

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS IN BRIEF Term 4 Week 3 - 24 October 2017

Archer has arrived!!!

Oh my goodness, the students are so proud of the Archer stories they created as class groups last term with their teachers.

Wonderful news: OLD students are now PUBLISHED AUTHORS!!!

The Archer book titled, "The Adventures of Archer", is a collection/compilation of 13 stories – ie one story from each of our 13 classes.

Congratulations to all students and all teachers. Special congratulations to Mrs Alix McKittrick who so masterfully championed the project.

To order your personal copy of the book, please go the QKR App' and pay **\$16**. Once you have paid, you can collect your copy of the book from the school office.

If you'd like to 'see before you buy', there is a copy on display in the school foyer. You will not be disappointed ☺

Parents and Friends' Meeting – TOMORROW in the school library:

The Parents and Friends' Meeting tomorrow (Wednesday 25 October) promises to be something you don't want to miss!

- **5.30pm: How can I help my child at home with their READING and WRITING?** ... Come along at 5.30pm (just before the Annual Parents and Friends' General Meeting at 6.30pm) to learn some clever and practical strategies to boost your child's home learning in a fun way! The presenter of this session will be the ever-dynamic Miss Kirsty Thorpe!
- **Annual Parents and Friends' General Meeting 6.30pm:**
 - I will be presenting about the following matters:
 - How will classes be structured at OLD in 2018?
 - Parent engagement 'possibilities' in 2018 and beyond
 - Strategic Planning 2018-2020
 - School Improvement Plan 2018
 - New resources for students in 2018 (including information regarding OLD's ICLT direction)
 - Elections for P+F Leadership Team Positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) and various Co-ordinator Roles

Update on the Community Garden \$22K Clubs' Grant:

Parents and friends will recall that OLD recently secured a \$22,000 grant to develop the strip of land that faces Ferguson Lane. Thank you to parents and staff who have provided ideas and suggestions so far to ensure we use the grant money wisely. I particularly thank one of our parents, Rob Loughman (Jennifer – Kindergarten), who has provided professional, preliminary plans that have brought us close to commencing the work.

Lock changes at OLD:

OLD will undergo a total changeover of locks for important security reasons over the coming weeks. I note that the main changeover period will be from Saturday 3/11 to Saturday 10/11.

Your anticipated co-operation over the replacement period is appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

October

- Wed 25** Parent Education Session 5.30pm-6.30pm
P & F Meeting 6.30pm

November

- Wed 1** Kindergarten 2018 Day 1 Orientation Programme
Year 4 Excursion to Taronga Zoo
- Mon 6** Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
- Wed 8** Kindergarten 2018 Day 2 Orientation Programme
- Wed 15** Kindergarten 2018 Day 1 Orientation Programme
- Sun 19** Year 5 Family Mass
- Wed 22** OLD School Band Demonstration 2.15pm
- 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.olddb.catholic.edu.au

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Christmas Fundraiser for Cana: Social Justice at work at OLD!

Last week in our Social Justice section we introduced the Samaritan's Purse. This is an initiative the whole school community will hear more about later this term.

Another worthy cause that we will be raising funds for through the Stage 3 Market Day in November is 'Cana'. Last week, Stage 3 enjoyed a guest speaker from Cana who made us think about judging others and those on the fringes of society. Julie told us many interesting stories about asylum seekers, refugees and helping prisoners on release. Julie certainly challenged our thinking.

Cana was named after the Bible reading 'The Wedding in Cana,' when a priest invited those on the fringes to dinner. This priest's charity, forty years ago, has evolved into the organisation 'Cana'.

To learn more about Cana, please go to their website:

<https://www.cana.org.au/>

Julie also showed the students a short video that helped them to understand the organisation. Please have a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjJkaW3uHNk>

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.

<https://www.cm.org.au/WMM2017/primary.html>

Last week, Emma, Roslyn, Venedict, Jaydan and I went to the 'Catholic Mission Mass' at 'Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral' in Waitara. We listened to Fr Robert Borg deliver a lovely Mass, rich in the message of reaching out to those who are suffering poverty or hardship in our global and local communities. We also listened to a guest speaker from 'Catholic Mission' talk about the needs in Uganda. It was a wonderful experience for our Year 6 leaders to represent the school and be involved in such a worthwhile experience.



Please click on the links below for details:

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[Term 4 Groups](#)

The advertisement is a colorful graphic with a background image of a family. The text "Celebrate Grandparent's Day at The Concourse!" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, a list of participating vendors is provided: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Cháo Bà Authentic Vietnamese, G'Thai Classic Thai, Lid & Jar Specialty Coffee, Shanghai Stories Shanghainese Seafood, Terrazza Italian / Pizzeria, Starbucks Coffeehouse, and Ginseng Herbal Teas. A red circular badge indicates the event is on Sunday, 29 October, starting from 12 noon. The logo for "THE CONCOURSE" is in the bottom right corner.

Drink & Dine at The Concourse

- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
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Sunday
29 October
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12 noon

Visit our website for more details
on workshops and activities
happening on the day

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