

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWS IN BRIEF Term 1 Week 7 - 14 March 2017

**'123 Magic' is coming to OLD next term:** I often worry when I hear people say, "Oh my goodness, that was the best presentation in the world!"

Well, I'm going out on a limb and saying, "123 Magic is the best Parenting Programme going around!"

OLD is offering '123 Magic' early next term over 2 Wednesday mornings. I personally found this programme life saving for me as a dad and I also found it assisted my professional life as a teacher and principal.

This exciting Parenting Programme is for all parents and friends K-6, but I do suggest that it is particularly brilliant for parents with children in Years K, 1, 2.

I sincerely hope to participate with 'many, many, many' of you on the following dates:

**"123 Magic":** Wednesday 17 May (9 – 11am) and Wednesday 24 May (9 – 11am)

**Date change re The Easter Raffle:** The date for The Easter Raffle has been moved to Wednesday 5 April – Thank you.

**Harmony Day** To mark Harmony Day next Monday, 20th March, children are asked to come to school dressed in some orange coloured clothing or their 'national dress.'

**"Welcome Mass" to welcome our new Kindergarten families and all new families to OLD:**

This coming Sunday 19 March – 9am, OLD School and Parish community will celebrate and welcome new families!

Everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

**OPEN DAY at Our Lady of Dolours - TOMORROW!** 'Open Day' at OLD for Kindergarten 2018 will be on TOMORROW - Wednesday 15 March 9am.

All of our parents and friends are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this important day of 'welcome' for prospective families.

***All 'existing families' with children ready to start K2018 must complete an enrolment form ASAP because enrolment interviews commence this week! – Thank you.***

**Notification of student absenteeism via email:** When emailing the school to advise that your child will not be attending, it is a requirement to state the reason for the absence ie. unwell. Thank you for your support.

**Project Compassion** – A reminder that we have commenced our almsgiving during Lent. This term the school is focusing on collecting for Caritas Project Compassion. Please remember to add to your small, family Project Compassion Boxes at home and return them in the last week of school. Also, we are collecting contributions to our larger classroom Project Compassion boxes. We hope you can support this worthy cause.

**P & F Night Out:** A reminder that the P & F will be holding a night out on Friday, 24th March at Willoughby Hotel. Please click on [invite](#) for details.

### **From the Parish**

#### **Pilgrimage to Vietnam**

Fr Paul is leading a tour to visit some of Vietnam's most historic Christian locations including the Church of Our Lady of La Vang where the Holy Mother appeared to the faithful in 1789. It is a 15 day pilgrimage in September (\$6950 all-inclusive price). If you are interested, please attend an INFORMATION NIGHT on Saturday 18 March 10.30am in the Bishop Barry Room.

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- Wed 15** Open Day for Kindergarten 2018
- Sun 19** Weekend "Welcome Mass" 9am in the Church
- Mon 20** Harmony Day
- Tue 21** Excursion to West Head (History) - Yrs 5 & 6
- Fri 24** Parent's Night Out
- Wed 29** School Photos

### APRIL

- Mon 2** Pre Holy Week Liturgy - Whole School
- Wed 5** Yr 6 Leadership Day @ Monte Sant Angelo
- Easter Raffle Draw (note change in date)**
- Fri 7** Last Day of Term 1  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Parish)
- Thu 13** Holy Thursday
- Sun 16** Easter Sunday
- Mon 24** Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
- Tue 25** Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
- Wed 26** Start of Term 2
- Fri 28** Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

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

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