

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 6 - 22 August 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents:

No doubt we're all in shock and deeply challenged by the recent terrorist attack in Barcelona. I am sure our children are watching how we react to the media reports and they are surely listening to how we talk around the dinner table. Indeed we are challenged as Christians to live in hope. Let's be sure to keep up the prayers for peace in our world, and let's be sure to show our children hope-filled kindness.

The following quote is on my wife's bedside table:

"The flower that blooms in the face of adversity is the most beautiful flower of all."



Writers' Workshop presented by OLD at Chatswood Library 22.9.17:

Parents will most likely be aware that every class at OLD is presently writing a story that will be professionally published at the end of this term. The collection of stories will be launched and presented for our community at the inaugural OLD Writers' Festival in Week 10 this term – ie after the OLD Creative Arts Festival.

OLD successfully applied for a Council Community Grant thanks to two of our parents (ie Holly and Regina), and the funds have enabled Mrs Alix McKittrick (Y5/6 teacher) time and resources to lead all teachers on the writing/publishing journey. I sincerely thank Alix and all teachers who have supported the project so far. I also thank two of our parents, Katrina and Honida, for volunteering to assist Alix with the finer aspects of publishing.

INVITATION: As part of the OLD Writers' Festival, OLD will be hosting a Creative Writing workshop at Chatswood Library **on Friday 22nd September from 10am -12pm**. It will be wonderful if parents can come to this special Chatswood community event!

NAPLAN 2017 (Year 3 and Year 5)

Students in Yr 3 and Yr 5 completed the 2017 "National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy" (NAPLAN) earlier this year.

Again in 2017, OLD can be proud of the extremely pleasing overall performances by our Yr 3 and Yr 5 students. The 2017 results are extraordinarily well above National and Diocese of Broken Bay averages in all 14 assessable areas for Literacy and Numeracy across Yrs 3 and 5. Above and beyond all of this, average 'student growth' for Yr 5 in both Literacy and Numeracy is extremely pleasing (ie growth from Yr3 Naplan 2015 – Yr5 Naplan 2017).

Teachers will be analysing OLD's data in detail in the following weeks and months to assist with future teaching/learning directions.

Congratulations to all staff, and congratulations to our students too. OLD's stunning results over so many years are very telling indeed.

COMING EVENTS

August

- Thur 26** Yr 6 Home Bake Sale
2.30pm - 3.30pm
- Fri 25** Environmental Mufti/
Gold Coin Day for
Catholic Mission
- Tues 29** Diocesan Athletics
Carnival (Narrabeen)
- Thur 31** Fathers' Day Stall
(organised by Yrs 5 & 6)

September

- Fri 1** Fathers' Day Breakfast -
8am and Mass - 9am
(Breakfast organised by
Kindy)
- 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

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

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Parent Conference in Broken Bay

#FutureReady: Preparing our children for a changing world



The 12th Catholic Schools Parent Conference hosted by the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (CCSP) & Broken Bay Catholic School Parents (CSP) will be held at **St Paul's Catholic College, Manly on the 8, 9 & 10 September 2017.**

The conference will assist parents and school communities to explore the implications of a changing future and the impact for students in their learning and capabilities required for a changing workforce. The weekend will have a strong focus on wellbeing as being integral to learning and the role of parents in supporting their children to be 'future ready' in partnership with their school & parish community.

This conference is a must for all parents, grandparents & carers who are keen to know what are the skills and attributes that will assist students navigate the challenges of their future.

An inaugural **Kids Conference** is also being held in conjunction on the Saturday, that will see kids joining the circus, being a positive detective, interact with coding and being mindfulness. Places are limited, so book early.

For all information about both conferences including speakers & registration booklet go to the Broken Bay Catholic School Parents website <http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/2017-parent-conference.html>

Congratulations and thank you!

Thank you to Bernadette Ho (Genevieve Y3 and Anastasia K) and Warren Seeto (Nelson Y4 and Adelina K) for volunteering to join our Chatswood Parish Pastoral Council. It really is exciting to have two representatives from our school community on this important council.

Staffing Announcement:

Miss Nicole Adeline will be replacing Mrs Alix McKittrick during her maternity leave for the remainder of 2017. She will teach Yr5/6G on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Mary Anne FitzGerald will continue to teach Yr5/6G on Fridays.

Please join me in welcoming Nicole to our OLD community. Importantly too, I take this opportunity to wish Alix and her family every best blessing.

Don't Forget The Home Bake Sale – This coming Thursday 24 August:



All OLD Parents and Friends are reminded about the Yr 6 Home Bake Sale this coming Thursday 24/8 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Items range from 50c for a biscuit up to \$10 for a whole cake.

All proceeds raised will offset the cost of the Yr6 Graduation celebrations at the end of the year.

Thank you our Yr6 families and teachers for powering this initiative.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Creative Arts Festival

Our Creative Arts Festival has officially been named...

The Very Hungry Bookworm



Tickets will soon be on sale through the Ticketek website – this will hopefully be set up by the end of this week or early next week.

Below is the timetable for the day your child performs

(Year 5 & 6 will perform both nights and therefore have the same schedule for Monday and Tuesday).

A reminder of the nights your children will be performing:

MONDAY 18th September (Concert Hall): Band, Junior & Senior choir, KG, 1G, 2G, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6

TUESDAY 19th September (Theatre): Band, Junior & Senior choir, KB, 1B, 2B, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

8.45 am: Students **arrive** at school for rehearsal at the Concourse **in their sports uniform**

1.15 pm: After rehearsal, **students may leave school at 1.15pm on the day of their Performance.** Parents **MUST** see staff on the playground to **sign their child out** (If someone else is picking up your child on that day, you will need to send in a note to the class teacher)

5:45 pm: **Kindy students** arrive at school via Ferguson Lane gate, dressed for photographs in the Library. Girls will be given a wrist corsage and boys a flower for their button hole on the night. Kindy parents leave the children in the school library with their teachers and the photographer and go to the concourse. **NO PARENTS ALLOWED IN THE LIBRARY** as the professional photographer is on a strict time limit to do the job. Teachers will then walk the children over to the Concourse.

Band and Choir children arrive either dressed to perform with their class **or** in mufti clothes if they are not performing with their class on the night. They are to meet on the **COLA at 5:45pm.**

6.00 pm: All other children arrive dressed in their costumes via the **Ferguson Lane Gate only** and go straight to their classrooms – **ONLY** Kindergarten children go to the library. Parents leave their children with the teachers and proceed to the Concourse. Teachers then walk the children over to the Concourse prior to the start of the performance.

6.30 pm: Concert Hall **doors will be open** from 6.30pm

7.00 pm: Concert **Starts YOU MUST BE SEATED**

We ask that there is NO PHOTOGRAPHY of any kind during the performance as this detracts from the experience of those in the audience. Please note the concert is filmed professionally and you have the opportunity to purchase the DVD.

8.00 pm: Children in the choir / band who are not performing in a class item and who have given permission to be picked up early will be taken to the designated pick up area.

9.00 pm: Concert due to **finish.** Each class will have a designated pick up area – **this information will be given out in future newsletter.** Teachers will hold up a sign with their class name on it. **Children in Year 5 & 6 will assist in bringing equipment back to school.**

9.20 pm: **Year 5 & 6 are to be collected and signed out from the library at school.**

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- 1. All students are to be signed in and out with the classroom teacher on the day of their performance and on the night of the performance.**
- 2. The day after your child's performance they can come to school at 10am**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (Cont.)

Fathers' Day Mass Invitation – Friday September 1st at 9 a.m.

You are warmly invited to attend a **Whole School Mass** to celebrate the wonderful love and presence of fathers and father figures in our lives. The mass will be held in the church on Friday September 1st at 9 a.m. There will be a Fathers' Day Breakfast at school prior to the mass.

Fathers' Day Photo Request – email photos now.

I invite you to send in a DIGITAL photo for the Communion Reflection at our Mass. The photo should be of your child with their father, grandfather or father figure. One photo per child would be great. Of course ... Grandfather and child photos are welcome as an extra photo.

Email photos to: sarah.croall@dbb.catholic.edu.au

PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT AS AN ATTACHMENT

CLEARLY SAVED/LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. THANK YOU.

Closing date for photos – Friday 25th August



FROM THE PARISH

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PARISH, CHATSWOOD

CCD Coordinator and Children and Family Minister (re-advertised)

25 hours per week We are seeking a committed Catholic who will embrace the opportunity to minister as a pastoral associate.

Please contact the Parish Priest for further details and a Position Description:

Rev Paul Finucane Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish 94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067
paul@chatswoodparish.org.au or 9410 9000

Please submit your application via email. Applications will close shortly.

Try Alpha

Alpha offers freedom to discuss the big questions and their meaning without judgment.

Everyone is welcome.

Alpha goes to the basics of Christianity. It's for everyone with questions; for those with faith or those wondering what they believe. Each week, Alpha explores the questions we experience in life and the ways people have responded. Each week we begin with sharing food. Alpha becomes a place to talk openly and without judgment. When people feel at home they can share all kinds of life experiences. This open-minded approach allows people to develop friendships. These friendships build trust with those they talk to over a number of weeks.

For more information about:

- **Wednesday** evening 23 August 6.45, contact Melissa 0402 892 852.
- **Monday** morning 28 August at 10, contact Ditas 0405 999 510





WE HAVE A WINNER!!!

Yesterday, Monday the 21st August, **Corban Goodwell** and **Guyaneh Aghajanian** represented OLD in the Year 6 Catholic Schools Lower North Shore Cluster Public Speaking Competition held at Corpus Christi, St Ives.

Our students had to present a 3 minute prepared speech as well as a 1 minute impromptu speech. They competed against the two best Public Speaking Year 6 students from each of the seven schools in the Lower North Shore.

The standard was ridiculously high.

Corban and Guyaneh were standouts! They wowed the audience with their prepared and impromptu speeches. Their parents, Mr Ledlin and I were very proud.

The level of competition was very impressive. It took the adjudicators a long time to decide the 3 places. At last the finalists were announced and we were so thrilled to hear that **our Corban had won the competition!!!**

It is indeed a wonderful honour for our school. Please note the wonderful large shiny trophy cup proudly displayed in the office!

So now our Corban has to compete in the next level of competition, at the Diocesan Finals in 2 weeks' time. We know he will do us proud and we wish him good luck!

Thank you again Corban and Guyaneh for such a spectacular effort!!

Kylie Scarf

EALD / Literacy Support Teacher



Book Week - Reminder

Library Link

Book Week Wrap Up.

It was a joy to see the smiling faces and the roars of laughter coming from the Library as Matt Stanton and Anna Fienberg entertained the school. Their willingness to share their talents of illustrating and storytelling were inspirational.

We were blessed with fine weather for the school trivia and the book week parade. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in and just having fun. After the parade parents donated close to \$800 worth of new books to our Library. Your generosity is much appreciated by the whole school. It is not too late to donate a book.

If you would still like to contribute, I still have lots of books which we would like to see in the school Library. All books are \$10 and the children are able to borrow them immediately.

Finally, a huge thank you to the many parents who help me in the Library. Books were covered, shelved, labels made and decorations just appeared. Nothing was too much trouble.

Willoughby Library

On Monday and Tuesday this week Years 1 and 2 have been invited into the Library to watch a Book Week pantomime. We are very lucky to be able to join this free community **event**.

It was a great week enjoyed by all students.

Until next year...



Louise Murphy

Teacher/Librarian.

AWARD WINNERS Week 5





Happy father's day

To all the Fathers, Father figures, Grandfathers,
Godfathers, Uncles and special people

We want to celebrate YOU!

Please join us at school for a
delicious Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 1st September 2017

8 am - 8.45 am

Followed by
Father's Day Mass at 9 am



FATHERS' DAY STALL

WHEN: Thursday 31st August 2017

WHERE: Library

GIFT SELECTION: Lots of great gifts your child can choose from. Mugs, mouse pads, car wash kits, pens, socks, drink bottles, travel mugs and many more.

PRE-PAID METHOD: Please complete the order form via the QKR APP.

One form per child.

Alternatively, please complete the credit note below with your child's details, preferred credit value and correct payment, and return it in a sealed envelope to the "Father's Day" P&F box located in the school foyer **by Wednesday 30th August.**

**DAD...
YOU ARE MY
FATHER**



FATHER'S DAY STALL CREDIT NOTE – Please complete and return to the "Fathers' Day" P&F box located in the school foyer **by Wednesday 30th August.**

Tick the box for your preferred CREDIT VALUE below: (EG if you tick the box of \$25, your child can select up to \$25 worth of gifts such as two \$10 items and one \$5 item or five \$5 items.

\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25
\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Community News

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The following are links to information for groups that are running in Term 4, 2017. [Tuning into Kids](#) and [Infant Massage](#) at Brookvale Family Centre, [Triple P Group](#) at Manly Community Centre, [Keeping Kids in Mind](#), [Dad's Infant Massage](#) and [Infant Massage](#) at Naremburn Family Centre and [Triple P Seminar](#) at Crows Nest Community Centre plus all a list of all [Term 4 Groups](#).