The Principal’s Piece - Helen Chambers

Welcome back to the last term of the year. I hope you were able to enjoy some ‘down’ time in the holidays.

Term 4 is always very busy as we finish what we planned for this year and begin planning for 2017.

If you have visited our school this week you will have noticed the “transformation” of the playground! Over the holidays the play area in front of the COLA has been covered with “astro-turf” and it looks and feels great! Children have adopted the area to sit and lie on during recess and lunch as the photos shows.

Thank you very much to the P&F and you, the parents, for your support of P&F organised functions and the canteen which has enabled us to complete this project.

The stairs, stairwells and new handball courts were painted too during the holiday. The garden bed sleepers in the “Growers Corner” were replaced by “Graceful Gardens”. Thank you.

A very big “thank you” to Steve MacDonald for project managing all of this over the last two weeks.

If you can pop in to see the improvements please do – you will be impressed!

I wish you all well for the new term and look forward to catching up with many of you in the weeks ahead.
October: Catholic Mission’s World Mission Month

Welcome to Catholic Mission’s World Mission Month for 2016. Join with Catholic Mission this World Mission Month to learn more about issues of mission and justice and to reach out to the children in Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty. This is one way in this Year of Mercy, to live out Pope Francis’ call to be the hands of mercy.

Please follow the link to find out more information about Catholic Mission Month:


All classes at OLD are currently doing their Mission Modules for Religious Education. The concept of mission is introduced as being like Jesus through caring and sharing in a loving way for people in need.

Enviroweek

Even though our focus on Enviroweek has finished we would appreciate your ongoing support by committing to NUDE FOOD as much as possible.

Mercy Themed Art/Poster Competition:

Last term, the students completed a poster with a focus on the Environment to raise money for Catholic Mission. The class winners will be announced shortly...some of the winning posters are currently on display in the foyer.

Thank you for your kind donations. The Year 6 Mercy Action Group will take this money to the Catholic Mission Mass next week.

“Hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” Pope Francis
Laudato Si’: On Care For Our Common Home – A Discussion

With the release last year of Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si’, there has been much discussion in the Church and community about the ecological issues impacting the world, our common home. To encourage dialogue and awareness of his striking message of hope, we warmly invite you to join us for a reading and discussion of the encyclical. These sessions will be facilitated by David Patterson from the Curia. Copy of encyclical supplied. All very welcome.

Dates: Sundays October 23 and 30 November 6

Time: 2-4pm

Venue: Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood (Bishop Barry Meeting Room)

RSVP: Nicole 9410 9000 or nicolegorman@chatswoodparish.org.au

PASTORAL CARE & WELLBEING - Jennifer Jones

REMINDER: Date for Diaries 28th October (Friday week 3 Term 4)

Our Lady of Dolours will be celebrating the launch of the Kids Matter program,

(Component 1) Every Face has a Place.

The purpose of this day is to promote a fun learning environment that supports the wellbeing of the students, staff & parents.

At lunch time on the day, parents/grandparents/carers are welcome to join us for a picnic in the school grounds. You can bring in a picnic rug or send one along with your child. Let’s see how many we can put together to make one large picnic rug!

After lunch, there will be time for parents to unwind with a YOGA session run by Ms Glass.

More information will follow closer to the date next term.

Jennifer Tygh Pastoral Care Coordinator
Term 4 Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

Wed 19  Year 4 Excursion to Minnamurra Falls
Tues 25  Kindergarten visit to the farm
Fri 28  Launch of Kidsmatter at OLD

NOVEMBER

Kindergarten 2017 begin their transition to school with 2 visits to the Kindergarten classrooms.

Tues 1  Swimming program begins for Years 2 - 6
        Year 1 swimming lessons will be advised
Fri 25  Year 6 Graduation Mass at 9am in the church

DECEMBER

Thur 1  All Kindergarten 2017 children and their parents have their final meeting at school
Wed 7  Swimming Carnival for students in Years 2 to 6
Thur 8  Celebration of Learning Day at OLD. On this day parents and carers are invited to join us in classrooms to celebrate the learning which has happened at our school this year. Each class has 30 minutes in which each child is presented with a certificate commending them for a “character strength” they have shown in the classroom this year which has impacted positively on their learning and their relationships. Times for each class will be announced in the next couple of weeks.
Fri 9  Parents are invited to join staff in fare welling both Mrs Shirvington and Mrs Chambers at a function to be held on school premises at 7pm. More details will be forthcoming but at this stage you are asked to put the date in your diary as we would love to see as many people as possible on this night. It will be a parent only function so babysitting may also have to be arranged.
Mon 12  Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Roseville Golf Club
Thur 15  10am: “End of Year” Liturgy in the Church. This is also the last day of term for students.
Fri 16  Last day of term for staff.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the start of term 4.

As previously advised, the following rewards for 2016 are no longer available:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball

The new rewards available for term 4 are:

- Bush Fly Fan
- Wiggly Glow Worm

If your child would like to order a reward, please make sure that they have 10 tokens and a completed redemption coupon in their banking folder. If they do not have a reward redemption card, put a note in their banking folder and we will give them one. Please note that rewards can take 2 weeks to arrive. Remember that tokens cannot be shared. **We have also been advised by the Commonwealth Bank that any reward requests received after December 5 will not be processed this year and will be held over until next year.**

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week the children need to bring in their deposit wallet with **completed deposit slip and correct money** and put it into the banking bag in their classroom. **Please remember that we cannot accept overseas coins (New Zealand included).** The bags are then taken to the school office where they are processed by parent volunteers. The bags are then returned to your children by their classroom teacher.

The School Banking Program is open to ALL students of Our Lady of Dolours. If you would like your child to be part of the School Banking Program, please contact me for further information. The children benefit from regular saving and earning interest, and the school benefits by receiving a commission from all monies deposited. The children also receive tokens that they can redeem for rewards once they have collected 10 tokens.

The school banking program is run by a group of parent volunteers and we are always looking for additional help. If you can spare an hour or two on a Tuesday afternoon to help out, we would love to hear from you, even it is only once a term. All training will be given.

If you have any concerns or questions or you are interested in volunteering, please contact me on my mobile 0414 824951 or email vaccher@ozemail.com.au.

Kate Vaccher and the School Banking Team
CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2016
DVD ORDER

02/09/2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again this year we are having a professional DVD made of the Creative Arts Festival Performances.

- To order a copy of the 2016 Creative Arts Festival DVD, please visit the website:

  https://movingpictures.net.au/

- The cost for each DVD is $30.00 (including postage)

- Orders are to be placed no later than Friday 14th October 2016.

- Please remember to indicate which night's DVD you are ordering – either: Mon Sept 19th or Tues Sept 20th

- Dvd's will be mailed directly to parents from the supplier. The price includes postage.

- There are various options for payment on the website. If paying by Paypal or Credit Card, there is a $2 fee. If paying by direct deposit, there is no fee.

- Any queries, are to be directed to the supplier via email: mojove@bigpond.net.au not the school office.
TERM DATES 2016-2017

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Staff Development Days can be subject to change - you will be advised at the earliest opportunity.

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) is held on Thursday, 13 October 2016 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.
Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series

Is this you?

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?

Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

When:

- Seminar 1 – Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
  Tuesday 8th November 10.00a.m – 12 Noon
- Seminar 2 – Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential
  Tuesday 8th November 12.30p.m – 2p.m
- Seminar 3 – Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
  Tuesday 15th November 10.00a.m – 12.30p.m

Where:

Cerebral Palsy Alliance
187 Allambie rd., Allambie

Light Lunch provided on Tuesday 8th November

Cost:

FREE as part of a research project

Who:

Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How:

RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team
Call (02) 9114 4106 or email fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

For more information contact:
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13TH OCTOBER
INSTORE & ONLINE

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