

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 4 Week 2 - 17 October 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Friday 13 October, last week, was the 100th Anniversary of the last apparition of our Lady, Mary, to the children at Fatima. There are multiple apparitions of Mary in the Church's history, notably at Fatima, Lourdes and Guadalupe. Apparitions are a mysterious part of our faith tradition and while not necessarily a central teaching of the Church such as the incarnation of Jesus or the Trinity, apparitions are a strong feature of the faith of many generations of Catholics. In a sense, the apparitions of Our Lady, provided a powerful comforting feature of faith. Because faith is not just the acceptance of a set of beliefs but more importantly, a relationship with God in Jesus, like all relationships there needs to be a "comfort" between those in relationships. It may be that apparitions provided that "comfortableness" (for want of a better word) – a motherly comfortableness that supports our faith in Jesus. (Mr Peter Hamill)

100 years ago, the people in the photo below (and no less than 40,000 others) saw the sun dance in the sky and then seemingly hurtle down to earth. It was a very real phenomenon widely reported in the secular press of the day.

Let us remember that the miracle of the sun was remarkable, but Mary's message to the young shepherd children is so much more important ... She simply implored them on several occasions to tell everyone to pray the Rosary.



Parents and Friends' Annual General Meeting – AND SO MUCH MORE (Wednesday 25 October) Venue School Library:

Parents and Friends are warmly invited to the following on Wednesday 25 October:

- 5.30pm – Parent Education session (led by Miss Kirsty Thorpe) on ways parents can support 'Reading a Writing' at home
- 6.30pm – P+F AGM – Some agenda items include:
 - * Class Structure at OLD 2018
 - * Preliminary outline of OLD's 2018 direction
 - * Elections for P+F leadership positions and committee positions 2018

COMING EVENTS

October

- Mon 16 Year 2 Excursion to Coastal Environment Centre at Narrabeen
- Wed 25 Parent Education Session 5.30pm-6.30pm
- P & F Meeting 6.30pm

November

- Wed 1 Kindergarten 2018 Day 1 Orientation Programme
- Wed 8 Kindergarten 2018 Day 2 Orientation Programme
- Wed 15 Kindergarten 2018 Day 1 Orientation Programme
- Wed 22 OLD School Band Demonstration
- Mon 27 Yr 6 Graduation Liturgy
- Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
- Tues 28 Broken Bay Primary Sports Awards

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

www.oldbb.catholic.edu.au

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

OLD bucket hats for sale: We have a small number of OLD bucket hats available to buy from the school office for the discounted price of \$12. We will be selling 10 x medium and 4x small bucket hats through the QKR app. Once the hats have sold out the app will no longer accept your payment. Hats can be collected from the front office once payment has been made.

Woolies Earn and Learn: A huge thank you to all the families who were able to bring in Woolies Earn and Learn stickers. We have now submitted our 'purchases' and will soon receive the following items. We are really excited to have so much new equipment to play with during lunchtimes.



x 4 Sandpit claws



x 6 soccer balls



x 5 dodge balls



'Outdoor fun games kit'



x 4 pairs



Gross motor activity kit



x 3 reaction balls

Parent Education: A reminder that next Wednesday night, 25th October I will be holding an additional Parent Education Session on Reading and Writing. All necessary information is included at the end of the newsletter with the registration slip.

Swimming program: Last week all families received a letter about the swimming programming beginning in Week 4. It is essential that we have at least 1 parent helper per class for each of the sessions to walk the children to the swimming centre and back to school. Please see your classroom teacher ASAP if you are able to assist with one or all of the sessions. Please note: all swimming permission notes are due back this Friday.

Swimming timetable change 4B and 2B: Due to a Year 4 excursion, the following change has been made to the swimming timetable.

New swimming time for these dates only: 2B November 1st 9.30-10.10am and 4B Friday 3rd November 11.00-11.40am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Writing Festival

During the OLD Writers' Festival last term, the students were asked to have a pocket poem for the day. The students were also asked to write a poem. Being the Religious Education Co-ordinator, the following poem stood out to me:

There's people with the stars shining bright

Being taken care of by the light

It is our faith to believe

That our soul, He will retrieve.

By Kate Year 5/6G

Thank you Kate for your beautiful poetry. Your poetry inspired my faith and trust in God. How powerful is poetry?

School Signage

Have you noticed our new sign at the front of our school? It is so good to get our name out there into the Chatswood community. We are proud of our school and its connection to our parish.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Cont.

A Story of Social Justice



On Thursday I presented a speech at assembly about the childcare charity project my family has worked on in Armenia. The village is located in Armenia that is 4 hours away from the capital city Yerevan. The village didn't have a childcare for almost 20 years and the previous building was old and not safe to operate. That's when my mum came in and helped the village out. She had known the village well because her whole family was from Zorakan (the village). Mum found this old music room/building and she helped my grandfather (who is a builder) and some other family members to build this into a childcare centre with beautiful facilities. The childcare accommodates 40 children in total, but at the opening, which happened in July 2017, many others joined in the celebrations and received a present. My auntie had also organised a party after the opening with all the children to celebrate the opening of the childcare centre. The children danced, sang and played so many games. The childcare centre has turned out to be really beautiful with a green entrance and five sunny rooms.

By Elisa Year 6B.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Cont.

Christmas Gifts for Children in Poverty: Social Justice at work at OLD!

Every year millions of children around the world don't receive Christmas presents – not even one. So we are gearing up for Christmas a little early this year and participating in a heartwarming initiative called Operation Christmas Child. It is an opportunity for our children to develop a greater awareness of those less fortunate while at the same time giving them the chance to make a direct impact on another child's life this Christmas.

Samaritan's Purse, which is the charitable organisation that runs Operation Christmas Child, will be giving us some shoe boxes that children can take home and pack with small gifts. This is completely voluntary so participation is optional. That said, we also welcome families to pack more than one box if they would like.

Please note that Porscha in Year 4 has already participated in the Samaritan's Purse last year. Please enjoy this short video for ideas:

<https://vimeo.com/188730886>

More details about our school initiative will be available soon.



Catholic Mission Month



October is Catholic Mission Month. This year Catholic Mission is focusing on the poverty in Uganda. Please watch the following short video to assist your understanding.

FROM THE PARISH

menALIVE Weekend for Men - (Message from the Parish):

What are you doing on the 18th & 19th of November? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now on special request a second menALIVE weekend is being organised at our Lady of Dolours Chatswood, conducted by experienced leaders from MAT. Enquiries phone Jerome Akbarally 0450037303, David Sunjaya 0401560693, or Paul Taqueban 0498230771. Booking forms are available around the church.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to those who have continued school banking throughout the year.

And a very special thank you to those who volunteered for school banking – Phil Munro (Lana in Kindy), Laura Hurrell (Niki in Yr 2) and Rita Enar (Erica in Yr 2 and Iris in Kindy).

A couple of things to note:

- **The last banking day for 2017 is Tuesday 12 December**
- **The last day to order banking rewards is 05 December .**

In addition to the existing rewards, we have 2 new rewards available in Term 4

- Pencil + Tech case
- Epic Earphones



For more information on School banking and how to get started, please visit [commbank.com.au schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Any queries regarding school banking please email Glenda on glenda.chan@gmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

After six years I have decided to hand over the reigns to someone else. It would best suit 2 people to share the load.

If you are interested and want to know more please contact me on
nelliegaiarena@hotmail.com

Or catch me in the playground in the afternoon.

Regards

Janelle Arena



AWARD WINNERS

Week 1



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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Wednesday 19 December



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Parent Education Session; Literacy

Dear Parents,

Following on from the success of our Parent Education session during last term's Writer's Festival, we will again be offering the same opportunity on **Wednesday 25th October**.

This session will run from 5.30-6.30pm, in the school library.

NB: The Term 4 P&F meeting will run after this session from 6.30pm. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting

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 **Thursday 19 October**. If you are unable to attend but are interested in more Parent Education in the future, 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 25 October, 5.30-6.30pm

I am interested in future Parent Education sessions on the following topics (please tick all you are interested in):

- Mathematics and Numeracy
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Science in Primary School
- Cultures of Thinking

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Mass for People with Special Needs 2017

AND THEIR FAMILIES

Celebrant:

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli



DATE: SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM

VENUE:
**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL
YARDLEY AVE, WAITARA**

If you would like to assist during the mass,
please contact Susan Lee 0421275338 / 9476 5338 or
Steven Buhagiar 0415 600 290

RSVP: MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017

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SCHOOL BANKING

**Play the Future Savers app
and you could win.**



It's time to bring the 3D Dollarmites and the future world to life with the new Future Savers app – and enter an exciting competition for the chance to win a Game Master Prize. You can download the Future Savers app from the App Store or Google Play from **Monday 16 October 2017**.



Experience the magic of augmented reality

The Future Savers app features augmented reality, letting you explore the future world, play games and learn about money with the Dollarmites in 3D. Are you ready to bring hover basketball into your room? To snap pictures of colourful butterflies all around you? How about fly a drone through a futuristic city?

How to download and play the Future Savers app

1. Download the Future Savers app on a smartphone or tablet running iOS or Android (search Future Savers in the App Store or Google Play) – available from **Monday 16 October 2017**.
2. Open the Future Savers app and follow the instructions to point your device's camera at your Dollarmites deposit book. A new \$5 note works too. This will trigger the augmented reality.
3. Start playing the first game – games 2 and 3 will be unlocked on the two following Mondays.



How to enter the competition

After you play all three games in the Future Savers app, go to commbank.com.au/futuregames to complete the Game Master Prize online entry form, answering the three Future Savers game questions, by **Friday 10 November 2017**. To be in the running you also need to make three or more School Banking deposits during the competition period (14 August 2017 – 10 November 2017). This will automatically give you a chance to win one of the High Tech Prizes as well – including racing robots, activity trackers and 3D pens.

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/futuregames. Promotion starts 9am AEST on 14/8/17 and ends 11:59pm AEDT on 10/11/17. Entry is open to Australian residents aged between 5-13 yrs with parental/guardian consent who operate an active YouthSaver account with CommBank. 21/11/17 is the last day to enter. Void where prohibited. Max. 1 entry per child per week. Two sets of draws conducted: Game Master Draw and High Tech Draw, each with different entry criteria. Entries divided into State/Territory groups for each draw: NSW/ACT, VIC, TAS, SA/N, QLD & WA. The draw will take place at L3, 11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12pm AEDT on 21/11/17. The winners' names will be published at commbank.com.au/futuregames from 29/11/17. SA/N winners prizes over \$250 in The Australian 28/11/17. Game Master Draw Prize: Nintendo Switch Neon Console Pack valued at \$627 (16xNSW/ACT, 13xQLD, 10xVIC, 3xSA/N, 5xWA, 3xTAS). High Tech Draw Prizes (awarded in descending order of value): Ollie by Sphero valued at \$159 (18xNSW/ACT, 15xQLD, 12xVIC, 4xSA/N, 7xWA, 4xTAS), Garmin vivofit jr valued at \$99 (26xNSW/ACT, 20xQLD, 15xVIC, 5xSA/N, 9xWA, 5xTAS), 3Doodler 3D Pen Set valued at \$76 (29xNSW/ACT, 23xQLD, 18xVIC, 5xSA/N, 10xWA, 5xTAS). Promoter: Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of L3, 11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW Permit No. LTPS/17/14677; ACT Permit No. TP17/01038; SA Permit No. T17/971. ADW/14502 310817