

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 2 - 25 July 2017

GRANDPARENTS (Four funny reflections):



1. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

2. When a grandson asked how old his grandpa was, Grandpa teasingly replied, "I'm not sure."

The grandson responded, "Look in your underwear, Grandpa ... Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

3. Child's comment to his teacher: "Grandparents are the smartest people on earth! They teach me good, good things, but I don't get to see them enough to get as smart as them!"

4. (And my favourite): After Grandma put her four grandchildren to bed, she changed into her old slacks and a droopy blouse then proceeded to wash her hair ... As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

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).
- 10.15 – 10.45: 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

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 chn 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. Please [click on the link](#) to access the form. Thank you.

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 Fathers' 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

Remarkable News: \$28,000 in grant funding secured for O.L.D

Throughout this year, Miss Kirsty Thorpe and I have worked with two parents who have injected countless hours of energy and expertise into applying for numerous community grants to fund school projects to simply make OLD an even better place.

1. Willoughby Council has awarded us a \$3,000 grant to support our annual [O.L.D. Creative Arts Festival](#) in September.
2. Willoughby Council has also awarded us another \$3,000 grant to support an [O.L.D. Writers' Festival](#) this Term. This is a brand new initiative being introduced to the school to build on the children's creative writing abilities.
3. Chatswood RSL (via the Club Grants) has awarded us \$22,000 to support the establishment of an [O.L.D. Community Garden](#) on the strip of land behind the Library and Kindergarten classrooms (ie. visible along Ferguson Lane). This is also a brand new initiative and I am particularly excited about the variety of opportunities this will bring for student, teacher, parent and community involvement, from an educational and sustainability perspective. (Stay tuned for more information on this!)

A sincere thanks to both Willoughby Council and Chatswood RSL for their support, and four cheers for our fabulously resourceful grant co-ordinators / parents Holly (mum of Jack KG) and Regina (mum of Porscha 4G and Roman 2B).



A second SOS for ideas: 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)

FYI - North Shore Schools' Expo:

We have been invited to participate in the North Shore Schools' Expo 2017.

This year, the expo will be held on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th August at the Concourse at 409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood.

Help needed –Scholastics Book Club:

If you would like to be part of a team of parents to co-ordinate Scholastics Book Club, please contact the school office.

Scholastics Book Club is a private organisation that offers books for sale in schools for students.

OLD School is wanting to recommence Scholastics Book Club for only three times each calendar year (Terms 1, 2 and 4). OLD is keen to commence in Term 1 2018.

Parents and Friends' Meeting - Wednesday 2 August 6.30pm:

Everyone is warmly invited to the Term 3 P+F Meeting Wednesday 2 August 6.30pm in the school library.

At this meeting, the teaching and learning update will include information about:

- the newly purchased computer equipment and how it's impacting learning and teaching
- the literacy focus in all classrooms K-6
- the influence of 'Cultures of Thinking'
- our Mercy charism
- strategic planning 2018 onwards

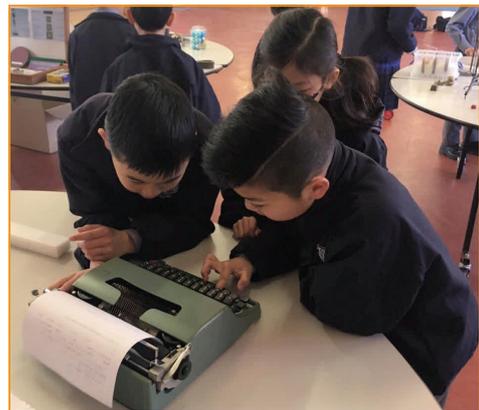
Aside from the teaching and learning aspects at OLD, there will be discussion around P+F funding for school/ playground resources (possibly synthetic grass and shade covering)

Please consider coming along.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

DISCOVERYSHED

Today, half of the school got to visit the "OLD Discovery Shed". Our guest, Bob Moran brought in a huge variety of inventions to incite curiosity in the students.

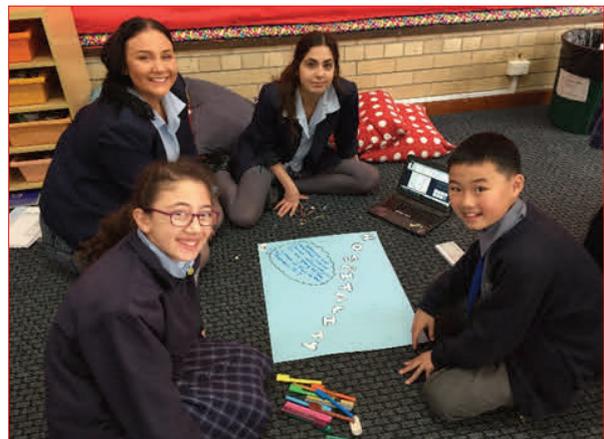


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Year 6 Mercy Action Group

The Mercy Action Group is currently working in partnership with the Year 10 Youth Ministry class from Mercy College. Together they have been exploring the Mercy values of: love, forgiveness, respect, compassion, excellence, hospitality and integrity.

On August the 2nd the MAG and Mercy students will present to all classes a presentation about their given Mercy value. Keep an eye out for more information shortly.



Mother and Daughter fundraiser for the Philippines – LAST WEEK! Porscha has four massive boxes to fill with old clothes. She is sending these to the disadvantaged 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.

Book Week 2017 - Summary for Parents

Week 5 - 14th August -19th August



The theme for this year is **ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE.**

Program for the week

Monday 14th August.

- 8:45am: Book Week Assembly
- 8:50am: Trivia in the playground. Could you please make sure your child is at school on time.
- Author visit from Anna Fienberg - each class will spend 1hr listening to Anna about her book and the life of being an author.

Tuesday 15th August- Library Borrowing Day K-6

The whole school will have a 20 minute borrowing slot. Please could you make sure students have their book bags on this day?

Wednesday 16th August K-6

Author / Illustrator visit from Matt Stanton. Each class will hear his humour and watch him illustrate from his new book **'Funny Kid as President'**

Pre- Ordering Books - each author will bring a selection of their books for the children to purchase.

There will be a note sent home early next week about how to purchase one of Anna Fienberg or Matt Stanton's books. The authors will sign all children's books at lunch time.

Friday 18th August K-6

Book Week Parade.

Time: 8:45am -9:30am

Each student is asked to dress up as a book character. The theme is **'Escape to Everywhere'** so the scope is wide. Children are encouraged to carry the book to match their character.

Please note children will stay in their costume all day, so make sure they wear comfortable shoes.



Book Week Summary Continued.

After the parade the Library will be open for children to donate a book to the Library.

All books will be \$10 (it is a donation towards the book)

A book plaque will be put into each donated book and the children will be able to borrow them immediately.

If parents can't come, children can bring \$10 in an envelope on the day marked **Library Donation** and I will help them choose a suitable book.

I hope it will be a really enjoyable Book Week for everyone at school.

Regards,

Mrs Louise Murphy

Teacher/Librarian.

Maths Olympiad

This year in Maths Olympiad we have learnt to:

Convert fractions into decimals

New algorithms

Algebra (invisible numbers!)

And much much more.

Invisible numbers are letters that substitute numbers depending on the variables (e.g. x,y,z)

We have been converting complicated word problems into number equations.

It can be very challenging but we enjoy figuring things out together!

By Serena and Anneliese.



AWARD WINNERS Week 1



THIS FRIDAY

A SNEAK PEAK INTO SOME OF THE TREATS IN STORE

O.L.D. DANCE PARTY

**LET'S GET THIS
PARTY STARTED**

FRIDAY, JULY 28

**LIGHT UP
BALLOONS**

**\$2
EACH**

**FINGER
LIGHTS**

**\$2
EACH**

**LIGHT UP
STICK**

**\$4
EACH**

PHOTO BOOTH

\$1

PER PHOTO

**COLLECT YOUR PHOTOS
FROM SCHOOL NEXT WEEK**

SPIN TO WIN

\$1

PER SPIN

LOADS OF PRIZES

Parent Conference

8, 9 & 10
September

Preparing our children for
a changing world
#FutureReady

Keynote

Dr Lea Waters

"Strength-based
Parenting"



Don't miss this amazing opportunity!

In an increasingly globalised & rapidly changing world:

- What are the skills, aptitudes and knowledge needed for the future?
- How can parents prepare their children to be 'fit for the future'?

Broken Bay www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com proudly hosting the 12th Catholic School Parents Conference.

This weekend conference will assist parents and school communities to explore the implications of a changing future and the impact for learning; wellbeing as being integral to learning & the role of parents in supporting our children to be 'future ready'.

Come for a day or the whole weekend. There is something for the whole family, with a **KIDS CONFERENCE** running concurrently on the Saturday.

To learn more: www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference

Keynote Speakers:

- ✓ Barbara Barker
- ✓ Dan Fleming

Workshops Strands:

- ✓ Social-Emotional Learning
- ✓ Digital Citizenship
- ✓ 21st Century Capabilities
- ✓ Parenting for the Future
- ✓ Family Wellbeing

Kids Conference

And much, much more!

In the beautiful grounds of St Paul's Catholic College, Manly overlooking Sydney Harbour

Hosted by Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP)

Imagine this view in September!

#FutureReady Parent Conference

Preparing our Children
for a Changing World

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Join your Broken Bay Catholic Community, along with parent from across NSW & interstate for a weekend great speakers, workshops, and an expert panel discussing how to **future proof our kids**. For the kids, there is a **Kids Conference** on Saturday, so bring them along.

And did we mention the spectacular views!

Enjoy the beautiful grounds of St Paul's College, Manly overlooking the stunning Sydney Harbour.

Learn more: www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference

MasterClass

Dr Lea Waters

"Visible Learning
in Wellbeing"



Friday Evening 8 September
St Paul's Catholic College, Manly

All information is accessible on the CSP website [HERE](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com)

Community News

Employment Opportunity - Diocese of Broken Bay

SCHOOL FEE LIAISON OFFICER

Temporary Full-time Secondment until end of December 2017

Please click [here](#) for a copy of the Job Description.

Please click [here](#) for a copy of the Criteria



MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD
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OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 15 August, 9am – 11am



Catholic Girls Secondary College, Years 7 - 12
www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au



JUNIOR SUMMER 5-a-side COMPETITION

The Willis Recreation & Sports Centre, Castle Cove

2 x Synthetic Pitches

KICKS OFF - 14 OCTOBER 2017

SATURDAYS – Mixed Competition U6s-U10s

COST - \$180 per player

Min.7 players/Max.9 players per team

A break between December/January Holidays

Trophies & medals to be won

Referees, Pitch Hire & Insurances all included in cost.

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REGISTRATION CLOSES 30 SEPTEMBER

or when all age groups are full