!

### Wednesday

For another incredible sustainable art activity that ran this week, we decided to recreate old egg cartons into beautiful dragonflies! We brainstormed what resources we could use to make the transformation, and the children came up with

# so many creative ideas, it was great!

In our, open-ended Arts and Crafts challenges, we give the children free reign to make something within a certain theme! Our theme was sustainability, and we provided recycled materials to the children and encouraged them to be creative and create unique things! This was very popular so we will be embeding these challenges into the future planners!

### Reminders

We cannot stress enough the extremely crucial need to be booking as early as possible AND communicating with us if plans change.

We have a strict 1:15 ratio that we must uphold, and if there are late bookings or non-communicated cancellations, this causes us to have inaccurate ratios.

If your child is away from school or if plans change, a friendly but CRUCIAL reminder to give us the heads up via a text or call - it goes a long way!

### Friday

Kinetic sand was our main activity for ASC on Friday and this sensory activity is a great way for us to end the week.

It allows for the children to have a calm and relaxing activity, yet still with open-ended creativity sparking opportunity as you can make anything with it!

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### Reflections

### SUCCESSES:

- · Being fully engaged with the children & activities
- · Boost of numbers (especially for ASC)
- Creating fun and enjoyable spaces / activities for the children
- Completing compliance checklists (headcounts, medicals, blue board, following processes

### **CHALLENGES**

- Communication about bookings/cancellations
- Observations

### **PHOTOS**



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# TheirCare School Holiday Program







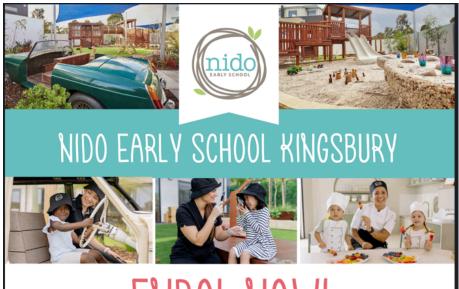
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