

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 1 - 18 July 2017

Sports-a-thon – last day of Term 2!

The last day of Term 2 will long be remembered as a wonderful celebration of all that's good about OLD. Indeed it was a fabulous celebration primarily due to a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parent and community helpers – thank you one and all.

Thank you to all parents and friends who were able to sponsor the students and support the school ... **Where will the raised funds go?** Presently, there is much energy being generated around the school in support for synthetic grass on the soccer court area (ie the top area of our playground). Additionally, there is similar support for more shade covering sails over the top area of the playground. I am presently working with the Catholic Schools Office to assist me to understand various complexities regarding costs and options. Parents are encouraged to come along to the next Parents and Friends' Meeting to learn more and to discuss these matters further. I note that now is the time to think about other 'possibilities' for spending that might benefit the students and their learning/play at OLD.

A stage for students to perform on!

Thanks to our maintenance man, Steve McDonald, we now have a wonderful stage for our students to perform on whenever they are on the playground. I note that it will be a wonderful resource for teachers to utilise with their classes too!

Thanks, also, to Ms Jenny Tygh who inspired and championed the initiative.

The photo below shows Steve on the stage. Steve has set a challenge for the students to guess how many screws he used on the job; he is offering a prize too.

NB: this includes all screws visible and those under the decking too. Students may only have one guess each; guesses must be made/written on the sheets near the stage.



Don't Forget the O.L.D. Dance Party is on Friday 28th July - RSVP Friday 21st July

Welcome Fr John Puliparambil, our new Assistant Priest for our Parish.

The OLD School community extends a warm welcome to Fr John who joined us last week!

COMING EVENTS

JULY

Wed 26 Grandparents' Day
Liturgy 9:30am

Fri 28 OLD Dance Party

August

Wed 2 P & F Meeting

Thurs 3 Soccer Gala Day
(Montview Oval,
Hornsby Heights)

Fri 4 Drama Performance
about the life and times
of St Catherine McAuley

Tues 8 St Mary of the Cross
Feast Day (Mary
MacKillop Feast Day)

Fri 18 North Shore Cluster
Athletics Carnival
(Narrabeen)

Fri 18 P & F Toy Upcycling Day

Tues 29 Diocesan Athletics
Carnival (Narrabeen)

Thur 31 Father's Day Stall

Creative Arts Festival Dates

Mon 18 September

Tues 19 September

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S
WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS -
EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO
DATES

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

Grandparents' Day - 26 July (Wednesday Week 2)

- 9.30am: Grandparents, Parent and Friends are warmly invited to join us for a liturgy in the hall (hosted by Year 2). Following the liturgy, tea and biscuits will be served in the hall by the Year 2 students - (and parents helping with the hot drinks).
- 10.15am – 10.45am: Grandparents, Parents and Friends will then be invited into classrooms to spend time with the students in class.
- Finally: Grandparents, Parents and Friends are invited to have Recess with the students
- Grandparents' Day celebrations will conclude after Recess at 11:15am

URGENT REMINDER: - ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR CHILDREN'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2017

Enrolments for preparation and Reception of Confirmation are currently open via the parish website.

To enrol your child in the program, please go to the parish website: <http://www.chatswood.dbb.org.au/> - From the home page: * Click on Sacraments * Click on Children's Sacramental Program * Click on Enrolments * Click on Confirmation 2017 Enrolment Instructions.

Please print and/or read this file to gather all the information you will need to enrol. When you are ready to enrol, * Click on Enrol in Confirmation 2017 Program Enter all the details requested and as explained on the 'Instructions' file.

Enrolments close Wednesday 19 July – **TOMORROW**

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER

There is an urgent need for new volunteers at our church to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Royal North Shore Hospital. The role of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is to bring the Eucharist and power of Christ's presence, prayer, conversation and compassionate presence to Catholic patients.

Currently, there is a committed team who have been dedicated over many years but who are now in urgent need of your help.

Do you have a little spare time? Would you like to make a difference? Would you like to meet new people and make new friends? Would you like to support the sick in this very special way?

You might be available for a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday, once a month or perhaps on a weekday.

Training, support and encouragement are offered to new volunteers for this very special ministry.

For more information please contact: Sue May, Administrator for Catholic Volunteer Eucharistic Ministry, CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay. Mob: 0448 497 624 Email: sue.may@dbb.org.au

Vision Screening in Term 3 for K-2 and targeted students 3-6:

On Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 August, Vision Screening will occur for students K-2 and also for 'targeted' students 3-6 (ie targeted by teachers and support staff working with children Yrs 3-6 if they are 'concerned'). Screening will commence at 10am on both days in the hall on a rotation basis with 2 or 3 students leaving class at a time.

Parents of Yrs K-2 ONLY must complete the permission form that is attached to this newsletter

Thank you.

Special Visitors to OLD from China over a 4 day period ... How can we best 'welcome' them?

Monday 7 August through to Thursday 10 August (inclusive), OLD School will welcome 11 visitors from China. The delegation includes a school principal, three teachers and seven primary school students.

I wonder if our community has any exciting and creative ways to welcome our friends! Please come to see me if you do. Thank you - (Philip)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

ICAS Exam

Due to the large number of students who have registered for the English ICAS exam, we will be holding the exam on 31st July between 9-11am. The teachers will instruct the students on where to go at what time.

Please ensure your child has the following items on the day:

- 1 or 2 lead pencils
- An eraser
- A pencil sharpener

If you are unsure whether you have registered your child for this exam, there will be a list of names at the reception desk for you to check.

Discovery Shed

Next Monday and Tuesday the students at OLD will be participating in an extremely exciting and intriguing incursion. Bob Moran is a scientist and inventor who owns his own Discovery Shed on Sydney's Northern Beaches. He will be bringing in a large range of inventions and scientific equipment so students can explore how technology has changed throughout time, how nature supplies us with amazing resources and students will start to investigate complex scientific concepts. Each class will visit the OLD Discovery Shed and have the opportunity to touch, question and learn about each of the objects. After the incursion, I strongly encourage all students to think about their favourite invention or even an invention they would like to create. Everyone has the ability to be a scientist or an innovative inventor, so I ask everyone to please share your amazing ideas with your family, friends and teachers (and me!)

FROM THE PARISH

The parish and school community welcomes Fr John Puliparambil, our new Assistant Priest to the Parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr John; I am sure you will all make him feel very much at home here at Our Lady of Dolours.

Refugee Food Appeal: A thank you from the Parish Social Justice Team

"Last week representatives from the Social Justice Ministry visited the House of Welcome at Granville where we enjoyed a lunch of authentic food from Iran and experienced the hospitality for which the organisation is known. Each Wednesday a lunch is prepared by refugee women for the staff; refugees who are dependent on the Food Bank and other new arrivals seeking the services provided by House of Welcome. We were asked to extend to you all their gratitude for the generous donation of food items our parish recently gathered. Thank you! A special thank you to the families of Our Lady of Dolours School whose contribution was truly amazing. We were uplifted by our visit and in awe of the outreach to others that we witnessed."

Mother and Daughter fundraiser for the Philippines

Porscha (Yr 4) has four massive boxes to fill with old clothes. She is sending these to the 'needy' in the Philippines. Any age, any gender, but preferably not winter wear because it will be of limited use in the tropical climate. She intends to pack and send by mid-end of July. That is typhoon season in the Philippines and many are often displaced from their homes.

Baskets will be placed in the foyer for this summer clothing collection. Any donations kindly welcomed.

Thank you.

Sports-a-thon - last day of Term 2!



Sports-a-thon sponsorship forms and money due back by Friday, 21st July

~ Thank You ~



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July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Our Lady of Dolours
K – 2 free vision screening program**

We are fortunate to be offering a free vision screening opportunity to our K – 2 students through our learning enrichment centre and in co-ordination with children's vision leaders, Evian Eyecare Optometrists.

It is **strongly encouraged** all children K-2 to participate in the vision screening program as many vision problems remain undetected unless a child's vision is screened by a trained vision screener. The screening is also aiming to detect vision-related learning difficulties to help with early intervention if needed.

Your child's vision will be checked one eye at a time and no drops will be used. All parents/carers of children who have their vision screened through the program will be informed of the results of their child's vision screening assessment. Should a vision problem be detected parents/carers will receive a letter asking them to have their child's vision fully tested by an eye health professional.

Please print out, complete and sign the attached consent form and return it your class teacher as soon as possible so that a trained vision screener can test your child's eyes. If you don't wish for your child to participate in the program, please fill the appropriate section in the form and return it to your class teacher.

If you have any questions regarding the vision screening program, please contact Mr Philip Ledlin at school or you may contact Evian Eyecare directly and ask for Sindy, on 9436-4395 or email sindy@evianeyecare.com.au.



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Permission form to have eyes checked in Vision Screening Program

To be done at school on **8.8.17 and 9.8.17**

Parent/Carer to please complete and return by **Monday 31 July**

Your Details – Parent or Legal Guardian

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Mobile: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

2. Child's Details

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Gender: M / F

Date of Birth: _____

CONSENT FOR VISION SCREENING

I understand that the School Vision Screening Program is for screening purposes only and if I have any concerns before or after the screening, to contact an eye health professional.

Yes, I **consent** to have my child's vision screened Signed: _____ Date __ / __ / __

No, I **decline** to have my child's vision screened Signed: _____ Date __ / __ / __

(optional) reason for declining? _____

*note – if you decline, please sign and omit the pre-screening questions

Parent / Carer Signature _____ Date __ / __ / ____



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Pre-Screening Questions – please answer all of the following questions:

Child's name: _____ **Class** _____

- Do you have any concerns regarding your child's eyes? Yes No
 (please specify if yes) _____

- Is your child currently under the care of an eye health professional? Yes No
- Do both eyes look and move together all the time? Yes No
- Has anyone in your family been prescribed glasses or patching as a child or is there any particular vision-related family history? Yes No (If yes please specify)

Reading, writing and other desk tasks (please circle)

Fatigue with reading /comprehension with time Y N
 Confuse similar words or letter Y N
 Short attention spanY N
 Difficulty keeping place reading; finger as marker Y N
 Slow reading or word by word reading.....Y N
 Skips or rereads lines; omits wordsY N
 Avoids reading or close workY N
 Reverses words or letters Y N

Difficulty remembering what had been read Y N
 Tilts head to one side or closes or covers one eye.. Y N
 Holds head too close to reading materialY N
 Difficulty copying from chalkboard or bookY N
 Poor eye-hand coordination, or poor writingY N
 Awkward pencil grip, posture or body positionY N
 Letters and lines "run together", words "jump"Y N
 Glare irritates the eyes when readingY

LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!



PERMISSION FORM

The O.L.D. dance party will be held over three time slots on

TERM 3, WEEK 2, FRIDAY, JULY 28

AT THE SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM

ENTRY FEE \$15 AND INCLUDES PIZZA/DRINKS

Lots of cool party novelties to buy, games to try, prizes to win and fun fun fun. Practise your moves because you might

SEE SOME TEACHERS HIT THE DANCE FLOOR 🕺

RSVP by Term 3, Week 1, Friday, July 21.

PLEASE return completed form to the P&F box near the school office.

ENQUIRIES to regina@saxoncole.com

CHILD NAME

YEAR/CLASS

SPENDING MONEY

- NONE THANKS
 \$5
 \$10
 \$15
 \$20

PAYMENT

- CASH OR 

TOTAL AMOUNT
(ENTRY + SPENDING)

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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) is held on Thursdays from 12:40pm to 1:40pm, starting on 20 July 2017.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

ROSEVILLE CHASE ROTARY FUN RUN Sunday 30th July 2017



Register & Info @ www.rosevillechaserotaryfunrun.org.au

10KM FUN RUN
Starts 8.00am

5KM FUN RUN & WALK
Starts 8.10am

2KM FAMILY WALK
Starts 8.15am

CITY TO SURF WARM UP

Castle Cove Park
Holly St, Castle Cove

McGrath

Prizes supplied by
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REGISTER ONLINE
Another Rotary Community Project