

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 2 Week 6 - 30 May 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents, *(this email follows on from the email sent to you earlier today by Mr Peter Hamill)*

In July last year, the OLD school community received news of a 17.4% increase in school fees for 2017. Many of our households will still be adjusting to this increase, which I'm sure has not come without financial compromise in other areas; I am particularly concerned for those on a modest income and those who have more than one child in Catholic schools.

At the time, Mr Peter Hamill, Director of Schools, assured OLD families that any further annual increases will be closer to the normal range (ie. 3-5%). It was therefore completely unforeseen that the Turnbull Government would introduce a Bill into Parliament that would result in another staggering increase to our fees. School fees could effectively double if this legislation is not stopped. I note that our neighbouring Catholic High Schools will be similarly affected, therefore OLD parents need to fully understand the long-term implications of the proposed changes.

I am disillusioned and infuriated by the Federal Government's action, which I consider to be unfair and prejudiced against some Catholic school communities. The proposed funding model will have a devastating impact on the future of our school if the Prime Minister's proposed changes are successfully implemented.

I will be away at a Catholic Schools Office Whole School Review at the Central Cost for all of Tuesday (tomorrow) and Wednesday this week. This is extremely unfortunate timing considering the need for us to come together at this time to openly discuss the impact to your families and us as a community. I note that Miss Kirsty Thorpe (Assistant Principal) will be available to talk with parents on Tuesday (tomorrow) and Wednesday too.

I have met with our P+F Co-Presidents, Mrs Regina Benisano (Porscha's/Y4 and Roman's/Y2 mum) and Mrs Kathryn Fairbanks (Charlie's/K and Jack's/Y4 mum) and I thank them for the important leading support they will give to our concerned community at this unsettling time. I note that they will be energetically urging the community to urgent political action too.

I am available to meet with parents, as a group, immediately on my return from School Review at the times below - I stress that the purpose of the meetings with me is primarily to:

- hear your deep concerns
- rally the community to political action
- try to get everyone to commit to attending the meeting with Mr Peter Hamill, Director of Schools, Broken Bay Diocese – ie **Wednesday 7**

June 2017 7:00pm - 8:00pm at Our Lady of Dolours School

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- Wed 7** Meeting with Mr Peter Hamill, 7.00pm at Our Lady of Dolours
- Thur 8** Yr 5 & 6 Camp to Milson Island
- Mon 12** Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- Wed 14** School Athletics Carnival
- Fri 16** Polding Cross Country Carnival
- Sat 17 &** Sacrament of First
- Sun 18** Eucharist - All Parish Masses
- Wed 21** OLD Public Speaking Finals
- Sacramental Program - Parent's Info. Evening
- Mon 26** "The Bishop's Art Competition" Gallery-walk around all classes
- Tues 27** League Gala Day (Bales Park, Chatswood)
- Netball Gala Day (Bicentennial, Willoughby)
- Wed 28** "The Bishop's Art Competition" - Finalists' Presentation @ the whole school assembly 8:45am
- Fri 30** P & F Sport-a-thon & Games Day
- Last Day Term 2

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEB-SITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES'
www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

The meeting times with me are scheduled for:

Thursday 1 June - 8.45am at school - Library

Thursday 1 June - 2.30pm at school - Library

Mr Peter Hamill's letter contains a section, "**What can you do?**", and I urge you to consider taking this action so that our Federal Members understand how important and how distressing this is to you. Put simply, it is absolutely vital that all of us rally together and take action over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Philip Ledlin

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

123 Magic – What happened in Part B/Session 2?

This week I participated in the second session of the 123 Magic program with a group of parents and Mrs Stella Gemperle. Following are the points that really stood out for me during, and after, the session:

1. Change is often hard for both adults and children, and we need to allow 'time' for everyone involved in the change. If you want to implement a new behaviour system at home, remember things may get harder before they get easier. Parents are encouraged to remember that children don't need to like the change, they just need to understand it.
2. There are over 800 words for emotions (around 600 of them are negative emotions). We need to name and identify these emotions for our children by 'emotion coaching'. When your child is upset, misbehaving or extremely excited about something, use simple statements (rather than questions) and name the emotions 'I can see that you are frustrated'. This will open up the channels of communication.
3. Always remember that breathing regulates our bodies. Practising breathing techniques can be beneficial for your whole family. Use your hand as a breathing guide – inhale as you trace up your thumb and exhale as you trace down your fingers. Breathing calms us down in the most stressful of situations and allows our rational brain take over from our fight/flight response.

Learning at OLD

Over the past few weeks I have had the great privilege of visiting all our classes and teaching the wonderful students at OLD. It is clear that we have excellent learning occurring across all Key Learning Areas in all grades.

Here is a snapshot of some of the typically amazing learning I have experienced:

- Year 2 are on a learning journey in Science and Technology to investigate Built Environments, with a special focus on playgrounds. The students are investigating how they can design and make the best playground by experimenting with appropriate materials, safety precautions and exploring who uses the different elements of our playgrounds and why. Some ideas may even be adopted here at OLD - watch this space.
- Then we jump to Year 3 who have been exploring fractions with apples and gummy snakes (and not one fraction was eaten). By using hands-on equipment, the students were able to extend their learning beyond the expected learning outcome. During their fun, hands-on lesson, students started to discuss a variety of fractions, equivalent fractions and how to add fractions.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - (Cont.)

- The Year 4 students are transforming into authors with their very persuasive writing on a range of topics. They are using the categories of *pathos*, *logos* and *ethos* to write thought-provoking arguments and to challenge their audience. “Should mobile phones be allowed at school?” “Should weekends be three days long?” Let the Year 4 students try to persuade you with their sophisticated vocabulary, advanced grammatical features and accurately structured texts. You’ll be surprised how your opinion changes!
- As I walked past Year 6, I was drawn to enter by the commanding voice of a public speaker. I was lucky enough to listen to some speeches written and presented by the leaders of our school. The poise at which the students spoke was remarkable. The students spoke with such confidence and expression that entertained, educated and engaged their audience. I will not be surprised to see multiple students standing on the world stage in the future commanding their audience with even more enthralling speeches.

Next (extended) newsletter I’ll give some more snapshots into the Kindergarten, Year 1, and Year 5 classrooms.



Congratulations Anthony:

OLD is thrilled to congratulate Anthony in 4B who entered a writing competition last term and has had his poem chosen to be published. What a wonderful achievement to be a published author before graduating from primary school. Bravo Anthony!

Uniform follow up

I would like to thank all the parents and students who have made a concerted effort to take pride in their uniform. For parents with younger students, I respectfully ask that you explicitly teach your child how to tuck in their shirts and fix up their collars (with the tie underneath the collar) as they need to do this throughout the day independently.

Sport-a-thon

The school’s annual Sport-A-Thon is scheduled for Friday 30th June at Beauchamp Park Oval. Here are some important facts about the day:

- Parent volunteer letters will be sent via email soon
- Sponsorship forms will be sent home during Week 7.
- No lunch orders on the Sport-a-thon day
- Recess, lunch and drink bottles to be brought by each child with their name clearly labelled.
- A piece of fruit will be supplied for each student.
- Amazing prizes will be given to the students with the highest amount fundraised (prizes will be advertised over the next few weeks).
- Class prizes will also be awarded for most amount raised and fastest class to bring in their sponsorship money.
- If any families own business that can donate prizes; please contact the P&F.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Social Justice Initiative: Refugee Sunday June 20th

In partnership with the parish, the school community is going to be involved in supporting asylum seekers living in the local community and collect items for the 'House of Welcome.'

The House of Welcome's vision is for a society in which there is full recognition of the **dignity, equality, human rights and humanity of all** people living in the community no matter their age, gender, sexuality, nationality or religious affiliation, and no matter how they came to be in Australia.

They campaign with other asylum seeker organisations across Australia for **the right to work for all asylum seekers**, for an end to mandatory detention and for a nation of welcome and justice for all.

The 'House of Welcome' runs a Food Bank which supports people and families with limited or no income. They can access familiar and nutritious food which helps supplement a limited weekly budget.

We would greatly appreciate the donations of items as follows:

(Please note: send items to your child's classroom teacher):

Kindergarten	Basmati Rice
Year 1	Sugar
Year 2	Canned Tuna in oil.
Year 3	Canned Chick Peas
Year 4	Plain Flour
Year 5	Cooking Oil 1L
Year 6	Laundry detergent
Staff	Shampoo and Conditioner

IMPORTANT: Please note that on the day your child brings in their items to their classroom teachers...they may need your help! Especially if items are packaged in glass OR if the items are heavy. Please keep this in mind.

Thank you for your support!

Parish Partnership – Orphanage in East Timor

On Friday afternoon we gathered as a community to hand over our out-of-date classroom laptops to Mrs Trish Wilson from the parish - (NB parents will recall, from past newsletters, that OLD has just purchased and taken delivery of a substantial new fleet of student computers). Mrs Wilson has a team of volunteers who are going to take these laptops to an orphanage in East Timor. This has been an excellent Social Justice initiative between the school and parish. We will learn more about the orphanage in time to come as we build our connectedness.



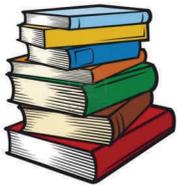
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (Cont.)

Year 4 Fundraiser for the Orphanage in East Timor

As the community is aware, the school kindly donated the teacher's old classroom laptops to an orphanage in East Timor, which is supported by our parish.

Some girls in Year 4: Grace, Anneliese and Emily, have expressed the desire to raise some money for these children in this orphanage.

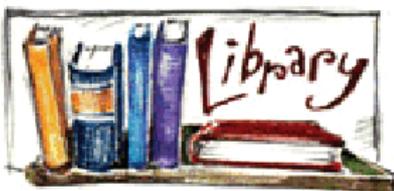
We have decided to invite just the Year 4 families to donate any old books or toys (that are clean and in reasonably good condition) to the school during this week (Week 6)...*please note that it is only Year 4 bringing in items.*



Then in Week 7, the Year 4 team will put prices on the donated items and sell them during lunch times.

All monies raised will go to the Orphanage in East Timor.

Therefore, next week (during **Week 7**), if you would like to be a part of this Social Justice initiative please send your child with some money to spend at lunch time. Prices will range from one dollar to five dollars.



We are looking for volunteers to help with shelving books in the Library on Monday and Wednesday morning after school drop-off.

No experience needed!

Louise Murphy

Teacher Librarian

2017 O.L.D. PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Throughout the last few weeks, Year 1 and Year 2 have presented their prepared speeches to an audience of their classes and teachers. What wonderful talent we have! Their speeches were informative and entertaining and presented with improved confidence. It was a difficult task for the teachers and myself to choose two speakers from each class to progress in the competition.

The successful and very talented students chosen to represent their classes in the **Grand Final Competition** on **Wednesday the 21st of June** are:

1B Vicky Tsang and Yuan Hao Chen

1G Nate Linders and Ryan Kuo

2G Hannah Tsui and Ryan Chung

2B Alexander Parissis and Erica Gregory

Congratulations and good luck children!

Every child who participated received a Certificate of Participation. The chosen children to represent their classes received special certificates for their excellent efforts.

This week, I look forward to hearing the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes delivering their prepared speeches.

I am sure they will be wonderful.

Ms Kylie Scarf

EAL/D and Literacy Support Teacher



AWARD WINNERS

Weeks 4 & 5



TERM DATES 2017

TERM	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD)	STUDENTS RETURN	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	LAST DAY OF TERM
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

Sports-a-thon

Please note, there will be no lunch orders available on Friday, 30th June.



Second-hand uniforms will be on sale this Friday, 2nd June at 2.45pm in the C.O.L.A..

Parenting Programs for Term 3

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Diocese of Broken Bay

Please click on the following links to view flyers for the groups that are running in Term 3, 2017 at our Naremburn Centre [Triple P Group](#), [Tuning into Kids](#), [Infant Massage](#) & [Step into Work](#).



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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

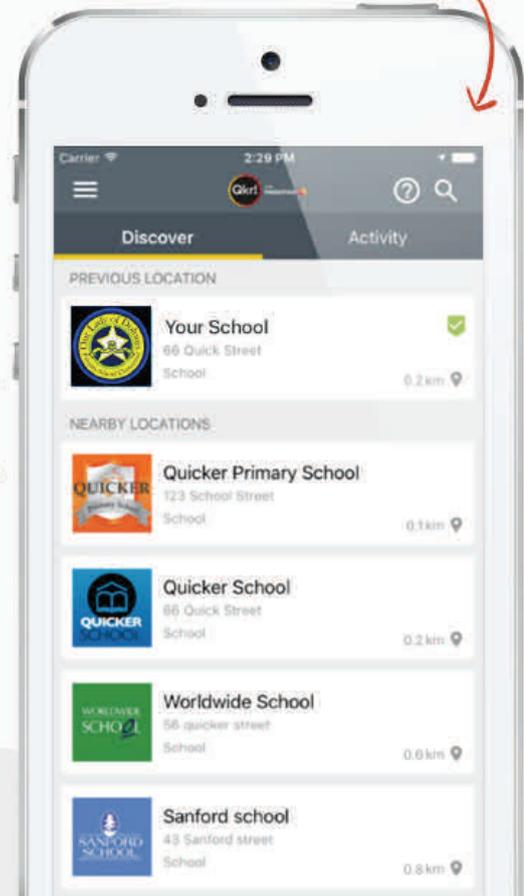
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

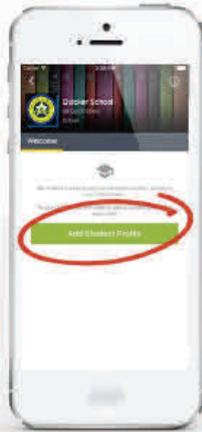
If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

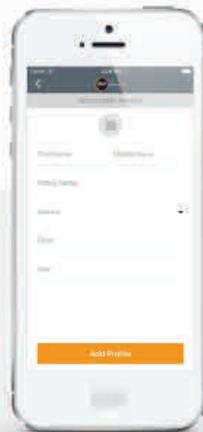


Add your children's details in Student Profiles

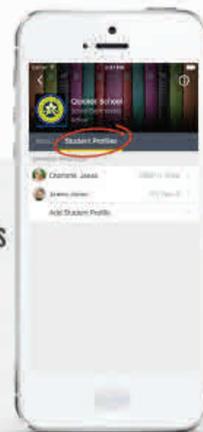
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Add each
child's details

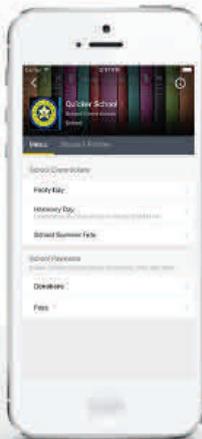


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



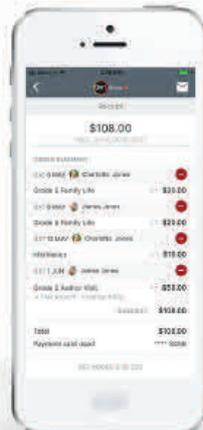
Select your items



Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.



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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I set up Automatic Email Receipts?

1. Tap on the menu in the app (the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen).
2. Tap on the word 'Settings'. This will open the settings page and present you with a number of options to personalize the way Qkr! works for you.
3. Near the bottom of the page you will see an option called 'Automatic Email Receipts' which by default is set by default to OFF. Slide to change this to ON.

How do I cancel canteen orders and get a refund credit?

Sign into your Open Qkr

1. Select your canteen and on the account and go to the calendar view for food orders tap on the day showing the future Paid order you wish to cancel
2. Select the date for which you wish to cancel the order
3. Tap 'Cancel Items' on the pop-up box which appears Order Summary to cancel all items on the order, or tap on an item and 'Cancel Item' to only cancel an individual item
4. Another pop-up box appears asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'Yes' to proceed with the cancellation.

To reduce school costs, Cancelled food canteen orders are refunded in the form of credit for future canteen orders. A 'Refunded' stamp will appear on your eReceipt phone receipt confirming that the order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food canteen orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will automatically be deducted from your next Qkr food canteen order.

Please contact your school office directly to cancel any other (non-food) school payments. These refunds need to be processed through the school office according to school policy.



Parent Engagement

An Evening with Prof Debbie Pushor

Broken Bay Catholic School Parents invites you and your school community to share in this unique opportunity

Thursday 15 June 6.30pm
Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office, Pennant Hills

Proudly hosted by Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) and Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP)

Debbie is a Professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and has spent many years in education, as a teacher, school consultant, and principal but found the experience of school very different the first day she took her eldest child Coen to kindergarten. That was more than two decades ago and since then she has gone on to develop her understanding of parent engagement, undertake extensive research in this area and has published two books on the subject which are now recognised as required reading in the emerging field of parent engagement.

At this evening, Dr Pushor will explore some current practices in schools and the ways that positive relationships with parents and families can be nurtured.

Educators and parents will have an opportunity to hear Dr Pushor speak about her 'curriculum of parents' and the benefits that flow from building reciprocal relationships and engaging parents in their child's education. Dr Pushor's research indicates the parent role in education as a rich resource of knowledge and strengths that schools have a unique opportunity to draw on.

Debbie, along with the Parent Engagement Collaborative, published a book entitled, *Portals of Promise: Transforming Beliefs and Practices through a Curriculum of Parents* (Sense Publishers, 2013).

A second book, *Living as Mapmakers: Charting a Course with Children Guided by Parent Knowledge* (Sense Publishers, 2015) was co-written with Parent Engagement Collaborative II

Who is the workshop for?

Parents, teachers and school leaders interested in exploring how to work together in partnership through parent engagement to improve student learning outcomes.

Visit our website for more information www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Register: trybooking.com/271154 (No Cost)

Venue: Catholic Schools Office Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills



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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 K-6 in primary school.



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

