

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 3 - 1 August 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Feast of the Transfiguration – 6th August 2017

Over a hundred years ago, the blessed Metropolitan Anthony, a Russian Orthodox Prelate, preached about this feast saying that the goal of the Lord's revelation was to persuade his followers that they too were to shine with the beauty of God's love. He said that people longed for the Christ who would reveal fearsome majesty while Jesus offered them simple humanity which has more potential for glory than we can ever imagine.

Blessed Anthony told his followers to look around them, to see people who had been transformed. He told them to notice in their faces, in their eyes, and in their tone of voice that which is infinitely attractive. In effect, Anthony tells us, "Listen to them! Learn from them how they have learned to live as God's beloved and are empowered to love as we are loved."

The message of the Transfiguration is not apocalyptic. Jesus doesn't shoo away the demons. Instead, he shows us what every human being can become when open to transforming love.

(Compiled by Fr John Frauenfelder)

I wonder if this 'transforming love', that Blessed Anthony preached about, simply begins with a smile. Is it perhaps that easy?

I sincerely look forward to seeing sparking eyes and bright faces as we move towards The Feast of the Transfiguration this coming weekend!

Thank you x2!

Thank you to team of parent helpers who assisted at last week's enormously well represented Grandparents' Day celebration, and thank you to bevy of co-ordinators who made last Friday's school disco a rip-roaring hoot!

Regarding Grandparents' Day: Let's not forget the Yr 2 teachers and students who prepared the entire exciting morning!

Regarding the disco: I particularly thank Porscha and Anthony (both in Yr 4) who worked tirelessly as important co-ordinators.

Invitation to join our Parish Pastoral Council:

Our Parish Pastoral Council is presently keen to secure one or two OLD School parents as members. This is a really exciting opportunity that will serve to connect our school and parish in such a positive way. The Pastoral Council meets in the evening once each month and discusses important spiritual, pastoral and administrative matters to help 'grow' our parish community.

If you would like to get a bit more information regarding this invitation, please contact me at school (ie Philip), or alternatively you can contact the parish office to get more information. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

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

September

- Fri 1** Fathers' Day Breakfast and Mass
- Wed 6** Confirmation Practice
- Fri 8** P & F Mufti Day
- Polding Athletics Carnival (Newcastle)
- Confirmation
- Fri 15** Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day
- Mon 18** Creative Arts Festival
- Tue 19** Creative Arts Festival
- Wed 20** Writers' Festival 20 to 23 Sept
- Fri 22** Last Day Term 3

EPP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES
www.olddbb.catholic.edu.au

Please click on the following [link](#) to view the prayer prayed at the Grandparents' Day liturgy – (I had a special request to put it in print):

Pastoral Care 'Show' for all students K-6:

As part of our Pastoral Care policy and in keeping with our Positive Behaviour for Learning and Choice Theory programs, today the students had the chance to see The NED SHOW performance.

The NED Show is a character education programme that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance:

NEVER GIVE UP ENCOURAGE OTHERS DO YOUR BEST

A note went home last week explaining the concept of The NED SHOW and the pay-it-forward concept.

The students now have the chance to purchase a yoyo which they can use at school during recess and lunch.

The prices are \$8 \$15 & \$20.

The students can purchase the yoyos at school, or you can pre-order your child's yoyo via the form in the note that went home last week.

I thank Ms Jennifer Tygh for championing this important experience for OLD.

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

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.

Mass in the morning each Tuesday at 8am:

A special Mass is held each Tuesday morning at 8am on alternate weeks at Mercy Catholic College Chapel and St Pius X College Chapel. At the beginning of the year, I suggested that this 8am Mass should only be attended by Stage 3 students and teachers due to the limited space in both chapels. I am now wondering what might happen if we open the invitation up to any students K-6 and parents. Let's give it a try and see what happens!

FYI: Next Tuesday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – (Feast Day next Tuesday 8 August) and Mass will be celebrated in Mercy Chapel at 8am. Students and/or parents keen to attend need to meet in our playground in the COLA at 7:50am sharp.

Importantly too, on the following Tuesday (Tuesday 15 August) it will be the Feast of the Assumption and Mass will be celebrated in St Pius X Chapel – Again, you are invited to this Mass – (I note that all students will celebrate Mass as a school at two of the general Parish Masses in our main Parish Church on 15.8.17)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Woolworth's Earn and Learn



We have registered for *Woolies Earn and Learn*; for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will get a sticker. Every child received a sticker sheet last Friday which you use to collect your stickers on. When this form is full or when the promotion closes you will be asked to return this sticker sheet to school. We will then earn monetary value to purchase wonderful school supplies such as Sports equipment, Science and Maths resources or lunch time games. We thank you in advance for your support with this promotion.

ICAS Mathematics test

The ICAS Mathematics test will now be held Monday 7th August. This change of date is due to the annual Book Week being scheduled for the following week. The test will be held during school time and supervised by Miss Thorpe. If you are unsure if you registered your child please check with your classroom teacher who has a list of registered students.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

REC Day Last Thursday 27th July: Street Retreat

Last Thursday, ten REC's led by Mr Ralph Kershler, went on a street retreat to learn about the plight of many people living rough in Sydney. It was a touching and thought provoking day. It was wonderful to be in relationship with many people who are rough sleepers and with those who work with them. It was a great way for us to realise many things like: no-one is immune to homelessness; homeless people need community and relationship; we need to have the courage to sit and talk to homeless people as our brothers and sisters; homeless people show a generosity of spirit and we need to let them give to us like we give to them.

The words of Pope Francis and Mother Teresa sum up the lessons of the day:

"...these things become the norm: that some homeless people die of cold on the streets is not news. In contrast, a ten point drop on the stock markets of some cities, is a tragedy. A person dying is not news, but if the stock markets drop ten points it is a tragedy! Thus people are disposed of, as if they were trash." Pope Francis

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." Mother Teresa

Term 3 Social Justice Focus: Stewardship of the Earth!

This term the school community and students at O.L.D. will be involved in a weekly focus around caring for their environment:

Week 3: Nude Food

Week 4: Plastic Awareness Week

Week 5: Saving Power Awareness Week (Power-Rangers) and MAG Class Presentations.

Week 6: Enviro Tips

Week 7: Tree Day – dress in green and brown/donate a gold coin for Catholic Mission

Week 8: Paper Awareness Week

Week 9: Mindfulness Prayers

Week 10: Write prayers and apply Mercy Values TO THE PRAYERS.

Also, the Year 6 MAG (Mercy Action Group) will be doing a presentation to all classes to include the theme Stewardship of the Earth. Our class prayers will also focus on the Mercy Values that we have focused upon and apply these to our Earth. We will also incorporate an environmental focus in our R.E. Modules.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (Cont.)

This week's focus is: NUDE FOOD

Put simply, this is food that is packed without packaging. On average, a child who has a disposable lunch generates three pieces of rubbish per day. This can equal a monstrous 30kg of waste per child per year! By making the most of the natural packaging of food (e.g. peels, skins, rinds, etc.) and by wrapping food in packaging that can be re-used or recycled, we will be drastically reducing the environmental impact of our food. Having a fresh and healthy lunch also helps kids concentrate and gives them more energy. Most healthy foods also come with only a little packaging or natural packaging.



Wipe out Waste

Pack waste free food!

Did you know that up to 50% of items in school/preschool bins come from food and drink packaging is brought from home?

Pack

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable bottle
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or back-pack

Avoid

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- Disposable drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged lunches or single serve items

Logos: Government of South Australia, KESAB, and a circular logo with 'Community', 'School', and 'Action' around a globe.

Year 6 Mercy Action Group

This Wednesday, August 2nd the Year 6 MAG and Mercy students will present to all classes a presentation about their given Mercy value of: *love, forgiveness, respect, compassion, excellence, hospitality and integrity*. It is important that we keep the Mercy spirit alive in our school because it represents our history and connection to Saint Catherine McAuley.

Mother and Daughter fundraiser for the Philippines – Thank you!

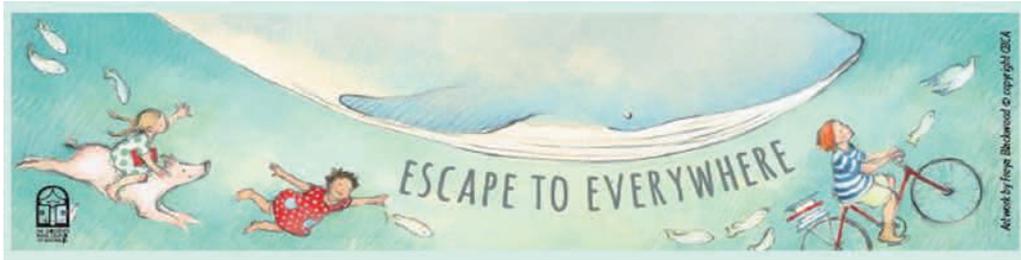
We wish to extend a warm thank you to all of those who were able to donate clothing to this worthy cause. Porscha will now send this clothing to the disadvantaged in the Philippines. Thank you again for your support.

FROM THE PARISH

Please click on the following [link](#) for details regarding the position of Catechist Coordinator which is currently available within the Parish.

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.

Book Week Helpers

If anyone is free to help with little jobs for Book Week on **Monday 7 August** any time between 9am and 10:30am ,it would be most appreciated.



Thanks

Louise

AWARD WINNERS Week 2



SPORTSATHON FUNDRAISING

PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

TOP FUNDRAISERS FOR 2017

1st Prize

NINTENDO SWITCH
JACK TREDER KG

2ND PRIZE

BASKETBALL CAMP
HANNAH WILLIAMS 2B
ROMAN PAREDES 2B

3RD PRIZE

KARATE CLASS
JAYDEN SINGH 3B

4TH PRIZE

TARONGA ZOO ANNUAL PASS
LUCA VILLON

5TH PRIZE

GYMNASTICS CAMP
ALFRED AVILA KB

TOP OF THE CLASS FOR 2017 WINS A SPECIAL LUNCH WITH MR. LEDLIN AND MISS THORPE

JACK TREDER KG
ALFRED AVILA KB
PAUL-JACQUES KELEDJIAN 1G
LUCA VILLON 1B
RYAN CHUNG 2G
HANNAH WILLIAMS 2B
ROMAN PAREDES 2B
ANTONY AUTORE 3G
JAYDEN SINGH 3B
LIANA STIPO 4G
ANTHONY PARISSIS 4B
KAELYN ALLEN 5B
LARA AUTORE 5/6G
ROSLYN DE LARA 6B

CLASS THAT RAISED THE MOST

KG
MUFTI DAY WINNER

CLASS WITH MOST FUNDRAISERS

2B
MOVIE ARVO
WINNER

CLASS THAT RETURNED FORMS FASTEST

KG
ICE BLOCKS WINNER

DANCE PARTY

The O.L.D. Dance Party was all the rage on Friday, 28 July in the school hall. The event was a great success not only for the support of parent volunteers and staff showing off their moves on the dance floor, but also for the number of students that helped to create the day.

Here they are at lunch time painting the spin wheel and blowing up 400 balloons!



