

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWS IN BRIEF Term 2 Week 7 - 6 June 2017

### Special Meeting at OLD to learn more about the proposed changes to Federal Government funding for Catholic Schools – TOMORROW – Wednesday 7 June 7pm:

Parents are strenuously encouraged to attend the parent forum with Mr Peter Hamill (Director of Schools, Broken Bay Diocese) TOMORROW, Wednesday 7 June 7:00-8:00pm – OLD School Hall (Harrington Hall). Please register for this meeting at the link following:

<https://goo.gl/UCZoMh>

Please note, this meeting is for parents only.

Many visitors from neighbouring school communities will also be attending the meeting with us. Thank you to our P+F who will be organising the 'welcome' and a cup of tea.

Thank you, also, to all parents who have written to our local Federal Ministers.

### Stop the Funding Changes for Catholic Schools

Parents are encouraged to fill in the QUICK online petition to stop the funding changes at:

<https://goo.gl/Kuw8ps>

### New Dates:

- 'Mercy' Liturgy – combined OLD with Mercy College, Tuesday 12 September, 10am - 10.45am - (due to seating capacity in our church, it is for students only)
- There will be NO band Wednesday 14 June (Week 8) due to Athletics Carnival – Band day in Week 8 will be on Tuesday 13 June.

### NEW BAND MANAGERS AT OLD:

Parents will be aware that OLD School will farewell our Band Manager, Mr Barry Davidson, at the end of this teaching term. "Teaching Services" will take over the management of our school band/lessons commencing Term 3. Over the coming weeks, "Teaching Services" is preparing for the handover by having their specific OLD designated staff engage in meetings and student lessons. As part of this transition period, "Teaching Services" has organised for a visiting Primary School Band to entertain us at OLD (I note that our OLD school band will be given similar opportunities to perform outside of school in the future).

Special Invitation for parents – Monday 19 June – 1:40pm:

- Band Performance at OLD by Baulkham Hills North Primary school - Lunchtime workshop 12.30pm (**For students**)
- Whole School Performance in Hall at 1:40pm – (**Parents invited**)

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Online bookings are now open for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please refer to the email sent out today from Miss Kirsty Thorpe, which provides instructions on how to make a booking with your child/ren's teacher.

## 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
- Mon 19** Baulkham Hills Nth Primary School Band Performance at OLD
- 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 WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES

[www.olddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au)

**Invitation to apply:**

Bishop Peter A Comensoli is looking to fill some vacancies for the various Advisory Committees of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Historically, there has been great success in identifying wonderful people, with exceptional gifts, skills and experience to form part of these important Committees. The following Committees are currently seeking voluntary membership:

1. Diocesan Finance Council
2. Investment Committee
3. Audit & Risk Committee
4. Catholic Development Fund

If you are interested in applying to be a voluntary member for a Committee, you are warmly invited to provide an expression of interest. The relevant Committee Knowledge & Skills Requirements Criteria are also available on request. For all matters please contact Mr Tony Davies, Chancery Human Resources Manager 9847 0446 recruitment@dbb.org.au. Applications close Tuesday 13 June 2017.

**Social Justice Initiative: Refugee Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please remember to send in your given item for Refugee Sunday:

Yr1 – sugar, Yr2-canned tuna in oil, Yr3-canned chick peas, Yr4-plain flour, Yr 5-cooking oil, Yr6-laundry detergent and Staff-shampoo and conditioner. Please send items to your classroom teacher...thank you.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3*

**Year 4 Fundraiser - NEXT WEEK (change of week) – Maubara Orphanage in East Timor**

The Year 4 Fundraiser starts in Week 8, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June until sold out. All money raised is for East Timor, Maubara Orphanage. Year 4 is continuing to collect pre-loved books and toys and will sell them during lunchtimes. Prices from \$1 to \$5...From Porscha 4G on behalf of Yr 4

Thank you for your anticipated support

**From the Parish**

**Year 2 Parish Mass**

The Year 2 Parish Class Mass is on Sunday 11 June at the 9am Mass in our Church. This Mass is a Year 2 Class Mass, therefore you have a special invitation to attend...but of course all children are welcome!



**Pilgrimage Invitation from Fr Paul**

I would like to encourage you to consider joining me and other parishioners on our Pilgrimage in Viet Nam, "From Our Lady of Dolours to Our Lady of La Vang" from 15 to 25 September for an economical package, at \$3675 all-inclusive. There are brochures outlining the full itinerary around the church. Let's go!

**Sydney Morning Herald - "Government accused of using fantasy school figures"**

Please click on the following [link](#) to read the above article which was published in the Sydney Morning Herald last Friday 2 May 2017.

**Federal Government Funding and our concerns:**

Parents are encouraged to view the link below to gain further understanding of how vital political action is right now!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyB\\_-SZlYqc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyB_-SZlYqc&feature=youtu.be)

## **URGENT NOTES BELOW FROM OUR P & F**

### **HELP US HELP YOU - WE ALL NEED TO DO OUR PART**

If another increase in school fees will affect your family then please help us prevent this from happening. Unless we do something about it, the school fees for every child may go up by an extra few thousand dollars! This means that school fees may become higher than \$7,000 per year for each child!

This is where we need everyone's help. Please don't rely on others to do the fighting for you. We must all be in this together and prove that a significant number of us can not afford a massive increase of school fees.

### **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO**

Wednesday, 7pm, June 7 (venue: Our Lady of Dolours school hall)

Attend the parent meeting with Mr. Peter Hamill, Director of Schools for the Diocese of Broken Bay. It is an opportunity for us to hear from him first hand and understand the details of how this will impact us.

\*\*\* Please register here to reserve your seat <http://bit.ly/2qWDOby>

Thursday, 9am, June 8 (venue: Our Lady of Dolours front entrance to Chatswood Public School)

Attend a march to peacefully protest the changes proposed to our school fees. We will start at the front of our school and end at Chatswood Public school to demonstrate how already over-crowded public schools have no room for us if we can't afford to send our kids to Our Lady of Dolours.

\*\*\* You can also show your support by signing this online petition <http://bit.ly/2rUQYe6>

Our Lady of Dolours Parents & Friends

# **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2017**

We will definitely be working up an appetite at this year's Our Lady of Dolours Athletics Carnival. Order form below for a sausage roll for \$3 each.

Pay online with  OR Using the order form below



Order forms must be placed in the P&F box (located in the school foyer) enclosed in an envelope with exact money before 3pm on Tuesday 13 June.

Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle order form. Sausage in a roll for \$3 each.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Qty \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL cash enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_