

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 2 - 7 February 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents,

Pope Francis' specific universal prayer intentions for the month of February 2017:

"We must welcome the needy. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities."

I sense that the timing of Pope Francis' call to prayer is seemingly providential for us, the faithful, when we consider the outlandishly discriminating immigration policies that we've all read about in recent days.

Let us indeed pray for the 'needy' and marginalised, but let us also be sure to pray for world leaders that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

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It hasn't taken me long to realise how special this school really is. The dedication of staff, the kindness amongst parents/friends and the affable students has made my change to a new school such a delight.

So far, my favourite day at OLD has been Kindergarten's first day at school last Thursday. Congratulations to the Kindergarten teachers, our learning support team, our Year 5 teachers and students and all staff who did everything possible to ensure the smoothest transition imaginable for our Kindergarten students. (Congratulations to all our Kindergarten parents too; you were remarkably calm and exceedingly co-operative when I asked you all not to congregate anywhere near the Kindergarten rooms when your children formally entered the classroom for the first time.)

Another reason why the Kindergarten's first day was so memorable for me was because of the extraordinary welcome morning tea provided by our Year 1 families for all our Kindergarten families. An absolutely beautiful array of food complemented the wonderful spirit of 'welcome' in our school hall. Thank you to all parents/friends who assisted to make the 'welcome' so exceptional.

Finally, I must share with you my favourite 'tradition' that I've observed at OLD in my first week ... I simply love the fact that students can wear mufti on their birthday!



COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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

Wed 15 Whole School Assembly - 9am

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)

MARCH

Sun 19 Weekend "Welcome Mass" 9am in the Church

Wed 29 School Photos

*KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES
www.oldbb.catholic.edu.au*

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

OLD School Newsletters in 2017:

- School newsletters issued to parents/friends in odd-numbered weeks will be titled "News in brief from OLD" (ie they will include important messages/reminders only).
- School newsletters issued to parents/friends in even-numbered weeks will contain more content and also include various attachments.

This week is an even week (Week 2) so you are presently reading a more comprehensive newsletter.

The decision to do this will facilitate smoother management in the School Office.

Welcome Deacon Kevin Hale:

Last week, our community welcomed Deacon Kevin Hale to OLD Parish. Let's be sure to keep an eye out for Deacon Kevin, and let's be sure to give him a good OLD Parish welcome!

"Meet the teacher night" (Wednesday 15 February - 6pm)

- 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

(NB: a slight addition: After Philip's address concludes – (6.25pm), Year 5 and 6 families only will stay in the hall for 5 minutes for a group meeting, then they will move to classrooms with teachers)

Parents and Friends' Meeting, Wednesday 22 February – 6:30pm (School Library).

It will be wonderful if you can attend the P+F Meeting 22/2 and learn more about parent engagement and the educational direction for OLD in 2017.

School Fees and emailed invoices:

If parents wish to have school fee invoices emailed to two email addresses (or both parents), they simply need to get the present 'primary' receiver to email the School Office giving permission for another email address to be added to the account.

School Photos 2017:

School Photos at OLD will be held on Wednesday 29 March.

School Assemblies:

We will commence whole-school assemblies on Wednesday 15 February - Week 3 - @ 9am (ie next week).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Beginning School Mass - Friday the 17th of February

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.

By the way...for the new parents...you drop your school children off at school at normal time and make your own way over to the church.

FROM THE PARISH

Sunday 19 March - 9 a.m. Family Mass:

This year, the KINDY BLESSING has been postponed to the 19th of March in order to allow all the Kindy students to attend. All school children are welcome to attend this Mass, for the starting of the New School Year, especially the new Kindergarten children.

Reconciliation Sacramental Program

If your child has completed their Confirmation, he or she is now eligible to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Enrolments for the 2017 Reconciliation Preparation Program opened on Monday 6 February via the trybooking system and will close on Monday 20 February, 2 days before our Reconciliation Parent Meeting date on Wednesday 22 February.

A link to enrol via trybooking can be found on the Parish website, along with a link to instructions on what you need to know and how to enrol .The following link takes you to the 'Children's Sacramental Program' page. From there, just click on 'Enrolments' to find the 2017 Reconciliation Enrolment links.

<http://www.chatswood.dbb.org.au/Sacraments/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=134>

If you have any queries about this program or the enrolment procedure, please don't hesitate to contact Angela at the parish office. I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Meeting Wednesday 22 February at either 1.30 or 7.30pm in the Church.

Phone: (02) 9410 9033 Email: Angela@chatswoodparish.org.au

Online Lunch ordering

Online lunch ordering is now available 5 days a week through Total Canteen Solutions who have been selected to run the Canteen at Mercy College. Part of the agreement is that they provide OLD with lunches every day too. Lunch orders and payments can be made through our  App.

REMINDER - No Parking in Archer Street

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.

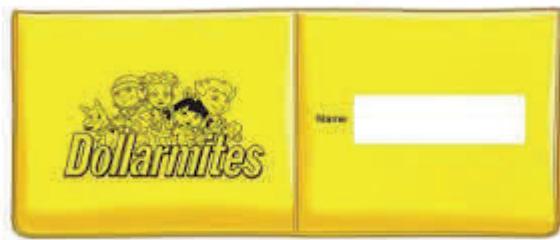
No Parking zones can be used to drop off and pick up children.

TERM DATES 2017

TERM	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	STUDENTS RETURN	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	LAST DAY OF TERM
1			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 Birth-day)	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

SCHOOL BANKING @ OUR LADY OF DOLOURS



Our School Banking program with the Commonwealth Bank is a great initiative for our kids to learn about money and develop good saving habits.

We are looking for volunteers who are available on Tuesdays to devote one hour of their time (perhaps in the first hour of school after you drop your kid/s off or in the final hour of school just before pick up). You can choose to help as a one-off or on regular basis throughout the term.

The task primarily involves working with other parents (you will never have to do this on your own!) to check that the cash enclosed in a child's deposit envelope matches the amount listed on its deposit slip. There are other bits of cash handling on the day too but nothing that you won't receive some training and support for.

Contact us on old.pnf@gmail.com if you are able to help.



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) is held on Thursdays from 12:40pm to 1:40pm, starting on 9 February 2017.

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.

Kindy Playdate at Beauchamp Park

Grueling 37-degree weather was not enough to keep these Kindergarten families away from a play-date to make new friends. The newly-formed P&F Kids' Committee from Year 4 (Porscha, Jack, Grace and Nelson) manned a water gun stall and helped to make sure that all the Kindies shook off any shyness and felt confident playing with others.

For parents, the event was a great opportunity to put faces to the names their kids have been telling them about after school last week!

Regina



- 1 The school and the Diocese both independently and through its schools collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student's enrolment at the school. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling to students enrolled at the school, exercise its duty of care, and perform necessary associated administrative activities, which will enable students to take part in all the activities of the school.
- 2 Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the school's legal obligations, particularly to enable the school to discharge its duty of care.
- 3 Laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include education, public health and child protection laws.
- 4 Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about your child from time to time.
- 5 If we do not obtain the information referred to above, we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.
- 6 The school may disclose personal and sensitive information for educational, administrative and support purposes. This may include:
 - Other schools and teachers at those schools
 - government departments and agencies
 - the Catholic Schools Office
 - the Catholic Education Commission NSW
 - the Diocese of Broken Bay and its parishes
 - medical practitioners
 - people providing educational, support and health services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers, counsellors and providers of learning and assessment tools
 - assessment and educational authorities, including the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
 - people providing administrative and financial services to the school
 - anyone you authorise the school to disclose information to
 - anyone to whom the school is required or authorised to disclose the information to by law, including child protection laws
- 7 Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and similar news is published in school newsletters, magazines and on our website. This may include photographs and videos of pupil activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions. The school will obtain permissions annually from the pupil's parent or guardian (and from the student if appropriate) if we would like to include such photographs or videos (or other identifying material) in our promotional material or otherwise make this material available to the public such as on the internet.
- 8 Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the school. Older students may also seek access to personal information about themselves. However, access may be refused in certain circumstances such as where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the school's duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence. Any refusal will be notified in writing with reasons, if appropriate.
- 9 The school from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school's fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

- 10 If you provide the school with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform them that you are disclosing that information to the school and why.
- 11 The school may use online or 'cloud' service providers to store personal information and to provide services to the school that involve the use of personal information, such as services relating to email, instant messaging and education and assessment applications. Some limited personal information may also be provided to these service providers to enable them to authenticate users that access their services. This personal information may reside on a cloud service provider's servers which may be situated outside Australia. Further information about the school's use of online or 'cloud' service providers is contained in the school's Privacy Policy.
- 12 The Diocesan Schools System Privacy Policy sets out how to make a complaint about a breach of privacy and how the school will deal with such a complaint.

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School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers

Information for Parents and Carers

We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

Best practice guidelines

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

- Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.
- Do not tag or name the person without permission.
- If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.
- Please seek the permission of our staff to photograph or record their activities at school. Photography of staff presenting or receiving awards is permitted.

The school will periodically review these best practice guidelines.

Mandatory policies

The school may from time to time determine that photography or recording at school events or on school grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from school premises or activities.

Under no circumstances may you photograph or record in private areas such as change-rooms, or in school offices or staffrooms, or at meetings, without express permission.

Queries and further resources

The following resources provide further information about safety online, privacy and avenues for complaints about privacy online. If you wish to discuss an issue further with the school, please contact the school office.

FURTHER RESOURCES

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Complaints Handling Policy](#)

[Acceptable Use Policy for Internet and Network Services](#)

[Social Media Policy](#)

[Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner](#)

<http://esafety.gov.au>

[Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, FAQs about social media](#)

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/faqs-for-individuals/social-media-ict-identity-security/social-media>



Child Restraint Checking Day – A free service by Willoughby City Council

Child Restraint Checking day will be held on Tuesday the 28th March from 8am-1pm.

The checks are held at the Chatswood Youth Centre carpark on Victor Street, Chatswood, which is between the Dougherty Centre and Albert Ave. The best way to find it is to turn onto Victor Street as though you are going into the Westfield Carpark. The Youth Centre carpark is directly opposite the entry to the Westfield carpark but you can't get in from here so carry on along Victor Street to the roundabout, turn around there and come back past the pedestrian crossing and past the Dougherty Centre carpark and we will be in the undercover carpark. The aerial photo below shows the basketball courts that are on the roof of the carpark. You can't miss us once you enter the carpark!! No bookings are required – you will be served in the order you arrived. I will have my phone redirected for the day so you can call me on 9777 7723 if there are any problems.

FREE child car seat safety check

Your child is twice as likely to be injured if you use the wrong car seat

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Tuesday 28th March 2017
TIME: 8am to 1pm
LOCATION: Chatswood Youth Centre car park
Victor Street, Chatswood
(opposite the Westfield car park entrance)

No bookings required. For more information phone 9777 7723 or email roadsafety@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

NSW GOVERNMENT Transport for NSW

An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program.

WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL



OLD NETBALL 2017 – Registrations will close 28th February 2017

Contact Kathleen Nicholls on OLDNetball@gmail.com for more information or to register your interest

YRS 2 & 3 - NETTAs

Modified netball rules

Players rotate positions each quarter in order to experience each position



When: Competition games Saturday mornings split between The Greens North Sydney and North Sydney girls High School

Cost: \$165 (plus uniform cost of approx. \$65)

Registration: With OLD Netball Club in February 2017 – *email your expression of interest now*

Netball Season: 13 rounds (Rd 1 is Sat 2nd April and a gala day on Sat 20th August 2017.

Training: For this year, OLD is requesting Volunteers to train the girls. Training will be in the school grounds to commence late Feb/early Mar 2017 (day dependent on coach but previously Friday afternoons)

Additional information:

- Need minimum of 8 players to form a team with recommended team size of 9 players.
- Games are approximately 45 minutes in duration and the team assembles half an hour prior to the game for a warm up.

Parental involvement:

- One parent to assume the Team Manager role
- One or two volunteers for the Coaching Role
- Games are controlled by one umpire who must be over 15 years. OLD must provide an umpire on a rotation system, approximately every 2nd game.
- At least one parent to attend the Mature Red Robin Clinic (for umpires) 9am – 12 noon Sat 12th March 2017 at Willoughby Leisure Centre Netball Courts.
- Parental assistance required when OLD is scheduled on duty at either venue (once or twice a season)

YRS 4, 5 & 6 - JUNIOR

U10s, U11s, U12s



When: Competition games Friday afternoons/evenings at Willoughby Leisure Centre Netball Courts, Bi-Centennial Park.

Cost: \$165 (plus uniform cost of approx. \$65)

Registration: With OLD in February 2017 - *email your expression of interest now*

Netball Season: 14 rounds (Rd 1 is Fri 1st April 2017, Rd 14 is Fri 12th Aug 2017). Semifinals, finals and grand finals are held each succeeding week.

Training: For this year, OLD are requesting Volunteers to train the girls. Training will be in the school grounds to commence late Feb/early Mar 2017 (day dependent on coach but previously Thursday afternoons)

Additional information:

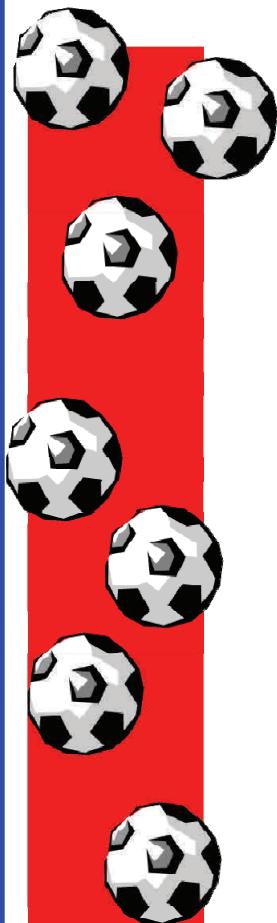
- Need minimum of 8 players to form a team with recommended team size of 9 players
- Games are approximately 45 minutes in duration and the team assembles half an hour prior to the game for a warm up.

Umpires for these games are still yet to be confirmed

U10s grading day from 4:30pm on Friday 11th March 2017

Parental involvement:

- One parent to assume the Team Manager role
- One or two volunteers for the Coaching Role
- Parental assistance required when OLD is scheduled on duty at the Willoughby Leisure Netball Courts (once or twice a season)



SOCCKER at O.L.D.

Would your child like to play soccer this year?

Over the years Our Lady of Dolours soccer has proven to be heaps of fun and a great way for children (and families) to form and establish wonderful friendships.

The 2017 soccer season kicks-off soon and we're looking for players in all age groups for 2017!

For more information, please email expressions of interest
as soon as possible to the school
Football Co-ordinator, Geoff Linders



geoff.linders@gmail.com

FUN | FRIENDSHIP | FITNESS



Play Junior Rugby with Chatswood!

The Chatswood Junior Rugby Club welcomes all boys and girls from under-5s up for the 2017 season.

At Chatswood we offer:

- Coaching Excellence including professional coaches
- Yearly Interstate and Overseas Tours for different age groups
- Fabulous family atmosphere and social events
- Clubhouse and Canteen

Great gear for new players to the club:

- Backpack with player initials
- Chatswood cap
- Training T-Shirt
- Shorts & Socks

GAME STYLES

Mini Rugby

u5 to u7	u8 to u9
No tackling, touch rugby only	Starting to tackle
Emphasis on fun & enjoyment	Develop more advanced skills
Develop basic rugby skills	½ sized field
Small field	7 to 10-a-side games
7-a-side games	15 to 20 minute halves

Junior Rugby

u10 to u16
Games largely resemble senior rugby
Further skill advancement
full sized field
12 to 15-a-side games
20 to 30 minute halves



NOT SURE? WANT TO CHECK IT OUT FIRST?

**TRY RUGBY DAY & TACKLE CLINIC BEAUCHAMP PARK
SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017, 9AM TO MIDDAY**

To register, click through <http://cjrugby.com.au> or contact Cameron McNeil [registrar@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au](mailto:cameron.mcneil@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au)

BEAUCHAMP PARK – Nicholson St, Chatswood

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Sessions run once a week for two hours after school, during school term.

WHEN

Wednesdays

4.30pm-6.30pm

Starts 1st February 2017

WHERE

Willoughby Park Centre

Willoughby Park Art & Recreation Centre

Cnr McClelland St & Warrane Rd, Willoughby

REGISTER NOW

FREECALL 1800 780 900 OR GO4FUN.COM.AU



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Northern Sydney
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