

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 8 - 21 March 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

It was wonderful to celebrate with the Parish community last Sunday at Mass specifically to welcome the new Kindergarten students (and new families) commencing at OLD this year.

My mother, Betty Ledlin, accompanied me to the Mass and afterwards she commented, "This Parish is so privileged to have such an extraordinary Catholic priest who so beautifully ministers to the community."

Something astonishing to celebrate at OLD:

Last week, Miss Camilla Brown (Yr 1B teacher) graduated from Notre Dame University after completing her study as a Primary School Teacher. This is wonderful news on its own; however, everyone will be most impressed to learn that Camilla graduated with the highest GPA (Grade Point Average) in her year. For this remarkable achievement, she was awarded the highly prized Notre Dame Mary MacKillop award.

On last Friday afternoon, I fielded a phone call from our Assistant Director of Schools, Diocese of Broken (DBB), Mr Tony Bracken, who rang specifically to tell me about the Awards' Night he attended as a Notre Dame Board Member. He told me that when Millie received her prestigious award she gave a cracking speech! Also, on Friday afternoon, Mr Peter Hamill, Director of Schools (DBB), took time out to congratulate Camilla in-between meetings when he was in Chatswood.

Three cheers for Millie!



(Above) The Director of Schools (DBB), Mr Peter Hamill, congratulating Camilla at OLD last Friday



(Above) Camilla with the Assistant Director of Schools (DBB) Mr Tony Bracken (left), and Notre Dame Dean of Education, Professor Marguerite Maher (right)

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- Tue 21** Excursion to West Head (History)
- Yrs 5 & 6 - **Cancelled**
- 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

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Open Day:

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who assisted to make OLD's Open Day such a wonderful success. Numerous 'prospective parents' commented to me about our Open Day last Wednesday with comments like:

- "There is something very special about this place."
- "There really is a great feel here."
- "What a wonderful community!"

Interestingly, our Year 6 students 'bagged' the most praise for their engaging presentations to the whole group that assembled in the library and also for their informative guided tours of the school.

Well done one and all – *(Check out the collage of photos below!)*



The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Harmony Day at OLD – Yesterday!

A picture tells a thousand words! This is indeed a beautiful community.

Thank you to all the students and families who assisted to make Harmony Day at OLD a remarkable event. Thank you to Mrs Scarf and Mrs Gray for co-ordinating the festivities.



'123 Magic' at OLD next term:

The '123 Magic' Parenting Workshop will be held early next term over 2 Wednesday mornings on the following dates:

Wednesday 17 May (9 – 11am) and

Wednesday 24 May (9 – 11am)

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

ICAS Assessments

Information regarding the ICAS Assessments will be sent out before the end of Term 1.



P+F Welcome Night – This coming Friday 24 March 7:30pm – Willoughby Hotel. For more information please refer to the attached flyer.

Special Invitation to: BROKEN BAY DIOCESE WINTER SPORTS TRIALS 2017

- Broken Bay Sports Council will conduct trials to select students to be invited to attend the NSWCCPS Polding winter sports trials in the following sports: AFL, rugby league, netball, football (soccer), hockey, touch (rugby union will be held in term 2).
- The purpose of the Polding trials is to select an open age (up to 12 years) team to compete at the NSW PSSA State Carnival for the particular sport.
- It is important to note that these trials are **ONLY** for children who display a 'representative level ability' in the chosen sport. While teams are 'open age' it is **strongly recommended** that only outstanding students in years 5 & 6 be invited to attend.
- A school **may not send more than 4 students to any one trial**. It is not expected that all schools will have students of the required ability in all sports. Netball and boys' soccer are particularly competitive with such a large number of students proficient in these sports. For these sports they would preferably have already been selected in a community rep or development squad.
- **There will be a \$10 entry fee for each student attending the trials.** This will be payable to the school prior to the trials.
- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangement for their own children attending Broken Bay trials.
- Students must provide their own personal protective equipment.
- Students attending the trials must wear their school sport shirt for all sports.
- For rugby league and rugby union: Note that these are essentially body contact sports with some degree of inherent risk of injury. The wearing of a correctly fitted mouth guard is mandatory in all games and training sessions. Head gear is strongly recommended.
- If a training session is organised, attendance is compulsory.
- Parents of children selected to participate in Polding Winter Team Sport Trials must make their own transport and accommodation arrangements for their children.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN 'TRIALING' MUST ARRANGE TO SEE MR MARTIN AT SCHOOL FOR THE PERMISSION FORM, STUDENT PROFILE ETC.

AWARD WINNERS

Weeks 5 & 6



School Uniform changeover time - Weeks 1 and 2 in Term 2:

The first two weeks of Term 2 will be 'uniform changeover time' to winter uniform. All students must be in full winter uniform on the Monday of Week 3 Term 2 (ie Monday 8 May).

TERM DATES 2017

TERM	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD)	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	Monday 24 APRIL Fri 28 APRIL (Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days)	Wed 26 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



SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2017

- Our annual school photos will be taken on Wednesday 29th March.
- Children are to wear their full Summer Uniform.
- Every child will automatically have their individual and class photo taken.
You do not need to fill out any forms or envelopes for these prior to photo day.
- To view packages, prices and pay online for photos **after** photography day, you can choose from one of the 2 following options:
 1. Go to the website: www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
Use the purple code below and follow instructions.

OR

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2. Call the photographer's office on 9674 9824 and they can take your credit card payment over the phone. (Note – there is a \$5 processing fee for phone payments)

******PLEASE NOTE - FOR SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS******

- Any family wishing to have sibling/family photos taken, please request a "SIBLINGS ONLY" envelope from the school office to ensure a photo is taken.

This is *NOT* required for portrait or class photos- ONLY sibling/family photos.

- Any enquiries should be directed to the company, not the school office.
Contact details are below:

Phone - 9674 9824 *or*

Email - enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au

Website - www.theschoolphotographer.com.au



Parent Education Program

Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay – Parent Education Team

1-2-3 Magic Workshop

Building Emotional Intelligence & managing behaviour

Program consists of two, 2 hour sessions, working through a parent resource booklet

The program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about the world around them.



Dates:

- Wednesday 17 May (9 – 11am)
- Wednesday 24 May (9 – 11am)

Venue: **OLD School Library**

Parent workbooks are available for purchase on the day for \$10

RSVP: Please return the slip to the office or email old@dbb.catholic.edu.au
by **Friday 5 May**

YES, I will be attending the 1-2-3 Magic Workshop: Wednesday 17 May (9 – 11am)
and Wednesday 24 May (9 – 11am)

Name(s)

Child's Class



Our Lady of Dolours Parents and Friends Night Out!

Leave the kids at home and come and mix with the parents,
carers and friends of OLD at the Willoughby Hotel!

There will be food, drinks and music, along with some lucky
door prizes!

Where:

Willoughby Hotel, 315 Penshurst Street,
Willoughby North

When:

Friday, 24 March 2017

Time:

7:30 pm till late

Cost:

\$20 per person or \$35 per couple –
cost includes cocktail food, drinks are to be
purchased separately

Pay via the Qkr App!

RSVP & Payment by:

Monday, 20 March 2017