

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 4 - 20 February 2018

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

An exciting invitation for parents and friends to share in prayer and reflection during Lent at OLD School:

I am so pleased to be offering parents and friends a wonderful opportunity to participate in weekly reflection times during Lent at OLD School.

What are the dates? (NB You can choose to come to either A or B below):

- **A:** All Mondays in Lent (commencing 19.2.18) from 2.30pm-3pm at OLD School ... OR
- **B:** All Fridays in Lent (commencing 23.2.18) from 2.30pm-3pm at OLD School.

Who will be leading the sessions?

- Fr Jim will lead the Monday sessions and Gail Gill will lead the Friday sessions.

Please RSVP/email to the school office if you would like to attend all, or some, of the sessions, and indicate the most suitable day/s you prefer.

I look forward to meeting with you in prayer and reflection over the Lenten period.

Thank you to all the parent helpers at the Shrove Tuesday celebration!



COMING EVENTS

February

Fri 23 Friday weekly Lenten Reflection commences 2.30-3.00pm.

March

Thur 8 "1,2,3 Magic" 9am-11am
Year 6 Student Leaders Day with Bishop Peter Comensoli

Fri 9 P & F "Big Night Out"

Wed 14 "1,2,3 Magic" 9am-11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Harmony Day at OLD

Thur 15 Open Day - Kindergarten 2019

Sun 18 Kindergarten Blessing Mass 9am

Mon 19 Year 5 & 6 Canberra to Excursion

Wed 21

Thur 29 Holy Week Ceremony - whole school (Harrington Hall)

Fri 30 Good Friday

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES'
w.oldddb.catholic.edu.au



Our Lady of Dolours

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Thank you to the students who helped OLD celebrate Chinese New Year:

Thank you particularly to Panny, Estelle and Sophia who presented so beautifully at our morning assembly last Friday to recognise Chinese New Year. From now on, I hope families from all cultures at OLD can alert us at school (with a couple of days warning) about significant celebrations on specific dates so we can recognise cultural events at morning assemblies.



New furniture at OLD to help build a Culture of Thinking:

As mentioned in a recent newsletter, there has been a substantial investment in new furniture for our school library. The new furniture will simply provide exciting opportunities to 'ignite' students' enthusiasm and also to provide opportunities to learn in more collaborative and flexible situations. The photo below shows a bit of fun as some of the new furniture is trialled at an assembly on Friday.



NAPLAN is moving 'on-line', but not this year! ... the following link is a simple fact sheet FYI:

<https://curianet.dbb.org.au/Catholicschooloffice/dssresources/Documents/School%20Matters%202018/Term%201,%202018/Term%201%20Week%203%20-%20ATTACHMENTS/NAPLAN%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

School Vision ... Strategic Plan 2018-2020 ... School Improvement Plan 2018:

Yesterday evening, the new School Vision, Strategic Plan 2018-2020 and School Improvement Plan 2018 was presented to the community – (Parents/Friends may recall that these plans were the result of wide consultation at the end of 2017).

I have attached a summary of the plans at the end of this newsletter for your information.

I warmly welcome any parents/friends to come and meet with me if you would like to know more about the finer details of the great plans ahead for OLD School.

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

St Pius X College Enrolments for Year 7 2022 (for Catholic boys presently in Year 3 at OLD)

Parents are reminded about the special 'priority enrolment' privilege that OLD School enjoys with St Pius X College that allows Catholic students at OLD entry into Year 7. This privilege gives parents a clear choice to keep their child at OLD School until the end of Year 6 allowing them to benefit from important leadership opportunities and a myriad of pastoral and educational advantages.

In order to secure this 'priority enrolment' privilege, parents with Catholic boys presently in Year 3 at OLD School must fill an enrolment form at St Pius X College during the month of March this year. Details can be found at: <http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=36>

St Pius X College Enrolments for Yr 7 2020 (for Catholic boys presently in Year 5 at OLD)

Similar to the conditions above, parents can also access the 'priority enrolment' privilege for OLD Catholic families if they enrol their child in the month of March this year. However, because this is effectively a 'later enrolment' parents need to feel confident that St Pius X College will put a priority on their application, but they must also be aware that there is no guarantee of securing a place in Year 7 2020.

Mercy College Enrolment Message for Year 7, 2020 (ie for students presently in Year 5 at OLD School):

Applications for placement in Year 7, 2020 are open and should be received by the College office by the end of Term 1 2018.

It is anticipated that the interview and acceptance process for entry into Year 7 2020 will commence in Term 3 2018.

For more information, or to download an enrolment application form please follow the links under the 'Enrolment Contacts' tab on the College website (www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au). Alternately please direct your queries to the College Office on [9419 2890](tel:94192890) or via kirsteen.fisscher@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

"123 Magic" is back again for 2018 ... Attention everyone, particularly all Kindergarten families:

Last year, OLD hosted the wonderful parenting programme, "123 Magic", and it's coming back again for 2018.

This year, we are particularly targeting all our new Kindergarten families, but anyone and everyone is most warmly welcome.

The programme runs over 2 mornings and, put simply, I view it as one of the best parent education initiatives I've ever participated in.

Please contact/email the school office to register ... And yes, it's free ... And yes, it's at OLD School!

Dates:

- **Thursday 8 March** **9-11am** (note: 9-11am – not 9-10.30am as previously advertised)
- **Wednesday 14 March** **9-11am** (note: 9-11am – not 9-10.30am as previously advertised)



A message from Mrs Jill Greenwood (OLD's Literacy Co-ordinator):

Raising a Child who Loves to Read

Raising a child who loves reading is one of the biggest gifts you can give your little one. Studies show that children who love reading do better academically than those who only read when they need to. But, how do you teach your child to love reading? **How do you make your child want to read, by choice, and not just because they are being told they should?**

Here are 9 ways you can instil a love of reading right from the start and continue that love right throughout adulthood.

1. Read aloud to your child.
2. Create a bedtime routine where you read together every night.
3. Read WITH your child not just TO your child
4. Keep a variety of books in your home
5. Let kids read what they want to read. Children will read more often if they enjoy what they are reading, so let them choose.
6. Do activities together involving the books you read. For example, drawing the characters in one of their favourite books, or acting out their favourite scene together.
7. Don't stop reading to your children when they learn to read themselves. You are still able to read them longer stories with more words and this will allow them to learn more complex vocabulary.
8. Be a good example and read yourself in front of them - it is important to set an example.
9. Visit the library together.

Teaching your child to love to read is one of the most important things we can do as parents. Educating them and instilling a love of reading right from the start can help children to become confident readers in the future. There is nothing better than watching a child who loves to read curled up and enjoying a book by choice.

For more ideas on how to encourage your child's love of learning – contact your classroom teacher or Mrs. Greenwood.

Happy Reading!

AWARD WINNERS

Week 2



NRL Tipping
Competition



Hello Parents, Carers and friends,

This year, Our Lady of Dolours is asking you to take an interest in sports for a good cause!

Staff, parents and friends are warmly invited to join in a Footy (NRL) Tipping competition.

This is a good chance to take on OLD staff members to see who has footy-tipping supremacy!

If you would like to be a part of this friendly competition, the entry fee is \$5.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place positions will take home a small prize, as well as the person in last place!

The winner will also be able to nominate an OLD supported Charity to donate the bulk of the funds to.

Please enter via the QKR app. After applying, you will receive the code from OLD and then you can enter your team at <https://www.itipfooty.com.au/>

Happy tipping!

Our Lady of Dolours
Parents' Night Out
@
The Avenue

Book the babysitter
and
come have a night out with parents and
friends of O.L.D

There will be food, music and some great
lucky door prizes!!

Where:
465 The Avenue
465 Victoria Ave, Chatswood

When:
Friday, 9th March 2018

Time:
7.30pm till late

Cost:
\$25 per person or \$40 per couple
Cost includes cocktail food
Drinks to be purchased separately

RSVP
@kr or PGF box - 5th March 2018

Open Day

Sunday 4th March, 11am - 2pm



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for 2020
Years 5, 6 & 7

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OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17 MARCH • 10 AM – 2 PM

Our students would love to show you our College
Principal's Welcome 12 noon

Chatswood Campus
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Our sporting fields at Oxford Falls
will be open 8 am – 12 noon

www.spx.nsw.edu.au





PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE IN 2018 FOR FREE!

With Brothers North Sydney JRLFC. From under 6's to under 16's. Bring your friends together and play rugby league.

SOME OF THE MANY BENEFITS OF THE CLUB:

- FREE access to NRL games
- Qualified referees
- FREE shorts, socks and playing jersey to keep
- Great qualified coaches to help you develop your skills
- Training shirt + playing bag
- Player insurance included
- Great social and family oriented club

To register FREE go to www.nsbros.com.au or call 0418 620 221 or 0412 144 271 for more information



Kids' Yoga

Leaves of change
Children's yoga

Free

taster yoga classes

Movement

Mindfulness

Meditation

15 Elizabeth St, Artarmon

Sundays 4th, 11th, 18th March

Children aged 5 - 8 years 3:00 - 3:50 pm

Children aged 9 - 12 years 4:00 - 4:50 pm

Why kids' yoga?

- Kids' yoga is fun
- improves concentration
- promotes emotional wellbeing
- enhances physical health (balance, strength & flexibility)

Jessica Brown

BEd (ECE) - MINED

Jessica is a Primary School Teacher & hopes to foster a calmer and more mindful generation of children.

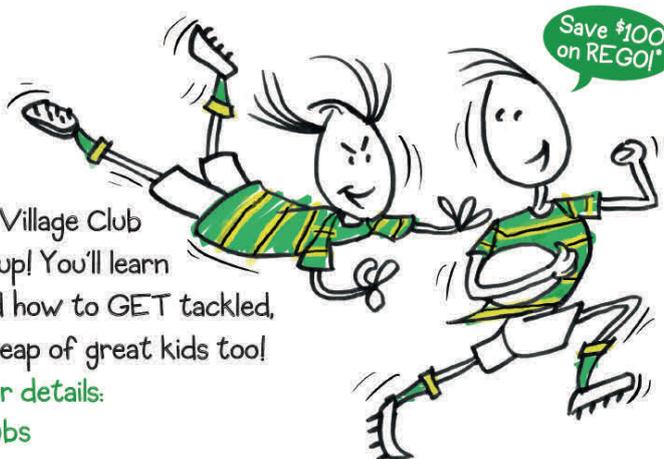
To register please contact
jessica.brown16@live.com.au

facebook.com/leavesofchangechildrensyoga

New to Rugby? NO WORRIES!

Not sure about rugby? Your local Gordon Village Club will let you TRY Rugby BEFORE you sign up! You'll learn all about how to play and tag or tackle and how to GET tackled, so you don't get hurt – and you'll meet a heap of great kids too!

Contact your local Gordon Village Club for details:
gordonrugby.com.au/about-us/village-clubs



*SAVE \$100 ON REGISTRATION! Under the NSW Government Active Kids Program, you can use your \$100 towards registration. Contact your local Gordon Village Club for details – gordonjuniorrugby.com.au/about-us/village-clubs

From the Mighty Fives to the Wallabies – where will your Gordon Junior Rugby journey lead? Contact your Gordon Village Club to register NOW!

Mighty Fives	Under 6 – Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10 – Under 11	Under 12 & above
Kids 5 years and under participate in skill-based activities aimed at improving their individual skills, coordination, fitness and team work all under specialist coaches.	Walla Rugby. Seven-a-side game with no tackling – players are caught with a two-handed 'tag'. Playing field is one quarter of a full-sized field. Coaches take the field during play to instruct and reinforce correct & safe play.	Mini Rugby. Seven-a-side game introducing the tackle with uncontested scrums and lineouts. Playing field is one half of a full-sized field. Coaches take the field during play to instruct and reinforce correct & safe play.	Ten-a-side game with tackling and uncontested scrums and lineouts. Playing field is one half of a full-sized field.	Twelve-a-side game. Modified playing field, 10 metres narrower than a full-sized field. Contested scrums and lineouts.	Fifteen-a-side game, played on a full-sized field. Contested scrums and lineouts.

gordonjuniorrugby.com.au



Australian Sports Camps have run camps for over 30 years in sports such as Football, Netball, Cricket, Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Rugby Union, Rugby League and Tennis, and are dedicated to providing the best sports coaching for boys and girls of all standards. Specialist coaches or guest professional sports stars attend daily to run specific skills sessions.

We are delighted to have paired up with other providers to offer even more options including Rock climbing, E-sports and Tennis.

We are currently offering a 25% early booking discount on all ASC 3-day camps which is available to all participants who book by Sunday 18 March 2018. After 18 March, 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>



Parents and Friends from OLD are invited to join this exciting string group on a Wednesday night at OLD music room. Please see website innominato-strings.com.au for more about our activities.

INNOMINATO 2018 DATES

TERM 1 – WEDNESDAYS	TERM 2 WEDNESDAYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 31 January, 2018 ▪ 7 February, 2018 ▪ 14 February, 2018 ▪ 21 February, 2018 ▪ 28 February, 2018 ▪ 7 March, 2018 ▪ 14 March, 2018 ▪ 21 March, 2018 ▪ 28 March, 2018 ▪ 4 April, 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 April, 2018 ▪ 18 April, 2018 (practice no conductor) ▪ 25 April, 2018 (Anzac Day no practice) ▪ 2 May, 2018 ▪ 9 May, 2018 ▪ 16 May, 2018 ▪ 23 May, 2018 ▪ 30 May, 2018 ▪ 6 June, 2018 ▪ 13 June, 2018 ▪ 20 June 2018
TERM 3 – WEDNESDAYS	TERM 4 WEDNESDAYS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 27 June, 2018 ▪ 4 July, 2018 ▪ 11 July, 2018 (practice no conductor) ▪ 18 July, 2018 (practice no conductor) ▪ 25 July, 2018 ▪ 1 August, 2018 ▪ 8 August, 2018 ▪ 15 August, 2018 ▪ 22 August, 2018 ▪ 29 August, 2018 ▪ 5 September, 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 September, 2018 • 19 September, 2018 • 26 September 2018 • 3 October, 2018 (practice no conductor) • 10 October, 2018 (practice no conductor) • 17 October, 2018 • 24 October, 2018 • 31 October, 2018 • 7 November, 2018 • 14 November, 2018 (practice 2019 music)

Strategic Plan 2018-2020 & School Improvement Plan 2018



On the journey to realising our 2020 Vision, we will strive in all areas of school, parish and community life to:

IGNITE INNOVATE & INCLUDE In Mercy

A: Mission STRATEGIC GOAL 2018-2020:

To ignite students to be disciples of Jesus in our 'Neighbourhood of Grace' and beyond.

B: Teaching and Learning STRATEGIC GOAL 2018-2020:

To develop critical and innovative thinkers, seeking excellence; embracing challenge with excitement and perseverance

C: Pastoral Care STRATEGIC GOAL 2018-2020:

To enhance students' social and emotional intelligence

School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2018

A: Mission 2018 SIP Goal:

To develop students' understanding of a 'Neighbourhood of Grace' and what it means in their daily lives

A: Mission 2018 Targets:

1. To build students' understanding of a 'Neighbourhood of Grace'
2. To ignite students' behaviours of 'Grace' at school, home, parish and the wider community

B: Teaching and Learning 2018 SIP Goal:

To embrace a culture of thinking in all students

B: Teaching and Learning 2018 Targets:

1. To forge a collaborative, sustainable partnership with Holy Family School, Lindfield, to develop our Culture of Thinking amongst the staff
2. To enhance students' ability to think innovatively and critically
3. To improve student engagement in all KLAs - (Continue the specific focus on Writing that commenced in 2017)

C: Pastoral Care 2018 SIP Goal:

To develop students' self-awareness and positive emotional regulation

C: Pastoral Care 2018 Targets:

1. To increase the students' ability to identify, describe and differentiate different emotions
2. To enhance the students' ability to self-regulate behaviour