

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 4 Week 4 - 31 October 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents and Friends,

Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 of 3 – Tomorrow:

All parents and friends are welcome to come along and support/welcome the first of 3 Kindergarten Orientation sessions tomorrow (Wednesday 1.11.17).

Parents with children starting in Kindergarten at OLD next year already know the following for tomorrow:

9:00 -10:30am – K 2018 in classes with teachers

9:00 - 9:15am – Informal conversation with Mr Ledlin

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).

Survey for Parents to Complete – Regarding a proposed fundraising levy:

Thank you to all families who have responded to the 'Monkey Survey' regarding the proposed introduction of a \$120 annual 'per family' levy in place of fundraising at OLD. This was emailed to all families last week. If you missed the email, please refer to the following:

- Presently, parents and friends organise various fundraising events during the year (eg the Sports-a-thon, The Disco, Mothers' Day Stall etc) and the total amount raised each year is usually around \$20,000 to \$25,000.
- If a \$120 annual 'per family' levy is introduced, it would raise about \$25,000 each year - (I note that it would be a non-compulsory levy that importantly relies on the good will of our parent body)
- As per usual, during each year, the P+F would work with the school to determine what the raised funds would be directed towards for the students - (eg this year, \$21,000 was spent directly on the new synthetic grass on the top area of the school grounds – Thank you!)
- If the levy is adopted, we can still have the exciting events like the Sports-a-thon, but we'd have to classify the Sports-a-thon a 'fun-raising' event, not a fund-raising event!
- If more than 65% of families vote "YES", there will be no fundraising in 2018 and subsequent years. I note that parents will still need to pay for social events like the disco etc, but they will be run 'not for profit'. I also note that there will be a couple of days in the year when students will be asked to voluntarily bring in a gold coin for 'missionary' / 'needy' causes like 'Mission Australia'
- Finally, many Catholic Primary Schools have now adopted a fundraising levy strategy, and this survey process is approved by the Catholic Schools Office.

Please click on the following link and vote for your preference if you have not yet voted: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTGHN5G>

COMING EVENTS

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** Family Mass - Year 5
- 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

December

- Fri 1** "Thank You Morning
Tea" for parent/friend
helpers 8:45am
- Wed 6** OLD School Swimming
Carnival
- Fri 8** OLD Christmas Evening
- Tues 12** Christmas Mufti & Raffle
- Fri 15** Last Day Term 4

**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.

Mums run amuck in the 2017 "Miss Muddy":

Congratulations to the following OLD mums who recently completed the 2017 "Miss Muddy" - What an amazing achievement!

Rachel Mensforth (Cordelia's Mum), Kath Element (Airley and Pippa's Mum), Kate Fairbanks (Jack and Charlie's Mum), Kate Stipo (Liana and Sophia's Mum).



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Hot weather reminders:

As we lead into hotter weeks, please remember to pack a drink bottle, the school hat and some sunscreen for your child/ren. The children must apply their own sunscreen but will be reminded by teachers at the beginning of lunch.

Swimming helpers:

Our swimming program Years 1-6 begins this week and it is vital that every class has at least one parent helper to walk to and from the swimming pool with the class and their teacher. If you are able to help, please see your classroom teacher for times of lessons. 4B and 5B need parent helpers for every swimming session (starting this week). Parent helpers do not have to stay at the swimming pool during the lesson. They just need to be present for the walks to and from the swimming centre.

Parent Education Session:

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to attend last week's Parent Education Session on Reading and Writing at home. I am really excited to be planning even more education sessions with a range of teachers for 2018. We will be holding Parent Education on a wide variety of topics, at a variety of times during the day and week.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

All Saints and All Souls Day

“This week on Wednesday 1st November (all Saints) and 2nd November (All Souls) we begin a sacred month of prayer for our cherished, loved and deeply missed loved ones, praying that God is taking them into his loving embrace, into the Light of his face with mercy and forgiveness. “ Fr Paul.

Year 3 to 6 will attend the 9 o'clock Mass for All Saints day on Wednesday. You are most welcome to join us.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On Friday the 10th of November (Week 5), your children will be involved in a Whole School Ceremony to celebrate Remembrance Day. You are welcome to join us at the COLA at 10:45 for this important event.

All Australians are urged to observe one minute of silence at 11:00am on the 11th of November, to remember those who have died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and conflicts. While we honour and pray for those who have fought to protect this land and bring peace, we also focus on the place of peace in our own hearts, families and communities. Jesus is our model for true peace and shows us how to be makers of peace.

Christmas Fundraising: Social Justice at work at OLD!

Last week boxes were sent home to create gifts for the Samaritan's Purse. As well as being a worthy cause, this charity is specifically designed to get your children active in Social Justice for themselves, with the choices of appropriate items and the actual act of preparing something for our global neighbours! See gift ideas and instructions at the end of this Newsletter.

PLEASE SEND BOXES BACK THIS WEEK...THANK YOU.

Another worthy cause that we will be raising funds for this term is 'Cana Communities'. The Stage 3 Market Day in November is set to raise funds for 'Cana'.

Cana Communities began as De Porres House in 1975 and has continued under the name Cana Communities since 1995. Working in inner-Sydney, the organisation has set up a number of overnight shelters and homes. Since 2011, Cana has operated a Farm at Orchard Hills in the western suburbs of Sydney. At Cana Farm, people have the opportunity to learn and work in a supportive, caring environment.

The word "Cana" is taken from the biblical story of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Central to the vision of Cana Communities is the idea that everyone's life deserves to be celebrated. Our focus is on the right of every human being to receive forgiveness and our choice is always for the person with the least options.

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

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Cont.

Catholic Mission Month



October is Catholic Mission Month. This year Catholic Mission is focusing on the poverty in Uganda.



Emma, Roslyn, Venedict and Jaydan

At the 'Catholic Mission Mass' at 'Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral' in Waitara.

Archer Book Launch

All OLD students are now published authors! At our School Assembly last week we launched the book "The Adventures of Archer: A Collection of Short Stories." Congratulations to all of the students, who with help and guidance from their teachers, were able to write a complete class story based around the same character profile of a boy named Archer. Please obtain your own copy of this amazing book for \$16. Go to the QKR App.



AWARD WINNERS

Week 3



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	Wednesday 19 December

OLD BAND - Performing at Assembly Wednesday 25th October



Anthony P, Christian W, Dominic L, Johnny W, Adrian T, Chloe T, Lucinda S



Jack F is playing the snare drum.



Shoebox Gift Ideas

Mark the correct age category:

2-4 Years Old

5-9 Years Old

10-14 Years Old

Girl

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

GIRL 2-4	GIRL 5-9	GIRL 10-14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencils Colouring book Exercise book Safety scissors Watercolour set Stuffed animal Doll Blanket Dress Hat Scarf Mittens T-shirts and tops Pants Underwear Socks Shoes Toothbrush Facewasher Soap Comb or brush Balls Cars, trucks, boats Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise Tote bag/purse Blocks Finger puppets Board or cloth books Sunglasses Plastic tools A note from you! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens, pencils and sharpener Exercise book Eraser Scissors Colouring book Dolls Doll bed Stuffed animal Dress ups – crowns, fairy wands, etc. Toy jewellery Ribbon wands Balls with pump if necessary Lego Puzzles Hand puppets Plastic toys Yoyo Dress Pants Hat T-shirts and tops Shoes Shoes Underwear Pants Soap Facewasher Toothbrush Comb or brush Hair ribbons, elastics, etc. Sunglasses Kaleidoscope Bag Sewing kit A note from you! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser and sharpener Exercise books Scissors Books Ruler Chalkboard and chalk Backpack Stuffed animal Skipping rope Doll Balls with a pump if necessary Puzzles Yoyo Musical instruments Dress Skirt Hat T-shirts and tops Socks Shoes Underwear Pants Soap Facewasher Toothbrush Comb or brush Hair ribbons, elastics, etc. Sunglasses Kaleidoscope Bag Sewing kit A note from you!

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2-4 Years Old

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10-14 Years Old

Boy

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

BOY 2-4	BOY 5-9	BOY 10-14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencils Colouring book Exercise book Safety scissors Stuffed animal Blanket Hat Scarf Mittens T-shirts and shirts Pants Underwear Socks Shoes Toothbrush Facewasher Soap Comb or brush Balls Cars, trucks, boats Toys that light up, squeak or make a noise Tote bag Blocks Finger puppets Board or cloth books Sunglasses Plastic tools Plastic dinosaurs Duplo A note from you! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens, pencils and sharpener Coloured pencils Erasers Pencil case Exercise books Scissors Ruler Stickers Chalkboard and chalk Backpack Stuffed animal Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc.) with a pump if necessary Plastic dinosaur, animal or action figure (no war-related toys) Lego Cars or trucks Puzzles Frisbee Musical instrument Yoyo Soap Facewasher Toothbrush Comb or brush Sunglasses Hat Underwear Shoes T-shirts and shirts Pants Socks Scarf A note from you! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens, pencils and sharpener Coloured pencils Erasers Pencil case Exercise books Scissors Ruler Stickers Chalkboard and chalk Backpack Stuffed animal Balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, hacky sack, football, soccer ball, beach ball, etc.) with a pump if necessary Books Kaleidoscope Cars or trucks Puzzles Frisbee Musical instrument Yoyo Soap Facewasher Toothbrush Comb or brush Sunglasses Hat Underwear Shoes T-shirts and shirts Pants Socks Scarf A note from you!

HOW TO PACK AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

The shoebox you pack will very likely be the first gift the child has ever received. Every box we receive means one more child that receives their very first gift this Christmas.

GRAB A SHOEBOX

Shoeboxes are now available at school and you are welcome to pack one or as many as you like. We also understand that it is a busy time of the year so please do not feel obligated to participate.

CHOOSE A BOY OR A GIRL TO PACK A SHOEBOX FOR

Will you fill your shoebox with gifts for a girl or for a boy? And what age? The age groups are 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

FILL EACH SHOEBOX WITH SIMPLE GIFTS

Some ideas are something to wear, something to play with, something for school, something to love, something special or something for personal hygiene. Here are some specific ideas!

Community News



St Leo's Under the Stars Community Movie Night

Friday 17th November

Gates open at 6:15 pm for 7:00 pm

Where: The Light of Christ Centre Oval, Yandley Ave Waitara
Parking: Available on the College Basketball Courts
Refreshments: Canteen Fundraiser for Kiribati
Seating: Rugs & chairs by personal arrangement



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Community News

LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME! QUALITY SPORTS COACHING FOR 6 - 16 YEAR OLD'S

ASC 3-DAY CAMPS

- Experienced coaching panel and guest stars attending.
- Our structured skill development programs run 9am - 3pm daily.
- Meet your sporting idols, learn and be inspired by the best.
- Have fun playing and keeping active with your friends.
- Individual written coaches report reinforces learning.
- Video analysis and coach feedback sessions for fast improvement.
- Coach to participant ratio of 1 : 10 ensures individual attention.
- Careful group selection to maximize enjoyment and results.
- Autographed group photo and certificate of achievement.
- **SEE WEBSITE FOR PRICING AND SPECIAL OFFERS**

ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS

- Get active with a new range of partner programs.
- New sports, new programs, new areas.

NEW SPORTS EXPERIENCES FOR SUMMER 2017/18

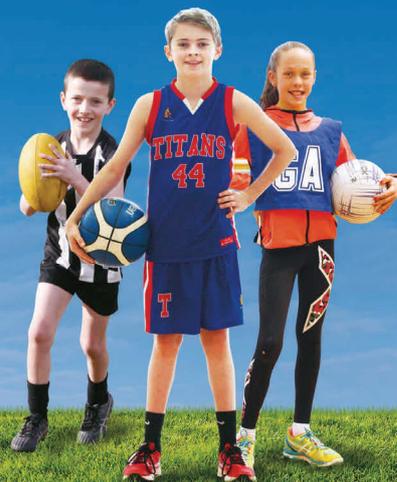


Tennis

A favourite summer past time of all Australians. Get your kids into our new tennis holiday programs. Coaches will teach the fundamentals right through to the Tennis Hot Shots. The perfect summer program for children of all ages.



SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS 2017-2018



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ASC 3-DAY CAMPS

Basketball

18, 19 & 20 December
NSW Basketball Camp,
North Ryde #1

19, 20 & 21 December
NSW Basketball Camp,
Moore Park

17, 18 & 19 January
NSW Basketball Camp,
North Ryde #2

Cricket

19, 20 & 21 December
NSW Cricket Camp,
Daceyville

9, 10 & 11 January
NSW Cricket Camp,
Hunters Hill

Hockey

19, 20 & 21 December
NSW Hockey Camp,
Daceyville

Netball

18, 19 & 20 December
NSW Netball Camp,
Ryde #1

19, 20 & 21 December
NSW Netball Camp,
Moore Park

22, 23 & 24 January
NSW Netball Camp,
Ryde #2

Soccer

19, 20 & 21 December
NSW Soccer Camp,
Daceyville



ASC PARTNER PROGRAM

ASC have teamed up with some amazing and reputable partner companies to offer a wider variety of sports in your area! Duration and pricing for these programs will differ depending on the program, please visit our website for all the details and choices!

Tennis

18 - 22 December
Tennis World Group,
Tennis Program,
Chatswood #1

18 - 22 December
Tennis World Group, Tennis
Program, Ridge Street #1

18 - 22 December
Tennis World Group,
Tennis Program,
Ruschcutters Bay #1

15-19 January
Tennis World Group, Tennis
Program, Chatswood #2

15-19 January
Tennis World Group, Tennis
Program, Ridge Street #2

15-19 January
Tennis World Group,
Tennis Program,
Ruschcutters Bay #2

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR ASC 3-DAY PROGRAMS

- Early Bird's 25% Off
- Family's, Groups & Clubs see website

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS

- * Family's & Groups see website
- * Please note that the early bird offer doesn't apply to partner programs

ASC are currently offering a 25% early booking discount on all ASC 3-day camps which is available to all participants who book by Sunday 3 December 2017. After 3 December, siblings always receive a 15% discount and other discounts are available for groups depending on the number of participants. Further information can be found on our website <https://australiansportscamps.com.au> or by contacting the office.