

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 8 - 5 September 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Fathers' Day at OLD:

We had a wonderful morning last Friday to celebrate and thank fathers and influential men in students' lives. Thank you to the mums who spearheaded the Fathers' Day Stall, and thank you to the mums who co-ordinated the breakfast.

I particularly loved the Mass that was hosted by Year 1 and Year 3 (and Mrs Kathy Gray); and what about the PhotoStory prepared by Mrs Sarah Croall. 😊

I hope all fathers and influential men remember Fr John's message for them: "You're all heroes to your children!"



SOS regarding the Creative Arts Festival:

We are desperately seeking the expertise of someone in our parents and friends' community with craft and sewing skills. Essentially, we are trying to make a costume that resembles a book worm. (Possibly a worm costume that allows a student to stand and walk with a 'tail' about 2-3m long)

The creation timeframe is only one week ... I apologise for this!

Please come to see Philip or Kirsty ASAP if you'd like to chat about 'possibilities'.

Thank you!



COMING EVENTS

September

- Wed 6** Confirmation Practice
- Fri 8** P & F Mufti Day
- Polding Athletics Carnival (Newcastle)
- Confirmation 1 - 5.30pm
- Confirmation 2 - 7.30pm
- 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

October

- Mon 9** Start of Term 4
- Mon 16** Year 2 Excursion to Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen
- Wed 25** P & F Meeting

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

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

Creative Arts Festival Update



Performance night reminders:

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

Tuesday 19th September (Theatre): Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, KB, 1B, 2B, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The Band, Choir, Year 5 and 6 perform on **BOTH** nights. Families have the choice of attending one concert and are able to drop the children off on the other night. Students in K, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 have the option to be picked up at 8pm on their non-performing night. Thank you for returning your pick up arrangement note.

Performance night schedule:

- 5.45pm** Kindergarten students arrive at the school library (no parents allowed in library)
- 5.45pm** Band and choir students arrive to the COLA
- 6.00pm** Students arrive to their classroom
- 6.30pm** Concourse doors open
- 7.00pm** Performance starts (NB 7pm Sharp)
- 8.00pm** Choir / band pick up time
- 9.00pm** Concert concludes and parents pick students up (**all students must be signed out by a parent**)

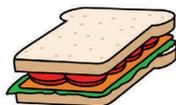
* **All students must be signed in by a parent**

* **Once signed in, parents leave children with teachers and proceed to Concourse**

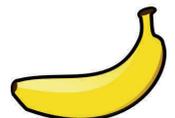
* **All families must use Ferguson Lane gate (through Pius entry)**

* **All students arrive dressed in their FULL costumes**

Healthy snacks:



On the night of your child's class performance, we ask you to pack them a healthy snack to eat during the night. We recommend a healthy sandwich or a banana. Please make sure your food will not make a mess or leave a stain if accidentally dropped. We will ensure costumes stay neat and tidy throughout the evening. Please send in your child's snack in a disposable bag with their name clearly labelled.



Each child will be supplied with a bottle of water.



Creative Arts Festival Update - (Cont.)

School pick up details:

Monday 18th KG, 1G, 2G, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 - Pick up from school at 1.15pm

Tuesday 19th: KG, 1G, 2G, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 - Arrive at school 10am; stay at school until 3pm
KB, 1B, 2B, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – Pick up from school at 1.15pm

Wednesday 20th KB, 1B, 2B, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 – Arrive at school 10am

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten boys' suits will be ready to be picked up on Thursday 14th September – a note will be sent home to parents about where and when to pick up your suits. Reminder, please pay for the hire of the boy's tuxedo through the QKR app before the pick-up date.

A separate note will be sent home to all Kindergarten parents about purchasing photos of your debutant.

Kindergarten will be included in the school rehearsal on Thursday 14th but this will not be a dress rehearsal.



Costumes:

Please see your class teacher ASAP if you have any questions about costumes. Please have your costumes ready by Thursday 14th September (full dress rehearsal).

Dress rehearsal (Not Kindergarten):

We will have a dress rehearsal in the school hall on **Thursday 14th September**. This will be run during the school day to check the children's costume and to check the timing of the concert. Children will bring their costume to school and change at school just before they are called to perform. Kindergarten will rehearse but not in their costumes.

Important websites:

Click on this link to purchase your tickets: <http://m.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=OURLADYO17>

Click on this link to purchase your DVDs of the evening: www.movingpictures.net.au

We ask that there is NO PHOTOGRAPHY of any kind during the performance as this distracts from the experience of those in the audience. Please note the concert is filmed professionally. All children on stage will be filmed as part of the DVD. You have the opportunity to purchase the DVD.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Term 3 Social Justice Focus: Stewardship of the Earth

This week's Environmental focus is: Mindfulness

Mindfulness is the psychological process of bringing one's attention to experiences occurring in the present moment which can be developed through the practice of meditation.

The purpose of teaching mindfulness to our children is to give them skills to develop their **awareness of their inner and outer experiences**, and in this case to draw their awareness to our beautiful environment.



Follow the link below to find many images and words to stimulate prayerful thinking about the environment. Just focus on one picture at a time...or any beautiful picture of the environment.

[Mindfulness Images to stimulate thinking about the environment.](#)

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

John 10:10



The Sacrament of Confirmation

This Friday evening, Bishop Peter Comensoli will be present at our parish to be the celebrant at our Confirmation ceremonies. The Confirmation ceremonies are to be held at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m..

Good luck and God's Blessings to the following students:

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.

Fathers' Day Mass

Many thanks to all of those in the community who were able to come along and join in the Fathers' Day Mass. Thank you to Fr John for leading such a vibrant mass. Also, many thanks to the Year 1 and Year 3 teachers and students for helping to plan, prepare and present the Mass. Finally, thank you to Mrs Croall for putting together the Fathers' Day Photo Slide Reflection. It always amazes me to see the beautiful photos!



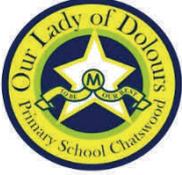
AWARD WINNERS

Week 7



'A picture tells a thousand words' ... I think this picture tells a million! ...

Thank you for the additional synthetic grass for OLD!



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.***
- **DVDs 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.**

MEDIA RELEASE



31 August 2017

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School “Community Garden”

Thanks to the ClubGRANTS scheme, Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School is able to build a \$22K community fruit and vegetable garden. The garden will be built on the school's grounds, located on the strip of land facing immediately onto Ferguson Lane.

The latest round of funding was announced by Chatswood RSL Club at a Presentation Ceremony held at the Club on Wednesday 30th August.

“On behalf of Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School community, I would like to thank Chatswood RSL Club for providing this generous support that will provide fabulous opportunities for us to connect with the local community in a remarkably unique way. The funding will be used to build several substantial culturally themed garden beds. These gardens will be in ‘arms reach’ for anyone in the community to simply enjoy. The gardens will facilitate opportunities for the school community of parents/friends to ‘connect’ and maintain the gardens, and invaluable learning experiences will be afforded to the students regarding sustainability and environmental learning/teaching outcomes,” said Philip Ledlin, School Principal, Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School.

“Giving back to the community is a huge part of who we are as a club, and we’re proud that this ClubGRANTS funding helps groups like this continue to do the great work that they do,” said Tony Snowsill, CEO, Chatswood RSL Club.

Clubs across the state have provided more than \$1 billion in funding since the inception of the ClubGRANTS scheme, making it one of the largest and most effective grants programs in Australia.

The ClubGRANTS program is made possible through the support of ClubsNSW, the NSW Government and local clubs. Further detail about ClubGRANTS can be found at www.clubsnsw.com.au/clubgrants

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