

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 1 - 31 January 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am thrilled to welcome all our new families to Our Lady of Dolours School. I hope and pray that you quickly come to feel fully connected to, and supported by, the community.

To all other families returning for 2017, I warmly welcome you back.

Thank you sincerely for the tremendous welcome that I've received from the school community. As the year unfolds, I am very keen to meet with you and build on ways to authentically engage you in your children's learning and development at school. Importantly too, I am keen to work with you as we build our Parish community.

All of this considered, I encourage you to attend the "Meet the teacher night" (Wednesday 15 February - 6pm) where I will address the school community at the start of the evening:

- All parents K-6 with Philip + Staff 6:00pm in the School Hall
- Session 1 with teachers - 6:25-6:55pm
- Session 2 with teachers (repeat) 7:00-7:30pm

Another opportunity to learn more about parent engagement and the educational direction for OLD in 2017 will be provided at the Term 1 Parents and Friends' Meeting, Wednesday 22 February - 6:30pm in the School Library. It will be wonderful if you can attend.

Kind regards,

Philip Ledlin

"Welcome" event for our new Kindergarten families:

On Thursday 2 February – 9am, there will be a special opportunity to welcome our new Kindergarten families - (hosted by Yr 1 parents). Year 1 parents are asked to please bring a plate of food to share. Please consider coming along!

Note regarding changes to the lunch bell times at school:

Lunchtime at school has changed to 12:40pm-1:40pm. All other times remain the same as per 2016.

Ordering Lunches via the QKR Application:

CSO (The Catholic Schools Office) is presently making important updates within the QKR App' used for ordering lunches at OLD School. We hope the updates will be finalised by tomorrow (Wednesday).



COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Tues 31 Students in Years 1-6 return to school (Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten continue)

FEBRUARY

Wed 1 Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten continue

Thur 2 Kindergarten students begin school (8.45am to 12.30pm ONLY)

Kindergarten Welcome Event—9am (Hosted by Yr 1)

Fri 3 Kindergarten half day (8.45am to 12.30pm ONLY)

Mon 6 All classes K-6 at school for full days

Wed 15 "Meet the teacher night" (6pm - School Hall)

Fri 17 Whole School Mass - 9am in the Church

Wed 22 Parents and Friends' Meeting (6.30pm - School Library)

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Specialist PE/Sport Uniform Days:

Students wear their Sport Uniform on the following specialist PE days:

Tuesdays:

- 1G (Mrs Croall & Mrs Pidcock)
- 2B (Mrs Cook & Miss Thorpe) and 2G (Miss Gentle)
- 3B (Mrs Briggs) and 3G (Mr Martin)
- 5B (Mr McClean)
- 6B (Mrs Gray)

Thursdays:

- KB and KG
- 1B (Miss Brown)
- 4B (Mr Stanwell) and 4G (Ms Tygh)
- 5/6G (Mrs McKittrick)

School Canteen – 2017:

Parents will recall communication from OLD at the end of last year indicating a change in management of our School Canteen. Our new managers, “**Canteen Solutions**” have just updated OLD’s details on their ordering website that identify our classes by B (Blue) and G (Gold) groups– ie KB, KG, 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G, 3B, 3G, 4B, 4G, 5B, 5/6G, 6B.

Important Dates:

- Tuesday 31 January: Students in Years 1 -6 return to school (Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten continue)
- Wednesday 1 February: (Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten continue)
- Thursday 2 February: Kindergarten students begin school (8.45 to 12.30pm ONLY). Kindergarten Welcome Event – 9am (Hosted by Yr1)
- Friday 3 February: Kindergarten half day (8.45 – 12.30pm ONLY)
- Monday 6 February: All classes K-6 at school for full days.
- Wednesday 15 February: “Meet the teacher night” (6pm – School Hall)
- Friday 17 February: Whole School Mass (9am in the Church)
- Wednesday 22 February: Parents and Friends’ Meeting (6:30pm - School Library)



School Fee Increases:

Parents will recall receiving communication from The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) at the end of 2016 regarding school fee increases for families at Our Lady of Dolours. Within this communication, CSO also indicated that they will now be managing fee collection for all schools in The Diocese of Broken Bay. This decision to centralise fee payments will facilitate smoother financial management at the school level.

Parents need to be assured that no family will be denied a Catholic education at Our Lady of Dolours because of financial hardship. This considered, I strenuously encourage families experiencing ‘hardship’ to have a confidential conversation with me as soon as possible. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Beginning School Mass - Friday the 17th of February at 9 a.m.

We warmly invite you to attend our first *Whole School Mass* for 2017 to celebrate the beginning of the school year. The Mass will be held on Friday the 17th of February at 9 a.m. in the Church.

At this Mass we will welcome the whole school community back to begin the 2017 school year together. We will also especially welcome the new Kindergarten students and families (and any others new to the school) and of course we will welcome our new Principal, Assistant Principal and staff. The Year 6 students will also receive their leadership badges.

Please come together as a community to start the year in prayer and song. As our School Mission statement states: *We are a school community UNITED IN FAITH.* It would be great to see you there.



TERM DATES 2017

TERM	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	STUDENTS RETURN	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	LAST DAY OF TERM
1		Tues 31 JANUARY (Years 1 to 6) Thur 2 FEBRUARY (Kindergarten - 1/2 day)	Fri 14 APRIL (Good Friday) Sat 15 APRIL (Easter Saturday) Sun 16 APRIL (Easter Sunday) Mon 17 APRIL (Easter Monday)	Fri 7 APRIL
2	Fri 28 APRIL (Staff Development Day - No Students)	Mon 24 APRIL	Tue 25 APRIL (Anzac Day) Mon 12 JUNE (Queen's Birthday)	Fri 30 JUNE
3	T.B.A.	Mon 17 JULY		Fri 22 SEPT
4	T.B.A.	Mon 9 OCT		Tue 19 DEC

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



KISS AND DROP / PICK UP IN KIRK ST

Kirk St Pick-Up for Our Lady of Dolours students and parents works well if the routine below is followed.

Between 2.30 – 4.00pm, a large section of Kirk St is restricted parking to enable the school pick up. Students from Our Lady of Dolours are brought to Kirk St by 3.05pm. Parents queue in the 'Kiss and Ride' area to collect their children following the RTA rules.

Students who are not collected by 3.20pm are brought back to the school office.

Parents of boys from St Pius are asked to pick their children up after 3.20pm when they are dismissed. This also includes the St Pius X students in Years 5 & 6, even though they are dismissed at 3pm. If the St Pius X parents are there earlier they are asked to queue with the parents from Our Lady of Dolours and follow the same procedure. If a car advances to the top of the queue and the child is not there the driver needs to leave the queue and do another circuit to join the end of the queue.

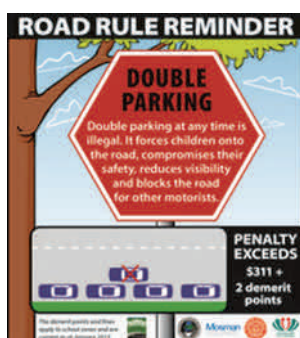
Parking could incur a fine. Local parking officers are especially vigilant regarding this pick up zone.

RTA Road Rules



No Parking

- Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of two minutes.
- The driver **MUST** remain in or within three metres of the vehicle at all times.
- The vehicle must not be left unattended.
- If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
- No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



I thank you for respecting these rules and for working together to keep our children safe.

Philip Ledlin
Principal

Classrooms 2017

K BLUE – Mrs Mary Lou Claremont	Rm 15
K GOLD – Mrs Stella Gemperle	Rm 16
1 BLUE – Miss Camilla Brown	Rm 17
1 GOLD – Mrs Sarah Croall (M-W) Mrs Trudy Pidcock (TH-F)	Rm 18
2 BLUE – Mrs Cassie Cook (M-W) Miss Kirsty Thorpe (TH-F)	Rm 5
2 GOLD – Miss Lucy Gentle	Rm 6
3 BLUE – Mrs Sally Briggs	Rm 8
3 GOLD – Mr Joe Martin	Rm 7
4 BLUE – Mr Brian Stanwell	Rm 20
4 GOLD – Mrs Jennifer Tygh	Rm 19
5 BLUE – Mr Sam McClean	Rm 14
5/6 GOLD – Mrs Alix McKittrick (M-TH) Mary Anne Fitzgerald (F)	Rm 13
6 BLUE – Mrs KATHY GRAY (REC) Mary Anne Fitzgerald (TH)	Rms 11&12