

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 2 Week 8 - 13 June 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

First Holy Communion – This coming weekend:

Let us all take time this week to remember our First Holy Communicants who will receive the Eucharist for the first time this coming weekend at our parish Masses.

And yes, it's "Body of Christ Sunday" or "The Feast of Corpus Christi", this coming weekend!

This feast day specifically celebrates the Eucharist and it's vital importance in sustaining us as faith-filled people. It is such an important feast day that it is also a Public Holiday in many countries around the world.

Thank you, sincerely, to all of our sacramental co-ordinators/facilitators and family leaders who have assisted to prepare the First Holy Communion candidates.



Maritime Petition – Timor Leste:

Bishop Peter is seeking support for a petition regarding Timor Leste: "I wholeheartedly support and endorse the petition to the House of Representatives calling on our federal government to negotiate a fair maritime border with Timor Leste on behalf of the Australian community. I hope that you will also consider signing it, for the sake of our sisters and brothers in Timor Leste - and for our own sake too."

PETITION NO. EN0232 LINK http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Petitions/House_of_Representatives_Petitions/Petitions_General/Petitions_List?id=EN0232

For more information go to www.timfo.org

Drama Performance:

On Friday 4 August, all students K-6 will enjoy a fantastic drama performance about the life and times of St Catherine McAuley (NB Catherine McAuley founded the Mercy Order ... OLD is a Mercy school)



COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- Wed 14** School Athletics Carnival
- Fri 16** Polding Cross Country Carnival
- Sat 17 & Sun 18** Sacrament of First 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

JULY

- Mon 17** Start of Term 3

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.)

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**)

Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Programme:

The dates for the Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Programme are:

Wednesday 1 November (9-10.30am) All students 9-10.30am in classes with teachers ... Parents 9-9.15am with Mr Ledlin, followed by a cup of tea

Wednesday 8 November (9-10.30am) All students 9-10.30am in classes with teachers ... Parents 9-9.15am with Mr Ledlin, followed by a cup of tea

Wednesday 15 November (9-10.30am) All students 9-10.30am in classes with teachers ... **PARENTS 9-10.30am WITH MR LEDLIN AND STAFF**

Farewell Miss Lucy Gentle – Yr 2G:

Miss Lucy Gentle will be leaving Our Lady of Dolours School at the end of Week 1 Term 3. Lucy has been offered a teaching position in the United States in New York City, commencing in August later this year.

On behalf of our community, I take this opportunity to thank Lucy for her seven years of dedicated service to OLD, and I wish her every best blessing in the United States.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Learning at OLD

What an amazing time we all had looking after our mental and physical health during Wellbeing Week in Week 7. The students had lunch time games against teachers, had a new teacher for an afternoon, played with bubbles at lunch, did some buddy reading with another class and had a little dance party to finish it all off on Friday afternoon.

However, the learning never stopped!

- The Kindergarten children have been participating in some very interesting and fun activities to become expert writers. During their writing lessons, the students are not only learning to correctly form their letters and to write stories and recounts, but they are also painting the school building with water! The students are being introduced to a range of activities that will strengthen their arm muscles, fine motor skills and handwriting skills. Activities such as picking up crumpled paper with chopsticks, squeezing pegs, squeezing water in and out of sushi fish and painting walls with water, are all great activities to build the strength young children need to write legibly and for sustained periods of time.
- Next door in Year 1, the students are turning into inquisitive and highly engaged scientists. They have been investigating how things move by different forces. The students are testing which items and materials float and sink, what objects move with a push or a pull and how different toys move. In the coming weeks the Year 1 children will use all their newly acquired knowledge to design and make their own working toy. As a class, they will create a design criteria which they must test their toy against and evaluate their ability to create a product against the given criteria. Good luck Year 1!
- The students in 5B are determined to become more creative writers who think outside the square and engage their reader. They are currently working on their new Chromebooks to write an information text about a 'Flanimal' (here is a picture of one of the many Flanimals created by Ricky Gervais). By writing this information text the students are learning to merge creative, descriptive writing with informative, factual texts.



ICLT update

During last week all our new computer Chromebooks arrived and were distributed to the primary classes. We now have 12 Chromebooks in each Year 3 and 4 classroom (which is 1 Chromebook between 2 children) and enough Chromebooks in the Year 5 and 6 classes to have 1 Chromebook for each child. The students have already started using them throughout the day for independent research assignments, group writing tasks and presentations. The senior students have been a wonderful help; peer teaching the Year 3 students how



to use the Chromebooks and the Google apps for education (such as Google docs and Google Slides). We are hoping the new iPads for the infant classes arrive within the next week or so.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Social Justice Initiative: Refugee Sunday June 18th

LAST DAY TO BRING IN ITEMS THIS FRIDAY!

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 – THIS WEEK

Maubara Orphanage in East Timor

Please support the Year 4 fundraiser at lunchtimes this week until sold out. All money raised is for East Timor, Maubara Orphanage. Year 4 are selling pre-loved books and toys and will sell them during lunchtimes. Prices from \$1 to \$5.

First Holy Communion

Our prayers are with the children preparing for their First Holy Communion this weekend. May you feel the presence of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as you partake in the body and blood of Christ.

Miyaka, Sara, Grace, Antony, Iara, Keona, Mia, Evelyn, Martin, Chloe, Chloe, Max, Ethan, Alyssa, Kayden, Ardan, Genevieve, Hayden, Ryan, Marcus, Marianne, Chloe, Keira, Ethan, Jack, Issa, Amítíel, Andrew, Elizabeth, Sofia, Adeang, Thíik, Zachary, Riley, Lara, Andrea, Chloe, Marcus and Francesco.

"For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:33

FROM THE PARISH

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!



Milson Island Yr 5 & 6 Camp

On Thursday 8th June, 72 excited students and four enthusiastic teachers headed off to Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre for our School Camp. The island setting was secluded and stunning with sweeping views of the Hawkesbury River at every turn. Our comfortable cabins were set in landscaped gardens. A state-of-the-art recreation hall was also a wonderful facility for the fencing activity and our night time entertainment, which included interesting games like: who can flick their shoe the furthest, who can throw their shoe and hit the target, human naughts and crosses, survivor tag, a 'teacher revenge' game (teacher's favourite game!!) and a guess the card suit game. The food hall was also a great facility and the food was delicious. The students actually enjoyed being on kitchen duty!

The outdoor activities included the high swing, low ropes course, bush walking, fencing and archery. The students rotated around these activities and had a great time. The ground was a bit wet underfoot but we were very lucky with the weather. Mr Ledlin joined the camp on the Friday and we were all very excited by his visit and participation. The staff were very proud of the students who participated fully in every activity with great teamwork and they displayed the best behaviour for the entire trip. A great team effort by all!

Mrs Kathy Gray, Mrs Alix McKittrick, Mr Samuel McClean and Mrs Mary-Anne FitzGerald.



2017 O.L.D. PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Throughout the last two weeks Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 presented their excellent speeches. They did not disappoint us! They were all fabulous to watch. Each year I think I have seen it all with the level of skill our students have here at OLD when speaking to an audience. But this year the standard was even higher! Our Public Speaking Final Competition will definitely be something not to miss!!!

Unfortunately the teachers and I can only choose a very small number of children to represent their classes. It is so terribly hard for us to find these winners as the standard now, is so high. Finally we did choose... and the successful finalists to represent their classes in the school Grand Final Competition are:

Year 3G:

Genevieve H and Sara A

Year 3B:

Marianne L and Amitiel Mc

Year 4G:

Jack F and Porscha P

Year 4B:

Anthony P and Beatrice A

Year 5:

Lara A , Lindsay A, Gwenaelle L and Alyana D

Year 6:

Corban G, Emma T, Clare G and Anneliese J

**Presenters to Introduce the Finalist Speakers
at the Grand Final :**

Alivia T and Gina H

It looks like we have some "Public Speaking Families" in our school!

Congratulations children and good luck in the finals!

2017 O.L.D. PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION (Cont.)

Don't forget, the **Grand Final Public Speaking Competition** will be held on **Wednesday the 21st of June, from 9am to 11am**. The timing of the judging will be different this year as it will be conducted ***straight after the speeches of each Stage***. This allows the parents to organize any work or other commitments in order to see their children present on the day:

- **Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)** will present first and then be judged when finished (approx. 9.00 – 9.30am)
- **Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)** will present second and then be judged when finished (approx. 9.30 – 10am)
- **Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)** will present third and then be judged (approx. 10.00 – 10.45 am)

(These times are very approximate as it all depends on what occurs on the day)

All parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Come and be entertained and impressed by our school's most talented speakers!

It's a wonderful occasion and not one to miss!

Ms Kylie Scarf

EALD/Literacy Support Teacher



Administering Medication In School



Please find attached a "Request to Administer Medication in School" Form. For school staff to administer any medication, including 'over the counter medication', authorisation in writing is required from a Prescribing Health Practitioner. This form WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED by school staff UNLESS it has been completed, signed and stamped by the Prescribing Health Practitioner. The form is also available on our website www.olddb.catholic.edu.au under general forms.

AWARD WINNERS

Week 6



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

SCHOOL BANKING @ OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

Congratulations to those students who have achieved 10 or more deposits so far this year. We had a special visitor – Prue – hand out the Bronze awards to these students.



In addition to the Term 1 rewards, we have 2 new rewards available in Term 2

- Tablet case
- 3D chalk set



For more information on School banking and how to get started, please visit

commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Any queries regarding school banking please email Glenda on glenda.chan@gmail.com



REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION IN SCHOOL continued

I request that school staff administer the necessary medication to this student while at school.

STUDENT SURNAME: **FIRST NAME:**

DOB: **GENDER:** M F

I confirm that the information provided to the school is the complete and necessary information to administer the medication. I also understand and agree that it is my responsibility (parent / carer) to provide the school with the *prescribed or 'over the counter' medication* and inform the Principal of any changes involving the administration of the medication and will do so in writing as specified in the *'Medication Policy'* for Diocesan Systemic Schools.

Parent / Carer Name: – Please Print:

Address:

Home phone: **Work phone:**

Mobile phone: **Email:**

Parent Signature: **Date:**

Prescribing Health Practitioner – Print Name:

Practice address:

Phone: **Qualifications:**

Apply practice stamp here:

This authorisation applies for the period starting from: **to:**

Prescribing Health Practitioner Signature:

Date:

NOTE: For school staff to administer any medication including *'over the counter medication'*, authorisation is required from a Prescribing Health Practitioner. **This form WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED by school staff UNLESS it has been completed, signed and stamped by the Prescribing Health Practitioner.**

Privacy notice: The information requested on this form is essential for assisting the school to plan for the support of your child's health needs. It will be used by the school for the development of arrangements with you to support your child's health needs. Provision of this information is voluntary. If you do not provide all or any of this information, the school's capacity to support your child's health needs could be impaired. This information will be stored securely. You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Principal.

Office Only: When this course of medication concludes, please retain this form in the student's school file.