

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWS** Term 4 Week 8 - 28 November 2017

## The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents and Friends,

The first Sunday of Advent is this coming weekend and I wonder if you've seen the 'lone agapanthus' as you've walked along the path of the garden at the front of the school. A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned in our school newsletter that we might like to keep a look out for agapanthus flowers because they can remind us of Advent and preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. I note that some people see the purple agapanthus as 'The Star of Bethlehem'; and we have our very own 'lone star' showing the way in our front garden at school. Perhaps this 'lone star' will inspire us to simply be 'men and women for others' over the coming weeks.



### **A Lovely Reflection Piece:**

Last week one of our parents, JW, found a lovely reflection piece (link below). I note that JW mentioned to me that she loved how the reflection connected the Mercy spirit of old to the Mercy spirit of today. Indeed, from the image below, you can see the article has a 'Magi' theme. [http://www.mercyworld.org/news\\_centre/view\\_article.cfm?id=1677](http://www.mercyworld.org/news_centre/view_article.cfm?id=1677)



### **Student Leadership at OLD:**

Over the coming weeks, we will sincerely thank and acknowledge the excellent leadership of our 2017 Yr6 student leaders as well as welcoming in our new student leaders for 2018.

From the outset, I make it crystal clear that every 2018 Yr6 student is a leader with a critical role. Importantly, every 2018 Yr6 student is vitally expected to set an outstanding example for the younger students to follow in the spirit of Mercy.

In next week's newsletter, I will 'celebrate' every 2018 Yr6 leader and identify specific roles each student is allocated.

## COMING EVENTS

### December

- Fri 1** "Thank You Morning Tea" for parent/friend helpers 8:45am
- Sun 3** Year 6 Class Parish Mass and Graduation Ceremony - 5.30pm  
Youth Mass - (NB organised by Parish)
- Wed 6** OLD School Swimming Carnival
- OLD's Vision & School Improvement Plan Meeting 5:30pm
- 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.

### **Meeting - School Vision and our School Improvement Plan 2018-2020 – 6.12.17 5.30pm**

On Wednesday 6 December 5.30pm, Parents and Friends are invited to an information and discussion meeting regarding OLD's Vision and School Improvement Plan 2018-2020 (School Library).

Parents who attended the recent P+F AGM will recall that I tabled quite a few Vision/School Improvement Plan matters that evening. At this up and coming meeting, I will simply be able to put forward more detail and 'open the floor' for conversation.

**NB THIS 5.30PM MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE 30 MINS BEFORE THE BAND PERFORMANCE EVENING THAT COMMENCES AT 6PM**



### **Special Invitation to a "Thank You Morning Tea" for Parent Helpers of 2018 – This coming Friday 1st December:**

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).

SPECIAL TREATS AWAIT EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS!

### **Gymnastic Champions at OLD:**

*Congratulations to the following OLD students who participated in the recent 2017 Acrobatic Gymnastics State Championships:*

- Cordelia Mensforth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Level 2 Mixed Pair
- Chloe Henderson – 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Level 2 Snr Women's Pair
- Dustin Nguyen – State Champions – Level 1 Mixed Pair
- Lindsay Ang – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Level 1 Snr Women's Trio



Nice work, agile athletes!

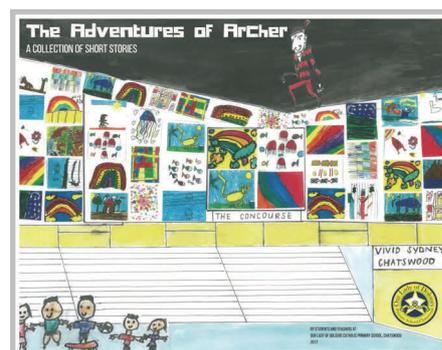


### **Senior Choir Performing Carols at Westfield Shopping Centre - Friday 1st December**

After our successful performance of Carols at Kmart, the Senior Choir will be performing at Westfield Shopping Centre on Friday, 1st December at 11.20am. This is a great opportunity for the choir to showcase their talents.

### **"The Adventures of Archer: A Collection of Short Stories."**

To obtain your own copy of this amazing book for \$16 please order via the QKR App.



## The Principal's Piece - Cont.

### **Exciting Developments at OLD in the narrow strip of land that fronts Ferguson Lane:**

Parents might remember that OLD was recently successful in securing a 'Club Community Grant' where our school was awarded \$22k in funds to build and maintain a fantastic community garden. This will result in a number of benefits including a significant lift to the external appearance of the school, and a wealth of learning opportunities for our students.

Grants such as these are increasingly important as we strive to maximise improvements to our school while we minimise any financial outlay from parents. I am now pleased to share this progress report.

Firstly, I sincerely thank Rob Loughman (Jennifer KB) for the enormous commitment he's made to providing plans and expert advice in the landscaping arena. I also thank the school staff for their contribution too ... And finally, I again thank Holly and Regina for securing the grant and providing advice and guidance along the way.

- In the coming school holidays, we will commence work on the Ferguson Lane garden by levelling the strip and turfing it with synthetic grass
- Following this, we will take delivery of about 14 substantial pots (I note that some of these pots are slightly damaged and need a paint lift ... this will hopefully be done by parents at a working bee in early 2018)
- A watering system will be installed
- Up-lighting will be installed
- Seating will be installed
- Stage 3 (ie Yrs 5 and 6) 2018 will have an important leadership role in managing this garden and developing it too

Below is a concept map to whet our appetites!



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe



### 'Tell them from me' parent survey:

Thank you to those parents who have completed this important survey. However, only 11% of parents have completed this survey. The data gathered from teachers, students and parents is really important in making OLD the best community and education setting as possible.

Computers will be available in the playground each day between 8.15-8.45 and 2.30-3.15 for parents to complete their survey.

Please follow the link to access the survey:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/olddb>

### Cyber Safety at OLD:

Cyber safety is an extremely important part of our Personal Development lessons for our senior students. The world of technology and the internet is ever changing and we must educate our students about how to use these safely. Next week Years 2-6 will participate in a session in the Life Education van (Healthy Harrold). It would be great if all families can continue the conversation at home to keep our children cyber safe, especially over the school holidays.



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



### Infants Road Safety days (Week 10)

Following on from the Road Safety play the children watched at Mercy College last week, all the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be involved in a bike/scooter safety lesson at school. We will be inviting the students to bring in their bikes and scooters to school (helmets are compulsory). If your child does not have a bike or scooter or is unable to ride one, it is ok, we can either share or give them other fun jobs during the day.

During the lesson students will learn about road signs, how to cross at zebra crossing and lights and how to ride safely on footpaths. They will also complete a fun obstacle course. The sessions will involve practical lessons in the playground and theoretical lessons in the classroom.

When students arrive at school, all bikes and scooters will be 'parked' in a special OLD parking area in the playground (valet parking will be unavailable). ☺

### ***Students wear sports uniform on their bike/scooter safety day.***

Please see below which days each class will be doing the bike safety lesson (Your child only needs to bring in their bike/scooter and helmet on the designated day below):

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 (9-10.30; 2B 11.20-12.30; 2G)**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Kindergarten (9-10.30; KB 11.20-12.30; KG)**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 (9-10.30; 1B 11.20-12.30; 1G)**

Our day will be an even bigger success with some helpers, so if you would like to help during these days please let Miss Thorpe know via email. Fingers crossed the weather stays on our side too!

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - (Cont.)

### Walking line reminders:

We ask that parents who have children on walking line work in partnership with the teachers and remind their children of these important factors (we thank you in advance):

1. Mobile phones are not to be used while the children are on walking line
2. Students must walk to the correct destination and not change their mind without parent permission.
3. Students must walk in two lines up Ferguson Lane in a neat, orderly way as they are representing the school and must stay safe at all times
4. Walking line leaves school at 3.10pm; students must be seated under the music room by this time

### Library borrowing:

Students must return ALL library books during Week 9. There is no borrowing of library books in Week 9 or 10 as the end of year stocktake begins during these weeks.



### Home readers:

We ask that all families have a big search in their homes for any home readers. All home readers are to be returned to school by Wednesday 6th December. No home readers will be sent home after this date.

### Ice-block purchases:

Starting this week and continuing into 2018 and beyond, students will only be permitted to purchase ONE ice-block each day. The parent volunteers in the canteen will also stop selling ice-blocks at 1.30pm (10 minutes before the end of the lunch), so students have sufficient time to finish eating their treats.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

### **Graduation Celebrations**

What a wonderful day was had by all who attended the Year 6 Graduation celebrations. It all began at the Graduation Liturgy in the morning. The theme of the liturgy was to “walk humbly with your God”. The readings and hymns were all chosen with the theme of the students walking on in their life journey with the love of God in their hearts. The students processed into the church carrying a stone, which symbolised stepping stones. The symbolism being that at every step of our lives, the Lord is with us.

The celebrations continued into the evening when we gathered to celebrate the Graduation dinner. The room was decorated spectacularly and the night was a lot of fun. There are many people to thank who helped with the dinner and the liturgy. Too many to name! But thank you very much for your generosity in making our Graduation so beautiful.

*May they walk in faith and love, rejoicing and eager to serve you. Grant them a glimpse of your glory as they walk humbly with our God.*



## 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 – Revised Times**

This Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 will be holding a Market Day at school.

We are inviting ALL students to bring along some money on the day so that the community can participate in the market.

The market will ONLY BE OPEN DURING SCHOOL HOURS. The Cana and Cambodia stalls will stay open a little longer, however, we have to dismiss the students on time. Therefore, we invite the community to come along early to pick up your children and make some purchases. We would love your business.

### **Year 6 Parish Mass – Class Mass and Graduation Ceremony**

Thank you to Angela and Adrian from the parish for leading a beautiful reflection with the Year 6 students last week. They spoke about using the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as they move onto high school. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

*Courage, Knowledge, Right Judgement,  
Wisdom, Awe and Wonder, Understanding and Reverence*

Adrian works with the youth in the parish and I am sure your children would love to belong to his joyful youth group. There is a Youth Mass every Sunday afternoon at 5:30pm.

**Invitation for this Sunday:** The parish is inviting all Year 6 students to attend the 5:30pm Youth Mass this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. During the Mass each Year 6 student will be presented with a gift to celebrate their graduation. It would be wonderful if ALL of our Year 6 students could attend this Youth Mass dedicated to them!

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](mailto:CCDchildrensministry@chatswoodparish.org.au)

### **Advent**

Advent begins on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. At our school assembly on the Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, the school community will start getting into the spirit of Advent with the presentation of a special gift to the school from the Beram family. I wonder if you can guess what it is???

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Cont.

### Year 1 Atrium Advent Visit

Over the past two weeks, Year 1 visited the Atrium for a special Advent visit lead by our wonderful volunteer pastoral associate, Angela Hague. The Atrium is a room where the children can come to be with God in an intimate, engaging and interactive way. It is a place that focuses on the child as an individual and encourages the children to respond to the Word of God in their own way.

Firstly, the children discussed what they saw on the prayer table and how these items help us to 'see' that Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The children delved deeper into this time of waiting and made connections between Advent and how the people of Israel waited hundreds of years for the Messiah. Angela spoke with the children about the prophets who gave the people hope for the 'light to shine in the darkness' and for the 'young woman – who would bear a son who would be God with us'. God sent these messages through the prophets to give 'clues' to the coming of Jesus.

Next, the children observed a demonstration of the parable of the Good Shepherd. The children were not told who the sheep and the Shepherd represent, rather the children were welcomed to discover for themselves, in their own time. The children were given freedom to respond in any way they wanted. Some chose to engage in Godly play with the materials, some chose to paint, while others chose to explore the maps of Israel. This was the most important part of the visit as the children were engaged in the environment and were free to choose the works that they were drawn to. In just a short time, the children began to make profound connections between the 'sheep' and the 'shepherd' and articulated how they are waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus.

Year 1 were extremely engaged throughout the Atrium visit which would not be made possible without our wonderful pastoral associate Angela. We look forward to visiting again!





Catholic Parish of Chatswood, Diocese of Broken Bay

The Catholic community of  
Our Lady of Dolours Parish Chatswood

invites

Year 6 children and their families to the

**Year 6 Class Mass &  
Graduation Ceremony**

When: 5:30pm Youth Mass

Sunday 3 December 2017

At: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church

94 Archer St Chatswood

During this Mass each Year6 student will be  
presented with a gift

After Mass the celebration will continue with an evening of fun, food and games to introduce your child to the joys of belonging to the Acclaim Youth group of Chatswood Parish.

Where: Bishop Barry Room

From: 6.3pm until 8pm

For catering purposes please RSVP  
with your child's name and school attending

by: Wednesday 8 November 2017

to: [CCDchildrensministry@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:CCDchildrensministry@chatswoodparish.org.au)

# School F E E S

All school fees should now be finalised.

Thank you to the families that paid their account on time. This has certainly made it easier for the school to stick to our budget and pay our accounts when due.

We have included below the instalment schedule for 2018 for those families who like to set up automatic Bpay payments.



## 2018 School Fees- Instalment Schedules and Payment Due Dates

Annual (1)	Standard (3)	Monthly (10)	Fortnightly (20)	Weekly (40)
23/02/2018	23/02/2018	15/02/2018	09/02/2018	09/02/2018 & 16/02/2018
	04/05/2018	15/03/2018	23/02/2018	23/02/2018 & 02/03/2018
	27/07/2018	15/04/2018	09/03/2018	09/03/2018 & 16/03/2018
		15/05/2018	23/03/2018	23/03/2018 & 30/03/2018
		15/06/2018	06/04/2018	06/04/2018 & 13/04/2018
		15/07/2018	20/04/2018	20/04/2018 & 27/04/2018
		15/08/2018	04/05/2018	04/05/2018 & 11/05/2018
		15/09/2018	18/05/2018	18/05/2018 & 25/05/2018
		15/10/2018	01/06/2018	01/06/2018 & 08/06/2018
		15/11/2018	15/06/2018	15/06/2018 & 22/06/2018
			29/06/2018	29/06/2018 & 06/07/2018
			13/07/2018	13/07/2018 & 20/07/2018
			27/07/2018	27/07/2018 & 03/08/2018
			10/08/2018	10/08/2018 & 17/08/2018
			24/08/2018	24/08/2018 & 31/08/2018
			07/09/2018	07/09/2018 & 14/09/2018
			21/09/2018	21/09/2018 & 28/09/2018
			05/10/2018	05/10/2018 & 12/10/2018
			19/10/2018	19/10/2018 & 26/10/2018
			02/11/2018	02/11/2018 & 09/11/2018

## TERM DATES 2018

TERM	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
<b>1</b>	Monday 29 January Staff Development Day  Tuesday 30 January Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K-6 N.B. small change to description.  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"> <li>• Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments <u>K ONLY</u></li> </ul> 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
<b>2</b>	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July
<b>3</b>	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September
<b>4</b>	Monday 15 October	Wednesday 19 December



## Band News

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The **School Band** is now taking enrolments for 2018 and participation is open to all students who are **currently in Year 2-5**. No prior experience is required.

Students are attending (or may just have) a **Demo Concert** by the band and **Teaching Services Australia (TSA)** staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will have received a **green Instrumental Band Program-Introduction** with a tear-off **Expression of Interest** form. Students who return this tear-off form asap will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive *Enrolment Pack* with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This **green Expression of Interest** form is due back to the school office **within 5 days**. You can download this note at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or for more information email [info@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:info@teachingservices.com.au).



## STARRY STARRY NIGHT FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER, 2017



### 5:30pm Christmas Carols (free event)

Our school community will come together to celebrate our students, families and friends. Within the school grounds and commencing at 5:30pm, you are invited to enjoy special performances by the school band, school choir and carols by all students. Following on from these performances, there will be a visit from Santa. Children participating in carols are not required to stay for the movie but we hope that as many families as possible stay on to support and enjoy this inaugural special event.

### 7:30pm Christmas Movie 'Home Alone' (family ticket \$25)

Votes have been cast and the verdict is in. 'Home Alone' is the children's choice for this year's movie night. Home Alone will be screened in the playground under the stars. Purchase your family ticket (\$25) and sausage sizzle through QKR! or fill in the payment form and return to the P&F Box by Friday 1st December. (In order to cover the cost of hiring the equipment, licensing rights etc to run the movie, tickets have been set at \$25 per family which includes popcorn.)

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE STARTS THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 2017

### WOW!

Thank you parents on the great job with sending in your children's pre-loved toys and books. We have stacks of prizes! One exciting tweak to the raffle is that winners will have a chance to pick the prize pack they'd love to take home.



### 12 School Days Until Christmas Holidays

Need we say more! We are all very excited to reach the end of another great school year. To celebrate, every school morning starting this Thursday, one lucky winner (perhaps more.. but ssshhh, that's a secret) will be drawn from our raffle. It is not too late to bring your raffle tickets back. We will draw winners right through to the last day of school, but get your tickets in to increase your chances of winning!

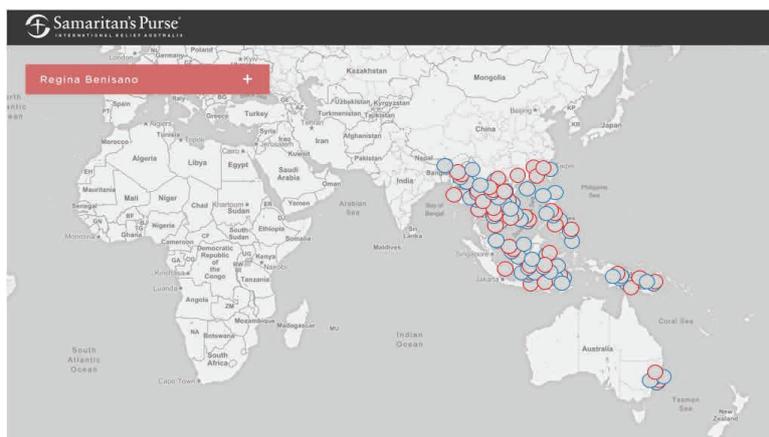
## SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX UPDATE

### The goodness of O.L.D.

Here's a snapshot of shoeboxes and where they are currently. It looks like the goodness of Our Lady of Dolours has been spread across quite a bit of South East Asia! These will all arrive in time to bring smiles to faces of children who live in disadvantage areas this Christmas.

### Further updates

As more specific updates are received, those who included 'tracking' with their shoebox donation will receive an email. Thank you again for supporting this initiative.



P.S. Red circles represent gifts for girls, and blue circles represent gifts for boys.

# Starry Starry Night

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

## You are invited

The Our Lady of Dolours P&F Association

invite

*You & your family*

to

***Starry Starry Night***

- When:** Friday, 8 December 2017  
**Start:** Festivities commence 5:30pm (band, choir, movie)  
**Where:** Our Lady of Dolours  
**Tickets:** \$25 per family (includes movie + popcorn)  
**Payments:** QKR! (or cash—please complete below & return with money to the P&F box by Friday, 1 December)

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Sausage sizzle (@\$3 each): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Keep an eye on the School Newsletter for more information

## Community News



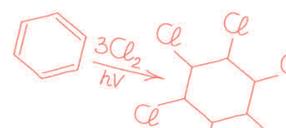
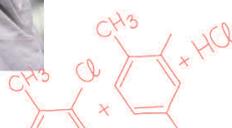
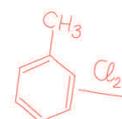
**Junior**  
SCIENCE ACADEMY

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – [mq.edu.au/about/holidays](http://mq.edu.au/about/holidays)

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am – 9.30am
Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$122



## Holiday Workshops January 2018



### TALENT CLUB

Unlock Potential, Unleash Creativity

Chatswood and Hornsby  
Age Group -5 to 16



Public Speaking and Debating  
Power Point Presentation  
Drama, Dance, Musical Theatre  
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For further details contact

**0424 471 606**

E mail: [contact@talentclub.com.au](mailto:contact@talentclub.com.au)

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### Fresh cut Christmas Trees

Chatswood Scouts



- Prices start from: \$55
- A range of sizes on offer
- High quality tree stands also on sale (\$35)
- Delivery available (within 5km radius)

When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

7am – 1pm

Where: Chatswood Brake and Clutch, 113

Fullers Road, Chatswood West.

Thank you for supporting your local Scout Group 😊

Enquiries/pre-orders: [chatswood.scouts@yahoo.com](mailto:chatswood.scouts@yahoo.com)

