

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 9 - 12 September 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Congratulations to all our 2017 Confirmation Candidates:

Last Friday evening, many of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students were confirmed by our Bishop of Broken Bay Diocese, Peter Comensoli, and he was supported by all the clergy of our parish. I was taken by Bishop Peter's homily where he made an interesting analogy regarding our teeth and the way we must care for them to ensure they stay strong and healthy. He was, of course, alluding to the fact that we need to take care of our spiritual wellbeing to ensure we stay healthy, strong and connected to Jesus.

Thank you to all group facilitators, parents and sponsors who ensured students were well prepared.

Special Invitation to a "Thank You Morning Tea" for Parent Helpers of 2017:

Parents are warmly invited to attend a special "Thank You Morning Tea" for parent/friend helpers of 2017 on Friday 1 December 8:45am in The COLA – (Hosted by the school).

Special Invitation to a Creative Writers' Workshop presented by OLD at Chatswood Library Friday 22nd September from 10am -12pm

Parents are warmly invited to a special Creative Writers' Workshop presented by OLD at Chatswood Library Friday 22nd September from 10am -12pm.

This event is an important part of our inaugural "Writers' Festival" on the days immediately after our Creative Arts Festival.

For further information click on the following link www.eventbrite.com.au and enter 'Emerging Creative Writers'.

Whole School 'Silent Reading/Writing' session

On Friday the 22nd September, as part of celebrations for the school's Writers' Festival, the children will be participating in a whole school 'Silent Reading/Writing' session after recess.

Students are invited to bring in a picnic rug and/or pillow so they can sit comfortably on the playground while they read and write. Hopefully the sun will be shining!

Summer Uniform Change Over

At the start of Term 4, all students are required to be in their full summer uniform. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

September

- Fri 15** Our Lady of Dolours
Feast Day - Mass 9am
Kindergarten to Yr6
- Sun 17** Year 4 9am Family Mass
- Mon 18** Creative Arts Festival
- Tue 19** Creative Arts Festival
- Wed 20** Writers' Festival
20 to 23 Sept
- Fri 22** Last Day Term 3
Whole school 'Silent
Reading/Writing'
session

October

- Mon 9** Start of Term 4 -
Summer uniform to be
worn
- 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

The Principal's Piece (Cont.)

Congratulations Corban!

I am so proud to announce that Corban in Year 6B has just won the Broken Bay Diocesan Public Speaking Competition. This is an absolutely remarkable achievement!

Last month, Corban won the Broken Bay Cluster Public Speaking Competition; from there he progressed to the diocesan event that he has just won.

Please join me in congratulating Corban ... and have a peek at the massive trophy next time you walk in the front doors of the school.

Finally, I thank Mrs Kylie Scarf who championed public speaking for all students K-6 at OLD this year; Corban indeed benefited from Kylie's expertise.



Corban (centre) with other finalists and Mr Tony Gleeson, Principal, St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Creative Arts Festival Update



Thursday 14th September

Full Dress Rehearsal: Students wear sports uniform, bring their costumes and get changed at school.

Kindy boy's parents: pick up tuxedo after school from library veranda.

Monday 18th September

ALL Students at OLD wear their sports uniform.

Students in the **Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, KG, 1G, 2G, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6:**

- Can be picked up at 1.15pm – **please proceed directly to your child's classroom**
- **MUST** be signed out by a parent – **in classrooms**
- All students will be supervised if not picked up at 1.15pm

Creative Arts Festival Update (cont.)

Monday 18th September

- 5.45pm** Band, Junior Choir and Senior Choir arrive to the COLA to be signed in by a parent (enter through Ferguson Lane ONLY)
- 5.45pm** **KG** students arrive and proceed to the library. Students signed in by parents then parents proceed to the Concourse (enter through Ferguson Lane ONLY)
- 6.00pm** All other students in **KG, 1G, 2G, Year 3, Year 5** and **Year 6** proceed to classroom and get signed in by a parent (enter through Ferguson Lane ONLY)
- 7.00pm** Performance will start exactly on time
- 8.00pm** Students in **KB, 1B, 2B, Year 4 ONLY who are in Band, Junior & Senior Choir** – can be picked up (if permission slip designates this pick up time).
- 9.00pm** Students in **KG, 1G, 2G Year 3** get signed out by a parent at the back of the stalls
- 9.20pm** Students in **Year 5** and **6** get signed out by parents back at school (Ferguson Lane gate will be open)

Tuesday 19th September

ALL Students at OLD wear their sports uniform.

- 10.00am** Late arrival for: **KG, 1G, 2G, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6** (Students in Band, Junior choir, senior choir may arrive at **10am** IF they stayed until **9pm**. If they were picked up at **8pm** they must arrive by the **8.45am** bell as usual).

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Wednesday 21st September

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Term 3 Social Justice Focus: Stewardship of the Earth

This week's Environmental focus is: Thanking God for the gift of Creation

This week all of the students K to 6 will be given a presentation by the Year 6 Environment Team: Gina, Ethan, Olivia, Chloe, Makayla, Yuwan and Sean. Their presentation will give the students an appreciation of the environment and highlight the role they play in looking after our world.

Students will also write prayers of gratitude for our world.

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

John 10:10

The Sacrament of Confirmation – Congratulations!

Congratulations and God's Blessings to the following students who celebrated their Confirmation last Friday:



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.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Dolours (Sorrows)

On Friday the 15th of September it is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Dolours (Sorrows). All children from Kindy to Year 6 will attend the 9am Parish Mass to reflect on Mary in the times that she was sad and to celebrate Mary's grace and strength in these times. Mary reminds us that it is okay to feel sad and that God always supports us during these times.

On the Feast Day of our school we will reflect on the seven sorrows of Mary:

- Sorrow One: The Prophecy of Simeon
- Sorrow Two: The Flight into Egypt
- Sorrow Three: The Loss of the Holy Child
- Sorrow Four: Meeting the Lord on the way to Calvary
- Sorrow Five: Standing at the foot of the Cross
- Sorrow Six: The Taking Down of Christ from the Cross
- Sorrow Seven: The Burial of Jesus



Our Feast Day is also a day to celebrate our wonderful school and school community. It is a good time to remember our Mission Statement:



*United in Faith
Nurturing a vibrant learning community
We celebrate our cultural diversity
Journeying together
To be our best.*



Year 4 Mass!

The Catholic community of Chatswood invites
Year 4 children and their families to
A special celebration for Year 4 children during our

9am Family Mass

Sunday 17 September 2017

A family-friendly celebration at
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer St Chatswood

Year 4 Cake Stall

Please bring a plate/cake to share



The money raised from the cake stall,
will go towards the Children and Families activities in the parish.

Please contact Margaret Chan for enquiries about the cake stall.

Email: margaret.chan@internode.on.net

Toward the end of Mass the children will receive a special blessing.

After Mass we will have **morning tea** on the Forecourt

All welcome!

AWARD WINNERS

Week 8



TERM DATES 2018

TERM	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
1	Monday 29 January Staff Development Day Tuesday 30 January Staff Development Day Wednesday 31 January Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K-6 Thursday 1 February First Day of 2018 for students Yrs <u>1-6 ONLY</u> Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments <u>K ONLY</u> Friday 2 February First Day for K2018 – (Half day only - until 12pm) Monday 5 February -First Full Day for K2018 – (Usual 3pm finish to the day)	Friday 13 April
2	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July
3	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September
4	Monday 15 October	Friday 21 December



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7 September 2017

Dear Parents,

O.L.D. Writer's Festival Parent Education Session

As part of the O.L.D. Writer's Festival being held September 20 – 22, I will be holding a Parent Education Session about Reading and Writing in the home.

This session will run from 2-3pm, in the school library on September 20.

During this session I will be explaining how teachers structure their English lessons at school and how you can help your child with their reading and writing at home. I will be demonstrating some strategies to make your daily reading sessions more enjoyable and rewarding (for both you and your child) and how you can inspire your child to write in fun and purposeful ways. Included in the session will be information about the stages your child will progress through as a writer and what you can expect at each stage.

If you would like to attend this session please fill out the form below and return to the school office by **Wednesday 13 September**. If you are unable to attend but are interested in more Parent Education (or would like me to run the same session again in Term 4), please fill in the note below with your feedback, as future Parent Education is an exciting possibility.

Looking forward to meeting with you all soon,

Kind regards,

Kirsty Thorpe

Assistant Principal

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My name: _____ My child's class: _____

- ☐ I am able to attend the Parent Education session on 20 September, 2-3pm
- ☐ I am unable to attend the Parent Education session
- ☐ I am interested in future Parent Education sessions on the following topics (please tick all you are interested in):
- ☐ Reading and writing
 - ☐ Mathematics and Numeracy
 - ☐ Social and Emotional Learning
 - ☐ Science in Primary School
 - ☐ Cultures of Thinking



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.**

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OZTAG is a low-contact way of playing rugby league that is great for all ages.

Defenders have to detach Velcro tags on the attackers' shorts to affect a tackle. This sounds easy, but it is more difficult than making a "touch" in Touch Football and that gives the attackers a greater chance of having successful runs and scoring tries.

OZTAG is for ages 5-16 (*Kindy* to High School) and an on-field adult is allowed to assist the younger kids participate effectively, learn and have fun!



Competition details:

- School terms 4 & 1 only (no games during school holidays)
- Tuesday afternoons from 5.15pm (younger grades play first)
 - Begins Tuesday 10th October 2017
 - Ends Tuesday 20th March 2017 (Grand final)
- All games at Tunks Park, Cammeray

Register now:

Register online: www.brothersoztag.com.au
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