

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 4 Week 6 - 14 November 2017

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Last weekend's Gospel reading and the lead-up to Advent!

If you have a retirement plan, you're like one of the five wise virgins in last Sunday's Gospel who planned ahead and brought extra oil. You're like the loving mother who says: "Better bring a jacket, just in case." Like a good boy scout, you are always prepared.

Unfortunately, many of us identify with the other half of the groom's welcoming party. We are unprepared. We find ourselves frequently a day late or a dollar short.

At a time when all of us least expect it, our death will come. Last Sunday's Gospel is a friendly reminder from Jesus that we still have time to prepare ourselves for the most important event we will ever face.
(Fr John Frauenfelder)

Keep your eyes peeled:

A dear friend of mine once told me that when the agapanthus flower blooms, Advent is near ... And yes, I saw one blooming last weekend for the first time since last year's crop.

They are particularly special at Advent because they are purple in colour, and purple is the colour for Advent.

This dear friend of mine refers to the agapanthus flower as "The Star of Bethlehem" ... Keep your eyes peeled for sightings. I was recently told that the rare, white ones have been touched by an angel!



Welcome Mr Peter Hamill, Director of Schools, Diocese of Broken Bay:

Mr Peter Hamill is visiting our school and classrooms on Monday 20 November from 9-11am.

We look forward to welcoming Peter to OLD.

K2018 Orientation and Orientation for new students coming into Yrs 1-6:

Tomorrow (Wednesday 15/11) at 8.45am we will welcome K2018 families for the final Kindergarten Orientation session.

AND ALSO, we welcome new students commencing at OLD in 2018 in classes Yr1-Yr6.

Please consider coming along to welcome the new families joining OLD. I note that there will be a presentation in the library that you are welcome to attend, and there is morning tea for our visitors at 10.20am too; perhaps you might like to assist with serving etc. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS

November

- Wed 15** Kindergarten 2018
Day 3 Orientation
Programme
- Sun 19** Family Mass - Year 5
9am
- 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

Band Concert 6pm
- Fri 8** OLD Christmas Evening
5:30pm
- Tues 12** Christmas Mufti & Raffle
- Wed 13** Band performing
Christmas Carols at
Chatswood Westfield.
- 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**

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Families are invited to join in two unique celebrations of faith in Sydney as part of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

1. LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS at St Mary's Cathedral - Sydney's favourite Christmas tradition. Celebrate the season at Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show. Join us at the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral Square, in the heart of Sydney's CBD, for a spectacular sound and light show every night from Wednesday 6 December until Monday 25 December 2017. Starting each evening at 7.30pm with a choir performance, the free sound and light show will commence at 8:30pm and continue through until midnight. For more information visit <http://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>.

2. MASS IN THE DOMAIN - The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will close with a massive celebration of the Eucharist in a public Mass in the Domain at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Starting from 5pm with a concert, the Mass will begin at 6:30pm and conclude by 8:30pm.

(From the Parish) - YEAR 5 CLASS MASS – 19 NOVEMBER

The Year 5 Class Mass will be held on Sunday the 19th of November at the 9am Family Mass. All Year 5 children and their families are warmly invited to this special Mass. Towards the end of the Mass, the children will receive a blessing. After Mass, we will be having morning tea on the forecourt. Please bring a plate to share.

(From the Parish) - YEAR 6 CLASS MASS AND GRADUATION – 3 DECEMBER

As Year 6 comes to the end of their time in primary school, we would like to acknowledge this milestone with a graduation ceremony within the 5:30pm Youth Mass on Sunday the 3rd of December. During this mass, each Year 6 student will be presented with a small gift. Those who have attended Catholic Scripture at our local state schools will also receive a Special Religious Education Certificate. After Mass, the celebration will continue with an evening of fun, food and games from 6:30pm to 8pm with the Acclaim Youth Group. All Year 6 children are warmly invited. Please RSVP for catering purposes to: CCDchildrensministry@chatswoodparish.org.au

Farewell for Fr Paul – Sunday 26/11:

Save the date in your diary for the Parish's formal farewell for Fr Paul. Whilst the details have yet to be finalised, Fr Paul will be farewelled at a Parish-wide function to be held in Harrington Hall on Sunday 26 November - (Please note that the Parish Assembly that was set for the same date has been deferred until our new parish priest, Fr Jim, arrives).

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

What's happening at OLD?

Financial Literacy lessons : Over the past two days the students in Years 1-6 have participated in Financial Literacy classes run by the Commonwealth Bank. During these session they have learnt about how to save money, keeping safe with money and the older grades learnt about credit and debit cards.

Learning to tie our shoelaces : Next Monday the students in Kinder-Year 2 will be having a special lesson on how to tie their shoelaces. These lessons will be run by Athlete's Foot.

Safety lessons at OLD: Throughout Term 4, all grades have been learning about different forms of safety; Cyber safety, road safety and safety with medicines. Next week all students at OLD will be attending a performance about Road Safety at Mercy College. The Year 9 students at Mercy have been writing and preparing a play for all our students which has been designed to suit their age and specific needs.

During Week 9, the Life Education van (i.e. Healthy Harrold) will be visiting OLD to conduct special lessons for Grades 2-6 on Cyber Safety. During this week each family will also receive a special book about safety in our homes.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - (cont.)

Starry Starry Night: In preparation for our carols and Christmas movie evening on the 8th December the students have the opportunity to design their own Christmas star. You will receive this template in an email and it can also be found at the end of this newsletter today. However, during lunch on tomorrow (Wednesday 15 Nov), I will be giving the children an opportunity to design their star at lunch time during Homework Club.

CHANGES to sport and Library (next week ONLY):

Due to our swimming timetable and the Mercy Road Safety play, a number of changes were necessary for Week 7 ONLY.

Library:

Monday – 5/6G, 3B, 6B, 2G

Tuesday – 3G, 4B, 4G, KG, 1B, 2B

Wednesday – 5B, KB, 1G

Sport:

Tuesday- 5/6G, KG, 3G, 5B, 1G, 2B, 2G

Thursday – 3G, 4G, 4B, 1B, 3B, KB

NB: Children wear their sports uniform on the above day as well as their swimming day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Graduation 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!



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.

Year 5 and 6 Market Day and Social Justice at Christmas Time

On November 30th Year 5 and 6 will be holding a market day at school. We are doing this as a part of our financial literacy learning journey that we have been involved in with Mercy College throughout the year. The students have to keep a track of their profit, expenses and revenue. We are inviting students to bring along some money on the day so that the community can participate in the market. The market will also stay open for half an hour after school so that the parent community can also participate in the market. Money raised will pay off the expenses, 50% of the profits will go to Cana Communities and any extra will go toward purchases that will benefit our Year 5 and 6 students at school (eg. go toward the Yr 6 shirts for 2018).

We have invited Cana Communities to set up a stall. They will be selling Christmas cakes, jams, olive oil and other fresh produce made from the produce from their farms. Please click on the following [link](#) see the Cana brochure if you would like to pre – order.

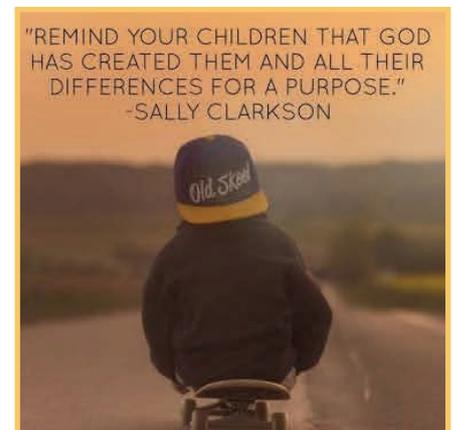
A message from Julie (Cana Communities):

I have attached our Enterprise catalogue and I wondered if you would consider buying your Christmas gifts for your staff, friends or family from us. The products have been well reviewed and I think it's time we were active about buying from charities and sharing the word that people need an opportunity if they are going to create long term change. The enterprise is run by volunteers so all the income can be spent on wages for our most vulnerable people.

I know you are all very generous but should you be looking for staff presents or know companies who may be interested in supporting us please share the catalogue.

Thank you Julie.

The following three inspirational quotes came to me (Philip Ledlin) this week from a parent who was inspired to pass on a message that just might inspire you in the same way I was!



FROM THE PARISH

Fr. Paul's farewell

As many of you already know, Fr. Paul will be assigned to Kincumber parish early next year. We are looking for memorable photos, videos, quotes and stories of Fr. Paul during his time in Chatswood parish. If you have anything you want share with the 9am Mass family group please contact one of us:

Katya Polimeni kpolimenileung@gmail.com

Josef Widjaja josef.widjaja@gmail.com

Year 5 Mass!



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites
Year 5 children and their families to a special celebration for
Year 5 children during our

9am Family Mass

Sunday 19 November 2017

A family-friendly celebration at
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer St Chatswood

Towards the end of Mass the children will receive a special
blessing.

After Mass we will have **morning tea** on the Forecourt
Please bring a plate to share!

All welcome!

TERM DATES 2018

TERM	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
1	<p>Monday 29 January Staff Development Day</p> <p>Tuesday 30 January Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K-6 N.B. small change to description.</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



Please return "Application for Sibling Discount and Payment Arrangements - 2018" form to the office my next Monday, 20th November, 2017 so that correct fees for 2018 school year can be determined for your family.



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SCHEDULE OF FEES 2018

(This schedule is only a guide and is correct at time of printing. Changes may occur without notice)

The annual school fees are made up of four components:

Tuition Fee:

First child	\$2,314.00
Second child	\$1,852.00
Third child	\$1,157.00
Fourth child	nil

Diocesan Building Levy:

Per family	\$ 970.00
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School Education Fees:

Per student	\$1,323.00
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Other School Fees:

Technology levy	\$ 99.00 per family
Swimming program	\$ 85.00 Year K to 4 students
Surf Education	\$ 45.00 Year 5 & 6 students
Canberra Excursion	\$ 400.00 Year 5 & 6 students

- A Tax Invoice for 2018 will be emailed to you by the Catholic Schools Office in late January 2018. The total owing for the year will be split into instalments and the due date for the payment of each instalment specified on that invoice. Instalment options are annual, standard (3 payments), monthly or fortnightly.
- Our preferred method of payment for your school fees is BPAY. Payment can also be made by our Qkr! App or credit card (Mastercard or VISA). Credit card payments can be made in person at the School Office or by completing & sending the credit card slip at the bottom of your Fee Statement into the School Office. We prefer not to accept cash, as holding cash at the school is unsafe and the cost of banking cash is increasing each year.
- **Tuition Fees and Diocesan Building Levies** are determined by the Catholic Schools Office of the Broken Bay Diocese – not by the School. 100% of these fees and levies collected are sent to Catholic Schools Office.
- **The Technology Levy** is billed per family and covers classroom technology requirements.
- **The School Education Fee covers** - curriculum resources, sports levies & general sports equipment, excursions and incursions including the Creative Arts Festival, school security, whole school & hall cleaning & maintenance of the garden & grounds.
- **Sibling reductions** for Tuition Fees and Building Levy are only given to families if siblings attend **Systemic Schools** within the Diocese of Broken Bay, Sydney, Parramatta or Wollongong, and only after the completed **Family Registration Form** has been returned to the School Office. The sibling discount is automatic if all siblings attend Our Lady of Dolours Primary.
- Where there is genuine financial difficulty in paying these fees please contact Sandra Bourke to make an appointment with Philip Ledlin for a confidential appointment at the start of the year. Hardship reductions are not automatic and do not rollover to the next year.



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STUDENT LEAVING SCHOOL FORM

Parents are asked to complete the form below, and attach a letter advising us of the reason their child/ren are leaving Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School, and return this form to the school BEFORE the child is scheduled to leave the school.

NB. If you are leaving Australia you need to provide documents to prove your child will be studying overseas.

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE FORM FOR EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

PARENTS NAMES: _____

LAST DAY AT SCHOOL WILL BE: _____

NAME OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS IF NEW: _____

NEW CONTACT TEL: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ **DATED:** _____

IS LETTER OF ADVISE ATTACHED: Y N

HAVE DOCUMENTS BEEN SUPPLIED TO SCHOOL IF NEW SCHOOL IS OVERSEAS: Y N

SCHOOL USE ONLY

FAMILY CODE: _____ **STUDENT CODE:** _____

STUDENT LEFT: _____ **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: YES / NO**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

PRINCIPAL: _____ **CLASS TEACHER:** _____

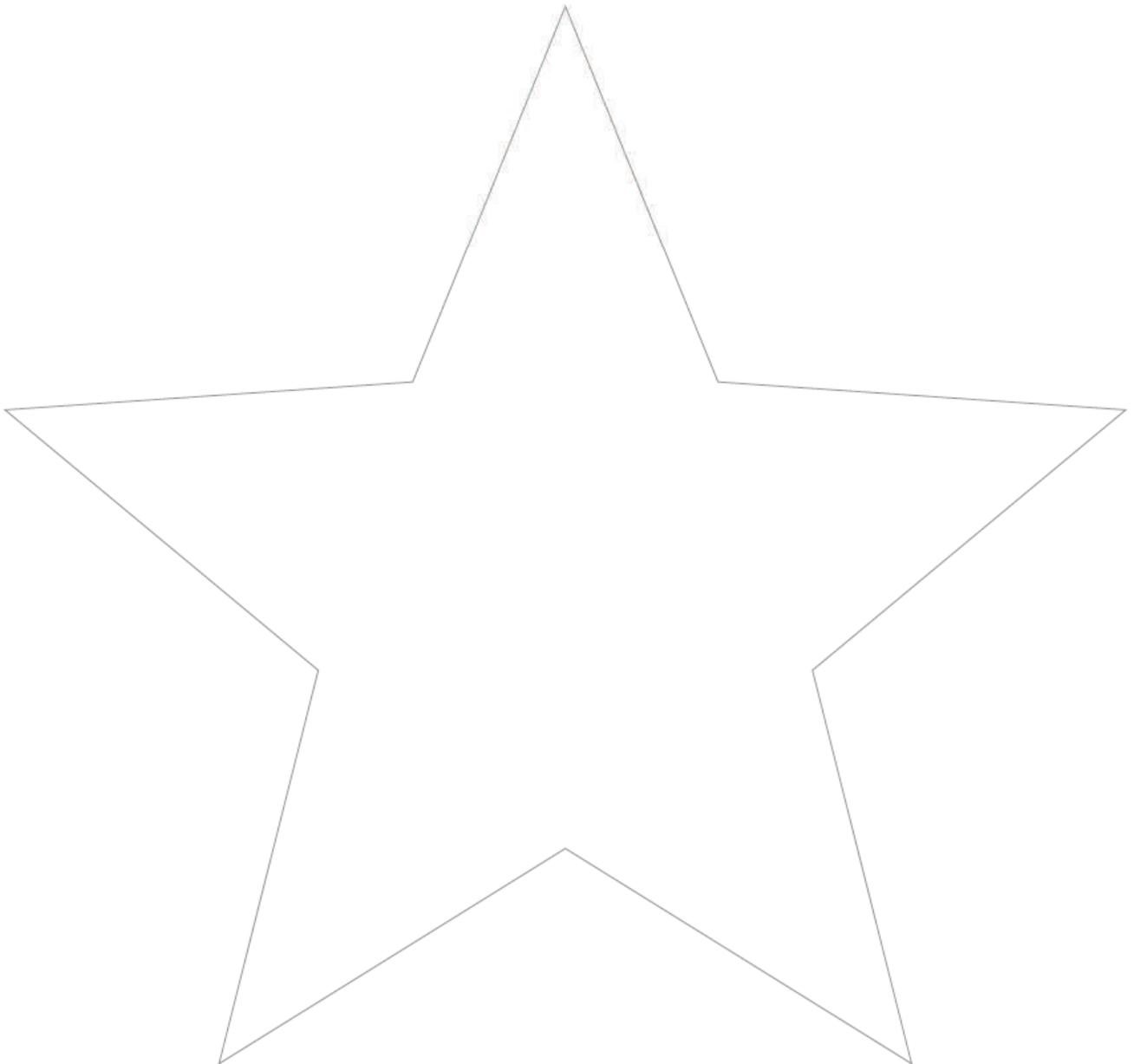
ADMISSIONS: _____ **ACCOUNTS:** _____

Starry Starry Night

Christmas Movie Night at O.L.D
Friday 8 December 2017

DESIGN YOUR OWN STAR

and vote for a movie listed on the back that you'd most like to see on movie night!





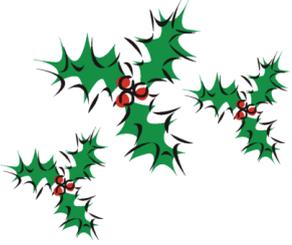
Please return completed star to the P&F box by Friday 24 November 2017

- Rise Of The Guardians Elf The Polar Express
 Home Alone Dr Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas

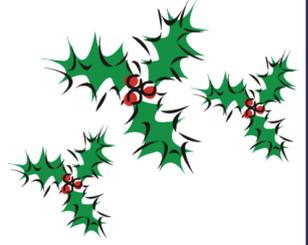
Dont forget to vote! Movie with the most votes will be screened at O.L.D Movie Night,
Friday 8 December 2017. Tickets available for purchase via Qkr! App. Enter as many times as you like.

NAME _____

CLASS _____



We are celebrating the 12 school days to the Christmas holidays this year and we need your help!



Now's the chance to reclaim some wardrobe space and put to good use the unwanted toys, books and other gifts your kids have amassed through the years. Items should be appropriate for children aged K-6.

Each class will put together a hamper of goodies we will offer at our Christmas Raffle this year.

P.S. To add to the fun for kids who are generously contributing to this activity, they will receive a special raffle token to a mystery prize for every item they donate. **New and unused items only please parents!**

*** Kids can start bringing these in from Nov 15, (that's Wednesday this week!) and no later than Nov 24. ***

All items are to be placed in the baskets provided in the classroom.





SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

Our Social Detectives® Programme is designed to help children learn the art of the social and conversational skills needed to interact appropriately with others their age.

Ages: 6-8 years old

- ✓ Greetings & eye contact
- ✓ Taking turns & sharing
- ✓ Listening & attention
- ✓ Understanding feelings
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Making & keeping Friends

Dates: 22 – 25 January (4 days)

Cost: \$440

Time: 9am – 10.30am

Ages: 9-12 years old

- ✓ Group interaction skills
- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Admitting mistakes
- ✓ Giving compliments
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Bullying

Dates: 22– 25 January (4 days)

Cost: \$440

Time: 2pm – 3.30pm

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO CALL TODAY TO BOOK YOUR COURSE



NORTH SHORE SPEECH THERAPY
Speech Pathology & Literacy Specialists

(02) 9411 3727 reception@speechtherapy.com.au

Please click on the following Social Detectives Social Skills Course [Booking Form](#)



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free One Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Waitara
Saturday
18 November 2017

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

- Venue:** Magpies Waitara
11 – 37 Alexandria Parade
Waitara NSW 2077
- When:** Saturday 18 November 2017
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)
- Catering:** Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.
- Register Online:** www.positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open on Tuesday 26 September 2017 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!
- Questions?** If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

DATE: Thursday 7th December
TIME: 8am to 1pm
LOCATION: Chatswood Youth Centre car park
Victor Street, Chatswood
(opposite the Westfield car park entrance)

No bookings required. For more information phone 9777 7723 or email roadsafety@willoughby.nsw.gov.au



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