

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS IN BRIEF Term 4 Week 5 - 7 November 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents and Friends,

P & F Leadership Team 2018:

Thank you to the parents who have generously committed to joining the P & F Leadership Team and various Committee Leadership Positions:

P & F President Regina Paredes

P & F Co Vice President Janine Webster

P & F Co Vice President Holly Treder

P & F Secretary Rebecca Musumeci

P & F Assistant Secretary Kate Fairbanks

P & F Treasurer Philip Munro

P & F Assistant Treasurer Glenda Chan

P & F Class Parent Co-ordinator Catherine Moores

P & F Community Building Team Kate Stipo, Kathryn Element, Katrina Ang, Rachel Mensforth, Reena Ma, Raelene Seeto, Katerina Planska.

Class teachers and class structures at OLD for 2018.

As per discussion at the recent P & F AGM, classes at OLD 2018 will be structured as follows:

Kindergarten	x 2 classes
Year 1	x 2 classes
Year 2	x 2 classes
Year 3	x 2 classes
Year 4	x 2 classes
Year 5	x 1 class
Year 6	x 1 class

Over the coming weeks, teachers will be carefully and strategically ensuring classes K-4 are divided evenly and fairly to ensure the best possible outcomes for students' social, emotional and academic development. I respectfully ask parents not to request teachers for their children and not to request placement with specific students in a specific class. I cannot stress to parents more strongly that the collective wisdom of the school staff is what best divides the classes in the fairest and best way possible. Even moving just one child from one class to another can upset the balance.

This considered, if there are extremely serious circumstances the school needs to be aware of, I ask you to discuss this confidentially with me. Thank you.

On Thursday 14 December in the afternoon, students will have 'orientation to classes for 2018'. In this session, students will meet their classroom teacher for 2018.

COMING EVENTS

November

- Wed 8** Kindergarten 2018
Day 2 Orientation
Programme
- Fri 10** Whole School Ceremony
to celebrate
Remembrance Day -
10:30am at the COLA
- 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 at 10:00am.
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
5:30pm
- Tues 12** Christmas Mufti & Raffle
- Fri 15** Last Day Term 4
Christmas Liturgy in the
Church at 10:15am

**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.

Special OLD School Band notes.

November 22 - 2:15pm: Instrument Demonstration Concert. The full OLD Band will play a concert for Years 2-5 and demonstrate instruments for prospective new band members. Parents/guardians/friends are invited to listen to this band performance as well.

December 8 - 5:30pm: Christmas Carols Concert. The OLD Band will start this fabulous school event with some traditional Christmas carols. Everyone who plays a band instrument at OLD is invited to join with the full band. There will be one full band rehearsal on **November 29th 7:45am-8:30am.**

Exciting news for Mrs Cassie Cook (Year 2B Teacher):

Congratulations to Mrs Cassie Cook and her husband Justin.

Cassie is pregnant and preparing to have her new baby late in March next year. Let's be sure to keep Cassie and her family in our prayers.

School Survey regarding our School Crest – via 'Survey Monkey':

As a community we are in the process of deciding whether to return to the traditional OLD crest. Many parents will recall that this was mentioned at two P&F Meetings earlier this year. If you would like to revert back to the traditional OLD crest, select YES.

The current school crest was introduced in 2013.

The traditional crest includes images/themes that hold over 100 years of history relating to OLD school. The traditional crest also connects us to Mercy Catholic College and other Mercy schools.

A change in crest will not cause any undue stress. There would be a slow 'phasing in' where both crests can be worn by students.

YES - I would like the crest to revert back to the traditional image

NO - I would like the school crest to remain as it currently is

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLD_logo

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Year 6 Graduation Whole School Liturgy

The Year 6 Graduation Liturgy will be held on Monday November 27th at 10 am, followed by their celebration Graduation Dinner on that same evening. All families are welcome to attend the Liturgy and help send off our wonderful Year 6 students in style!

Thank you to the team who are working hard behind the scenes to ensure the Year 6 families have beautiful, graphically designed, invitations to the dinner with personalised calligraphy for the envelopes. I know the team working on the actual dinner and venue would also be very busy.

Finally, there is also a lot of work and many hours currently going into the final preparations of our Year 6 Graduation Book by Honida. Thank you Honida and all of the Graduation team!



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 10:30 (note the change in time) for this important event. We have a young man from St Pius playing the trumpet for us at the ceremony. We look forward to this part of the ceremony.



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.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Australian horsemen of the 4th Light Horse Brigade who charged, using their bayonets as swords, breaking through the Turkish defences and seizing the town of Beersheba one hundred years ago.

We hope the students leave this liturgy with a strong sense of friendship and camaraderie in their own lives, drawing on the experiences of the many servicemen and servicewomen who faced extraordinary dangers at war. It is their sense of comradeship that has brought us comfort, strength and hope for a brighter future.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (cont.)

Christmas Liturgy

On the last day of school, Friday December 15, the students will participate in a Christmas Liturgy in the Church at 10:15 am. It will be a wonderful way to end the year together and celebrate the Christmas journey. Sadly, we will also be fare welling Fr Paul. We hope you can make it to this celebration as a sign of support for our amazing school community and parish priest.

Christmas Fundraising: THANK YOU!!!

We have had a HUGE response for the Samaritan's Purse collection. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and hopefully we will bring a smile to many children's faces around the world, who are living in poverty! We did a count of the Operation Christmas Child boxes and we have amassed around 170 boxes. This is nearly double what we were expecting! So a tremendous response to this initiative by the OLD School Community— and with such a rapid turnover too! Thanks again.



FROM THE PARISH

menALIVE Weekend for Men is SOON. It is happening on the *18th & 19th of November* at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood. Like thousands of other Catholic men who have already been on menALIVE weekends, you will be inspired and encouraged to renew your faith and rediscover God's purpose in your life. Experienced leaders from MAT will be running the weekend. There is still time to register. Forms are available in the church foyer, or contact Jerome Akbarally on 0450037303, David Sunjaya on 0401560693 or Paul Taqueban 0498230771 or email

menalive.chatswood@gmail.com.

FROM THE PARISH (cont.)

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PARISH, CHATSWOOD

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) COORDINATOR - 19 hours per week

We are seeking a committed Catholic who will embrace the opportunity to minister as a pastoral associate with responsibility for:

Leadership and coordination of the Special Religious Education (SRE) ministry in the six primary and one secondary state schools within the Chatswood Parish.

Working collaboratively as part of the parish team, this position aims to provide Catholic students in state schools with opportunities to nurture and deepen their relationship with God through the Broken Bay Special Religious Education curriculum. The successful applicant will work closely with the Pastoral Associates for Childrens' Sacraments and Youth Ministry to provide a unified ministry for children and their families in the spirit of the parish mission.

Some essential requirements are:

- Proven successful experience in SRE and ministry with children and their families.
- Qualifications in Religious Education or a related area.
- Excellent communication skills and an ability to liaise positively with the Parish and Assistant priests, parish staff, SRE Coordinators, state and parish school staff, parishioners and diocesan personnel.
- Excellent organisational skills.
- Computer literacy including proficiency with Microsoft Office applications, Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel.
- A current driver's license and car.

Salary and conditions will be consistent with Broken Bay Diocesan Guidelines, according to experience and qualifications. This appointment is subject to a satisfactory Working with Children Check Clearance in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW). Please submit your application via email.

Please contact the Parish Priest for further details and a Position Description:

Rev Paul Finucane

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish

94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

paul@chatswoodparish.org.au or 9410 9000

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PARISH CHATSWOOD

CHILDRENS' MINISTER - 6 hours per week

We are seeking a committed Catholic with a passion for providing opportunities for the children of the parish to nurture and deepen their relationship with God. The position includes exploring creative ways to support parents with the faith formation of their children. As well as encouraging existing ministries for children there is also the opportunity to develop new directions.

Please contact the Parish Priest for further details

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Year 4 Taronga Zoo Excursion



“Hey Grace, look at that peacock!” said Jessica.

“WOW, amazing,” replied Grace. A peacock was strutting its plumage for all to gaze at and admire. We were all mesmerized for a few moments and we had not even entered the gates to Taronga Zoo. What treats lay ahead for our eyes?

My favourite animal was the elephants because they are so beautiful and pretty. They are gigantic and super huge. They are really plump and fat and elephants are really amazing because they have a lot of talents and they can interact well.

I was surprised by the silverback gorillas because they are so incredible. Gorillas are basically humans to me because of their physical movement. We saw a baby gorilla eat a tomato and when he wanted to go and get his lettuce from a lower rock, the gorilla bent down and clasped the juicy lettuce in his hands without falling off the ledge.

The cute meerkats were a sight to behold. They were too cute to be true. Meerkats are so tiny and small I just wanted to hold them. One meerkat dug a hole in the ground and came out the other side. What was funny was that when one meerkat came out another one bobbed up underneath it and came out as well.

Our classroom session beside the elephants’ enclosure was highlighted by three live animals. I especially enjoyed the time the zookeeper, Lauren, took out Cheezel which was a small ring-tailed possum. It was quietly resting on a rainbow beanie blanket and we were all able to pat it.

Overall, I rate our excursion five out of five. First of all the classroom session was really fun because we got to touch three awesome animals, there were really interesting animals and super nice zookeepers, but it really stunk when the animals pooped on the ground. Now go to Taronga Zoo to experience what I did!

By Caitlin Choi