

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 10 - 4 April 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents,

Last week I commenced publishing, one chapter each week, summaries based on the book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families" (Stephen Covey). I specifically decided to do this as a lead in to the up-and-coming Parent Education Programme in Term 2, '123 Magic'. I hope that we can all appreciate the second 'habit' following:

Habit # 2 of highly effective families – (summary of 43 pages)

"Begin with the end on mind"

This habit is all about creating a clear, compelling vision/mission statement of what you and your family are all about. Habit # 2 encourages us to create a vision/mission statement WITH our family ... "No involvement, no commitment" ... remember that "the process of creating a vision is as important as the end product".

"A vision/mission statement doesn't have to be some big formal document. It can even be a word or a phrase, or something creative and entirely different such as an image or a symbol".

Following is the family vision created by the family of a person who joined the OLD community this year:

Our Family Dream

*We dream a family that knows how to love
We dream a family that laughs and shares good times
We dream a family of helpers that sees others' needs
We dream a family that's full of helping hands
We dream a family that never puts others down
We dream a family that values courtesy
We dream a family that spends time together
We dream a family that is safe at all times
We dream a family that knows how to apologise
We dream a family that knows how to say, "Thank you"
We dream a family that stays together forever
We dream a family that prays together
We dream a family that enjoys growing old together
We dream a family that knows all people are different yet equally special
We dream a family that encourages with kind words
We dream a family that knows the importance of co-operation
We dream that dreams come true*

(The Dream Team)

COMING EVENTS APRIL

- Wed 5 Yr 6 Leadership Day @
Monte Sant Angelo
Easter Raffle Draw
2.30pm
- Thu 6 Pre Holy Week
Reflection - Whole
School at 2pm in the
Church. (note time change)
- Fri 7 Last Day of Term 1

OLD Cross Country
Trials - Beauchamp Oval

Sacrament of
Reconciliation (Parish)
- Thu 13 Holy Thursday
- Fri 14 Good Friday
- Sun 16 Easter Sunday
- Mon 24 Staff Development
Day (Pupil Free Day)
- Tue 25 Anzac Day (Public
Holiday)
- Wed 26 Start of Term 2
Anzac Ceremony -
whole school liturgy
10.15am
- Fri 28 Staff Development
Day (Pupil Free Day)

MAY

- Mon 1 Yr 5 & Yr 6 History
Excursion to West Head
- Tue 2 North Shore Cluster
Cross Country (Rofe Pk)
- Fri 5 P & F Disco Night

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.)

Band at OLD:

Lately, I have been meeting with Mr Barry Davidson, OLD's Band Director, and he has indicated to me that he will be ceasing management of our school band at the end of Term 2 this year. Barry has built a most successful Band Programme for OLD, and he has developed the skills of so many young musicians who have grown under his guidance and care. On behalf of the OLD community, I sincerely thank Barry for his professional leadership and the joy he has brought to us through 'the music'.

Barry and I have been working closely with BlueGum Music; this company will take over the management of our Band at the beginning of Term 3 2017.

Finally, I know we will get opportunities to thank Barry throughout Term 2.

Mass on each Tuesday at Mercy and St Pius (Alternate weeks)

Students at OLD have been invited to join with Mercy College and St Pius X College communities at their respective school chapels for Mass each Tuesday morning at 8:00am.

At this early stage, only students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending but, later in the year, students in other classes will be invited too - (NB: an OLD teacher will accompany students at each Mass). Only a small group of students (8-10) can attend each Tuesday because the Mercy Chapel and the St Pius Chapel are relatively small.

At the beginning of the year, parents signed a permission note permitting their child/ren to walk to local Chatswood venues (like Beauchamp Park); this note will suffice for permission to attend Mass at Mercy College or St Pius College. Parents with concerns or queries are invited to contact me at school - (Philip).

Attention OLD students: Altar Servers and Musicians needed for Mass on Weekends:

Altar servers and/or musicians are needed for weekend Masses at OLD Church. Any keen students need to please get their parents to contact Katia at the Parish Office – Thank you:
katya@chatswoodparish.org.au

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT OLD:

OLD has had a long and beneficial partnership with "North Shore Speech Pathology" for many years. Essentially, a Speech Pathology service is offered on-site at OLD one day each week.

Now, OLD has just secured the services of an Occupational Therapist, Lisa Norton – ("Play and Learn Occupational Therapy"). Lisa will join the OLD community in early Term 2 and operate out of our school on Fridays each week.

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).

School Zones Reminder

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days even pupil free days.

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Year 6 Leadership Day with Bishop Peter – Reflection by Emma Teixeira - Student 6B:

Student leaders from all over the Diocese of Broken Bay came together recently for an important Year 6 Leadership Day at the Cathedral Parish (Hornsby Catholic Parish). Bishop Peter, the leader of our diocese, was fun to be with and he is an awesome role model for leaders both young and old. Personally, I think he is an amazing role model because of the kindness and humility he shows to everyone around him. One exciting activity we did was going around the big hall asking any teachers or students specific questions regarding what they might have in common with us; for example, “Does anyone have the same hair colour as me?”, “Is anyone the same height as me?” etc. Within all the terrific activities, it was really exciting to meet new people!

As a group of Year 6 diocesan leaders, we also attended Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter. The cathedral was so beautiful inside and out! During the Mass, Bishop Peter blessed all the Year 6 leaders and he commissioned us all to go back to our communities and lead like disciples of Jesus.

It was a very special Mass for all Year 6 students in the diocese, even if they did not attend because we prayed for everyone. It was also very special because, when I was looking around the cathedral, there were two other captains from a special needs school, St Lucy’s School, and I thought that was very important. After the Mass, we had lunch and a play. After lunch, we spoke more about leadership and then we headed back to school.

(Emma Teixeira - 6B)



(Above is Bishop Peter with OLD student leaders: Roslyn, Emma, Alivia and Anneliese)

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Security Changes at OLD School:

Earlier this term, I flagged with the parent community that we needed to assess the security of the school during school hours, particularly the area surrounding the foyer/main entrance.

After consultation with The Catholic Schools Office, it has been determined that we need to install an electronic door locking/opening mechanism on the main school entrance doors as soon as possible.

During the school holidays, the electronic system will be installed.

Commencing day one of Term 2, the main entrance doors of our school will be locked at 9am each school day. Anyone needing to enter the school after 9am will have to 'buzz in' via a button, and then the office staff will activate a switch to open the door.

The doors will be unlocked/opened for 'pick-up' at 2:40pm each afternoon.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation with this important installation that will only make OLD a safer environment for all students.

Easter Reflection in our Church this coming Thursday 10:15am

Everyone is warmly invited to our Easter Reflection at 10:15am this coming Thursday 6 April in the church.

OLD School Cross Country Trials:

Trials for OLD Cross Country will be on this coming Friday 7 April . Notes regarding the trials were sent home today to students involved in these trials.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Holy Week Reflection

You are warmly invited to join the whole school in a reflection for Holy Week. Stage 3 will be dramatising the *Stations of the Cross*. The Holy Week Reflection will be held in the church on Thursday 6th April at 10:15 a.m. We hope you can join us.

Project Compassion – Please return small Project Compassion boxes this week.

Thank you for your wonderful support and donations to Project Compassion this term. We would like to finalise collections this week. Please return your small Project Compassion boxes from home to your classroom teachers and please feel free to continue donating to the classroom larger boxes until the end of term.

FROM THE PARISH

9 April - Palm Sunday

9am Mass - Palm Sunday Procession

Please arrive by 8.45am if your child would like lead the Palm Procession.

18-21 April - Holiday with God program at Narrabeen

Do you want your child to join? Can you help out with running some of the activities? Do you want to find out more? Please email katya@chatswoodparish.org.au

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

AWARD WINNERS

Week 8



Year 4 Science

Our concluding activity in our 'Smooth Moves' Unit was to make a device/catapult that could move a match-box car 30cm or hurl a small rubber 30cm through the air.

Anton in 4Blue designed and made his small, black catapult on a 3D printer then assembled it. It hurled a small rubber over 4 metres, simply fantastic. The plastic substance the 3D printer produced was rigid and strong.

We had a rich discussion about catapults, 3D printers and the amazing future we all face in Science and Technology.

Mr Stanwell and Ms Tygh



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

A reminder from Camp Australia that the Our Lady of Dolours OSHC Service will be open for Holiday Club these school holidays. Our Service is conveniently located in Harrington Hall which can be accessed via the Kirk Street Entrance, and we are open from 7.30AM – 6.00PM. Please visit the below link for information regarding the days we are open and to view the full program:



<https://jobs.campaustralia.com.au/parents/holiday-programs/program.aspx?hpId=19075>

The theme for the upcoming program is **Adventureland**, with highlights including an exciting cooking incursion and a visit to the Cinema to see *The Boss Baby (PG)*. When getting ready for Holiday Club, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed (e.g. wearing enclosed shoes) and has a hat, a drink bottle, morning tea and lunch. Note that we have plenty of cold water and sunscreen and that staff will provide the children with afternoon tea at around 3.30PM.

Should new families wish to enrol or if you have any questions, please contact our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

Melissa (Camp Australia Coordinator)

Our Lady of Dolours OSHC Service Chatswood

Parenting Programs for Term 2

Please click on the link below to view flyers for groups that are running in Term 2. These include Triple P Seminar at Lane Cove Library, Triple P Group, Infant Massage and Bringing Baby Home at Brookvale Family Centre and Keeping Kids in Mind, Tuning into Teens and Infant Massage at Naremburn Family Centre.

Link: **Parenting Programs**



Thank you to the Yr 3 families for their kind donations for the Easter Raffle. Also, a thank you to Bed, Bath and Table in Chatswood Chase who contributed too.



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



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Northern Beaches
10 & 11 May 2017

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Dee Why RSL
932 Pittwater Road
Dee Why NSW 2099

When: Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May 2017
9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open 29 March 2017 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

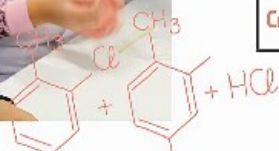
The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years 1-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120



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available.



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strength and gentleness*

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and to honour their spiritual heritage.

We challenge young women to act
in the world with strength and
gentleness.

