

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 7 - 29 August 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

A Reflection that might help us to better understand this coming weekend's Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27):

At the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin told the other signers: "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately." They all knew if they lost the Revolutionary War, they would all face death by hanging as traitors to England.

Despite this dark possibility, they signed anyway, with John Hancock defiantly writing his name larger than all the others. They were doing a dangerous thing, but they were resolved to do it regardless.

It was the same for Jesus in Sunday's Gospel. Knowing he was facing death, Jesus emboldened the disciples by saying: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
(Adapted from Fr John Frauenfelder's weekly reflection)

Wellbeing Week – This Week – Week 7:

This week is Wellbeing Week and it's that special time of the term when we are simply encouraged to slow down a little and 'smell the roses'. The students will have a few special surprises this week including no homework all week. (Except for reading!)

AND ... DON'T FORGET "FUN SOCKS FRIDAY":

This coming Friday of Wellbeing Week is "Fun Socks Friday". In other words, students are encouraged to wear fun coloured socks this coming Friday (We might even see Dads in fun socks and fun ties this coming Friday too!).



Year 6 Bake Sale:

I wasn't sure what to expect at my first 'Bake Sale', but last Thursday afternoon I saw a flurry of organised pandemonium as students, parents and staff queued to purchase stunning cakes and biscuits. I can only imagine that our Year 6 students and parents (& grandparents/aunts/uncles etc) must have been baking for many hours before the event – thank you sincerely!
All funds raised from this event go directly to offset the cost of the Year 6 Graduation at the end of the year.



COMING EVENTS

August

Thur 31 Fathers' Day Stall
(organised by Yrs 5 & 6)

September

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

"Fun Socks Friday"

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.)

The New Synthetic Grass for OLD:

The newly laid synthetic grass on our playground was an absolutely wonderful surprise for OLD to see this week. What a top start to Wellbeing Week!

On behalf of all the students, I sincerely thank all families for supporting various fundraisers this year because YOU funded it. I note that more synthetic grass will be laid this coming weekend outside the K and Y1 classrooms.

Thank you to our maintenance man, Steve, for co-ordinating the installation.



An action shot of Nick during the installation of the synthetic grass this week

National Child Protection Week:

As part of National Child Protection Week, all Stage 2 and Stage 3 students (ie Yrs 3,4,5,6) will participate in "Keeping Safe in the Game", ie: a virtual classroom online activity for primary schools as part of the wider celebration of National Child Protection Week, on **5 September**. The presentation will assist students to:

- identify ways that strangers may try to seek personal information online
 - balance online time with other activities
 - use safe strategies when gaming to avoid cyberbullying or unwanted contact
 - recognise the implications of in-app purchases
 - seek support if they are experiencing cyberbullying or feel unsafe when gaming.
- * *Students in Yrs K, 1, 2 will engage in other age-related Child Protection lessons*

Christmas Evening:

A date has been set for our OLD Christmas evening – **Friday 8 December** commencing with carols at 5.30pm and flowing into an outdoor screening of a Christmas movie.

Stay tuned for more information!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Wellbeing Week

I hope everyone is enjoying Wellbeing Week and no homework (except reading). This is a week to spend time with family and friends, a week to get lots of rest and relaxation, to go to bed early, cook wholesome meals together, read books as a family or play board games. Can you challenge your family to have less screen time or no screen time at all.



Earn and Learn

Keep collecting your 'Earn and Learn' stickers! We are doing really well but the more we can collect, the more resources we will be able to be rewarded with. If you don't have a sticker sheet, feel free to hand in your stickers to the front office.

Mercy Outreach Day

This Friday we will be hosting a number of senior students from Mercy College, Chatswood. The girls from Mercy participate in an outreach day each year to increase their understanding of social justice and impact in the community. We look forward to welcoming the girls into our classrooms and further developing our blossoming relationship with Mercy College.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - (cont.)

Creative Arts Festival Update



Ticket purchases: I have been in close contact with The Concourse and they have informed me that Ticketek have been held up with their ticketing website. Our tickets will be on sale by the end of the week. You will receive a letter and email informing you of the website that you can buy tickets on as soon as it is made available to us. They send their apologies for the hold up and thank you for your continued patience.

DVD purchases: You may now go online to 'Moving Pictures' to pre-order your 2017 DVD. All information is in a note at the end of this newsletter or accessible through the website:

<https://movingpictures.net.au/concerts-2017/>



Kindy Debutante Photos: Professional photos taken of the debutantes cannot be pre-ordered. Ordering of photos begins AFTER the Creative Arts Festival. All Kindy families will receive information about photos the week before the Festival.

Choir and Band: A reminder for all choir and band children to hand in their 'pick up' permission notes by tomorrow. It is important we have all pick-up details organised for the safety of the children and the smooth running of the evenings. For any questions about choir please see Mrs Donna Hoy and for Band please see your band conductor, Mari.

Year 5 and 6 Students: As all students in Year 5 and 6 will be performing during both nights of the CAF, please think carefully which night you will buy tickets to watch your children. You may wish to attend both nights or choose to watch one and simply drop off and pick-up your child on the second night.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Term 3 Social Justice Focus: Stewardship of the Earth

This week's Environmental focus is: *Paper Awareness Week*

Family and Staff Challenge. (Give the photocopier a miss this week).

The environmental impact of paper production is important to note since it has many negative effects. Here are some of them:

- 40% of the world's commercially cut timber is used for the production of paper.
- Pulpwood plantations and mills endanger natural habitats.
- Over 30 million acres of forest are destroyed annually.
- The pulp and paper industry is a big contributor to the problem of deforestation and is partly to blame for the endangerment of some species that live in the forests.
- The life cycle of paper is damaging to the environment from beginning to end. It starts off with a tree being cut down and ends its life by being burned – emitting carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
- Paper production uses up lots of water. An A4 paper requires 10 litres of water per sheet.
- Most of the materials in landfills are made of paper. When paper rots, it emits methane, a greenhouse gas. When it is burned or composted, carbon dioxide.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (Cont.)

Paper Awareness Week (cont.)

A few suggestions to help us think...

Paper is recyclable, but not everyone recycles. We need to make an effort to be consistent about recycling. We've come to the point where people need to contribute to a greener environment by changing the way they manage their personal wastes. Remember to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle – and encourage everyone you know to do it. This week especially focus upon your paper use and remember to reduce, reuse and recycle!



Thank you...Tree Mufti Day Fundraiser



Thank you for participating in our tree mufti day and for donating a gold coin for Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. Locally and globally, they answer the call to love God and love our neighbour, and work to establish the Reign of God through building communities of missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith by proclaiming the Word, serving people in need, **acting for justice and creation**, and adopting child-focused development programs.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

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 is in the church on Friday September the 1st at 9 a.m. There is a Father's Day Breakfast before the Mass at the school.

Wear a tie to the Fathers' Day Mass

The students are busy making a TIE for their father or/and grandfather to wear to the mass. Your children will bring home the tie they make at school, so that dads can pin them on, to wear to the mass. You can wear your tie to the breakfast as well !



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please continue to pray for all the children preparing for Confirmation during this time. The Confirmation ceremonies are to be held next Friday at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Kiara, Serena, Lexine, Tessa, Stephanie, Madden, Mia, Wills, Alexis, Nickolas, Ryan C, Jasmine, Jake, Liam, Airley, Erica, Tatiana, Nikolai, Lauren, Jason, Ryan K, Ava, Jacob, Kalan, Cordelia, Kaila, Alexander M, Rocco, Roman, Alexander P, Adeang, Thiik, Joshua, Timothy, Aden, Riley, Brandon, Jayden, Sophia, Rosebelle, William, Zachary, Hannah T, Callum, Hannah W and Michael.

First Holy Communion

This weekend Tamsyn in 2B will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. As a school community we send our prayers and love for this significant step in her life journey.



AWARD WINNERS

Week 6



Congratulations to the two OLD teams who have made it to the Netball Grand Finals this year! Both games are being held at the Small Street Courts in Willoughby on Friday night, 1st September.

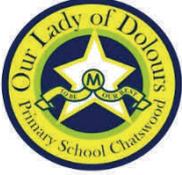
Under 10's - playing St Thomas' at 5pm on Court 10

Under 11's - playing Lane Cove Public School at 6pm on court 10.

It would be great to see some extra OLD supporters there for these very special games. Also the last games playing as OLD. Very monumental!



Kathleen Nicholls
OLD Netball



CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2017 DVD ORDER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again this year we are having a professional DVD made of the Creative Arts Festival Performances.

To order a copy of the 2017 Creative Arts Festival DVD, please visit the website:

- <https://movingpictures.net.au/> go to concerts 2017, Our Lady of Dolours
- The cost for each DVD is **\$30.00** (including postage)
- Please remember to indicate which night's DVD you are ordering – either:
Mon 18 Sept or Tues 19 Sept 20. (**\$40** if you would like to order for both nights)
- **Orders are to be placed no later than *Friday 13th October 2017.***
- **DVD's will be mailed directly to parents from the supplier. The price includes postage.**
- There are various options for payment on the website. If paying by Paypal or Credit Card, there is a \$2 fee. If paying by direct deposit, there is no fee.
- Any queries, are to be directed to the supplier via email: mojove@bigpond.net.au **not the school office.**



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

DAD...
YOU ARE MY
FATHER



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.**

A Credit note will be issued to your child on the day.

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



NARRABEEN NIPPERS REGISTRATION

SUNDAY 10TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017
10.00AM - 12NOON



Thinking of joining nippers? Well don't wait any longer! Getting involved with the Narrabeen Beach SLSC is a great way to meet new friends and interact with the community. Nippers encourages confidence, learning and having fun whilst being in a safe and controlled environment.

"The youth of today are the future of Surf Life Saving tomorrow"

What to Bring on Registration Day: Birth Certificate (new members) and a smile
Nippers starts 15th October 2017

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"LIONS PARK" - CNR ALBERT STREET & OCEAN STREET
WWW.NARRABEACH.ORG.AU

Nippers Registration

SUNDAY 10TH & 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017
10.00AM - 12NOON

NARRABEEN BEACH NIPPERS IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO FOLLOW ON LINE REGISTRATION PROCESS VIA SLSA MEMBER PORTAL (INSTRUCTIONS AT WWW.NARRABEACH.ORG.AU/NIPPERS/REGISTRATION-FOR-NIPPERS/ OR YOU CAN COME ON DOWN SUNDAY 10TH OR 17TH SEPTEMBER TO REGISTER.



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BRIGHT FUTURES

School holiday program at UTS

3 - 6 October 2017

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