

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 10 - 19 September 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Creative Arts Festival:

As I type this note, we are anxiously awaiting the second evening of the 2017 Creative Arts Festival. Yesterday evening was an absolute hoot and a stunningly spectacular celebration of all things 'good' about OLD School. There are so many people to thank for making this event happen, and I pay special tribute to the extraordinary staff here at OLD who are nothing short of remarkable. It really is a selfless job as a teacher; not only did the staff effectively create and produce the show, they spent show-time back-stage co-ordinating the students for the entire evening ... We're looking forward to seeing the DVD to see how the evening went!

All this considered, I strenuously note that the show could not have been as successful as it was without the dedication and help of so many parents and carers ... Thank you too!

Bring on Tuesday's show!

Special Invitation to a "Thank You Morning Tea" for Parent Helpers of 2018:

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 22 September from 10am -12pm

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

Whole School 'Silent Reading/Writing' session

On Friday the 22 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

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Creative Arts Festival

As I write this note we have now completed our final run through of the Creative arts Festival. I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to and supported the incredible performance last night; something we are excitedly awaiting to have again tonight. It has been such an amazing school event to be a part of. Throughout the term I've been extremely fortunate to watch the students' confidence and excitement grow as they learnt their songs and dances. The buzz back-stage last night and this morning is evidence of the genuine joy and enthusiasm the students have felt about showcasing their talents to family and friends.

We hope you all enjoyed the performances as much as the staff and students have enjoyed preparing it for you all.

Woolies Earn and Learn

This promotion ends today (Tuesday 19 September), so please bring in all your stickers by Thursday 21 September so they can be counted and sent away before the start of the school holidays.

Writers' Festival – Parent Education Session

Tomorrow afternoon (2-3pm) I will be running a Parent Education session about reading and writing. Please return your slip (at the end of today's newsletter) if you would like to attend. I understand that many people are unable to attend due to work commitments but if you are interested in participating in future Parent Education Sessions (that will be run at various different times of the week and times of the day), please return the RSVP slip expressing your interest.

Writers' Festival

Author visit - On Thursday 21 September every student in the school will be participating in a session with the best-selling author Louise Park. Louise writes series such as Boys Vs Beast, Zac Power and Harriet Clare. If you would like to order some of Louise's books for your child or presents for friends and family please fill in the order form attached to the newsletter and return to the school office by Friday 22 September. Alternatively, students can purchase with the exact amount on the day from Louise, herself. See order form for prices.

Pocket Poem – Over the past couple of weeks every child in the school has been asked by their classroom teacher to write or print out their favourite poem. This poem is to be kept in their pockets throughout the Writers' Festival and will be shared with their PBL group on Wednesday (tomorrow). We are looking forward to hearing a range of poems throughout the Writers' Festival and why the students chose their poem (i.e. Why is this poem their favourite?).



Louise Park Author Visit

On Thursday 21 September, best-selling author Louise Park will share her books and experiences as a writer. If you would like to purchase any of her books, please complete the pre-order form below and return it with the exact money to your child's class teacher in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and "Louise Park Order" on the front of the envelope by Friday 22 September.

Book Title	Cost	Quantity	Personalise book to: (please print first name)	Total
Boy vs Beast				
Assorted single titles	\$10			
Bind-ups x 4 titles	\$20			
Bind-up by 8 titles	\$30			
Zac Power Test Drives and Spy Recruit				
Assorted single titles	\$10			
Bind-up x 8 titles: Zac's Super Spy Set (spy recruit)	\$30			
D-Bot Squad				
Dino Hunter (bk1)	\$10			
Sky High (bk2)	\$10			
Double Trouble (bk3)	\$10			
Big Stink (bk4)	\$10			
Harriet Clare				
Boys Beware (bk1)	\$15			
Pinkie Swear (bk2)	\$15			
Concert Scare (bk3)	\$15			
Camp bugbear (bk4)	\$15			
Mystery Dare (bk5)	\$15			
Bella Dancerella (free Bella library/ballet bag with book purchase)				
Assorted titles	\$15			
Star Girl				
Assorted titles	\$15			
	Total Books:		Total Price:	



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19 September 2017

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

Dear Parents,

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 20 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

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

AWARD WINNERS

Week 9



TERM DATES 2018

TERM	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
1	<p>Monday 29 January Staff Development Day</p> <p>Tuesday 30 January Staff Development Day</p> <p>Wednesday 31 January Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K-6</p> <p>Thursday 1 February First Day of 2018 for students Yrs <u>1-6 ONLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments <u>K ONLY</u> <p>Friday 2 February First Day for K2018 – (Half day only - until 12pm)</p> <p>Monday 5 February -First Full Day for K2018 – (Usual 3pm finish to the day)</p>	Friday 13 April
2	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July
3	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September
4	Monday 15 October	Friday 21 December



Walking the way

A Retreat Day for Parents

Friday 27 October 2017

Life is a journey

With many ups and downs.

We are led along smooth paths and difficult terrain.

As parents we accompany our children in their
journey of life and faith.

But what are we doing to sustain our own journey?

Walk This Way!

You are invited into the beautiful grounds of St Joseph's Spirituality Centre - a gentle, natural sacred space - for a whole day of rest and reflection... just for YOU.

A retreat day to stop and unwind, to check your walking pace, to draw strength from the inspirational stories of others, and from the deep wisdom of our faith tradition.

A day to be refreshed and to go home renewed for the all-important role we undertake as parents.

Think of it as a spa day for the soul!

When: Friday 27 October 2017

Time: 9am – 4pm

Where: St Joseph's Spirituality Centre,
8 Humphrey's Rd, Kincumber South

Cost: \$20

Register by: 14 October

*An initiative of Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay Diocese.
Open to all parents and carers in Broken Bay Diocese with
school-age children.*

Register now!

Spaces are limited, to secure your registration please follow these steps.

The Catholic Schools Office, Broken Bay has launched Qkr (by Mastercard) an easy to use, secure phone app for making payments from your mobile phone.

Qkr will accept payment using ANY credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function. No info is stored on the mobile phone.

Step 1: Download Qkr! On your android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone App. App store or Google Play.

Step 2: Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3: Search for 'Catholic Schools Office, Broken Bay'

Step 4: Register yourself

When first accessing your menu, you will be promoted to register yourself. This allows you to make payments.

Note: The Qkr web client is available for those not wanting to complete transactions from their mobile phone.

Visit <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>



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Further information:

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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:

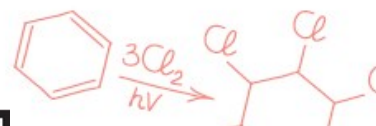
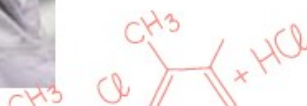
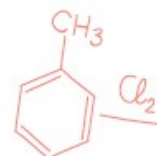
- <https://movingpictures.net.au/> go to concerts 2017, Our Lady of Dolours
- The cost for each DVD is **\$30.00** (including postage)
- Please remember to indicate which night's DVD you are ordering – either:
Mon 18 Sept or Tues 19 Sept 20. (**\$40** if you would like to order for both nights)
- **Orders 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.**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – mq.edu.au/about/holidays

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.
- Courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in years K-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8.30am – 9.30am
Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-Up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$120





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GO4FUN IS A **FREE** TEN WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7-13 YEARS WHO ARE ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT.

Sessions run once a week for two hours after school, during school term.

The program is run by a trained and qualified health professional.

WHY JOIN GO4FUN?

- Get expert advice on healthy eating
- Get active playing fun games
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Make changes as a family
- Get support on goal setting
- All for FREE!

WHEN

Wednesdays
4.30pm-6.30pm
Starts 11 October 2017

WHERE

Willoughby Park Centre
Cnr McClelland St & Warrane Rd
Willoughby NSW 2068

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