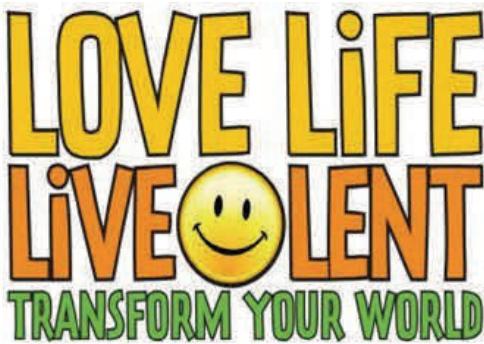


# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWS** Term 1 Week 5 - 27 February 2018

## The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin



*Now that I have your attention with the help of the slogan above, I need to draw your attention to a unique way of 'Living Lent'. I encourage you to carefully read Mrs Kathy Gray's REC contribution further on in this newsletter!*

### Farewell and thank you Mrs Sue Waters!

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Sue Waters for being such a vital member of the OLD Admin' Team. Sue was recently approached by The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) to work in a full-time capacity at Head Office. Put simply, Sue has a special skillset that CSO needs at this point in time.

Sue's last day at OLD is Tuesday this week (27.2.18).

Commencing Wednesday 28.2.18 we will welcome Mrs Jane Zahra who will replace Sue.

### Full 2018 Calendar of Events on the School Website:

Parents can now access the full 2018 OLD Calendar of main events online at the OLD School Website. Please note that this calendar is commonly added to and sometimes amended, so please watch the School Newsletter for any 'alerts' regarding 'amendments' etc – thank you.

### Special Date for everyone's calendar: - 2018 OLD Creative Arts Festival:

This year, OLD will trial a 'one night only' extravaganza for the OLD Creative Arts Festival. The big night is MONDAY 24 September in the big Concert Hall – The Concourse!

### Open Day for Kindergarten 2019 - (and for all other interested families too):

I encourage parents and friends to spread the word regarding OLD School's Open Day, Tuesday 15 March 9am!

## COMING EVENTS

### 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 - Kindey 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

### April

- Sun 1** Easter Sunday
- Mon 2** Easter Monday
- Tues 3** Staff Development Day (pupil free day)  
First Communion Parent Meeting 1.30pm or 7.00pm in the Church
- Wed 11** Yearr 6 Mercy Leadership Day
- Fri 13** Last day of Term 1
- Mon 30** Students return Term 2

*KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES*  
[w.olddbb.catholic.edu.au](http://w.olddbb.catholic.edu.au)



Our Lady of Dolours

## The Principal's Piece - Cont.



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

- 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.

**"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)**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

### Staff meeting with Holy Family, Lindfield Staff



An important way the staff are working towards *igniting* and *innovating* the teaching and learning at OLD is to *include* staff from our neighbouring school, Holy Family Lindfield. Both schools are on a journey to develop, strengthen and enhance a Culture of Thinking in all aspects of the school. Last Tuesday, the staff from both schools came together for an amazing hour of professional learning. The teachers walked around the classrooms to identify signs that a Culture of Thinking is being developed. Together, we observed that the new furniture, the wall displays teachers have created, student work samples and teacher feedback on assessment tasks were all working towards building a strong culture where thinking is visible, valued and heightened. We will continue this learning journey with the Holy Family staff during future staff meetings and school visits.

### ICAS Exams

This year we will be offering the ICAS exams for Years 3-6 in the subject areas below. Please note the month these exams will be sat.

- o Digital Technologies (May)
- o Science (May)
- o Writing (June)
- o Spelling (June)
- o English (July)
- o Mathematics (August)

These exams are not compulsory and have a fee attached to them. The ICAS exams are not endorsed by the Catholic Schools Office or by school leadership, however, we will offer them for any families who wish for their child to sit them in Years 3-6. The classroom teachers do not see or analyse the results to inform their teaching practice (unlike other assessments we conduct at school, such as the MAI, NAPLAN and PAT tests). All exams will be sat on a Thursday or Friday afternoon (after lunch) and be held in the library (these arrangements are due to the space needed and teacher supervision required).

You can visit the website to find out more information: <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/>

***Registration and payment can be done through the QKR app.***

***Closing dates for each exam registration will also be on the QKR app.***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

**Kindy Blessing Mass** - Sunday 18 March - 9 a.m. All welcome! Please see flyer in newsletter.

### Sunday Morning 9am Children's Mass

The parish also invites all classes to the Sunday Morning 9am Children's Mass. This is a beautiful Mass for you and your family to attend every Sunday and on the following dates your child's class will have a Mass dedicated for their year level.

Please put your dates in your diary:

Kindy – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of March  
Year 1 – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of June  
Year 2 – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of September  
Year 3 – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of August  
Year 4 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of October  
Year 5 – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of November  
Year 6 – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December

**Reconciliation Sacramental Program** – The Child/Parent preparation sessions have begun! Thank you to all involved in preparing our children for this wonderful sacrament about forgiveness.

We keep the following children in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

*Kiara, Serena, Lexine, Tessa, Stephanie, Madden, Caleb, Farid, Wills, Nickolas, Ryan, Jasmine, Liam, Jake, Airley, Erica, Tatiana, Ruby, Nikki, Lauren, Jason, Ava, Jacob, Kalan, Cordelia, Kaila, Kyla, Alexander M, Rocco, Roman, Alexander P, Joshua, Timothy, Aden, Brandon, Jayden, Sophia, Rosebelle, William, Zachary, Hannah T, Callum, Hannah W and Michael*

### Sacramental Dates 2018

A reminder of the 2018 Sacramental Dates for our parish:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wed 14/3 5pm and 7pm Ceremonies

Sacrament of First Eucharist Weekend of May 19 @ all Parish Masses

Sacrament of Confirmation Fri 28th Sep 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Please keep an eye on the Parish Website for details:

<http://www.chatswoodparish.org.au/>

Or contact Angela Hague for any questions:

[angela@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:angela@chatswoodparish.org.au)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Cont.

# PROJECT COMPASSION

## FOR A JUST FUTURE



Spring into action.



Think of chores you can help with at home.



Share the money you earn with others in need.

During the time of Lent each year, our school proudly participates in Project Compassion to raise funds for the world's poor. With 2018 being the **Year of Youth**, it is extra important that our children get behind this!

You will recall from previous years that children have supported this by gathering spare change and placing this in a Project Compassion box. This year we are encouraging them to 'earn' their loose coins by offering to help out at home doing small chores for you.

You may want to pay \$0.50 for every day that they tidy up, or perhaps \$1 for putting the laundry away. How much they get paid is entirely up to you, so let them practice their negotiation skills! Children can then donate their earnings to Project Compassion. (NB: Naturally we are encouraging 'chores' above and beyond the usual expectations parents have)

This is an exciting initiative to help the students develop their entrepreneurship and creative thinking, along with strengthening their sense of social justice and caring for others.

All children will come home with a form to list their earnings. Please return the completed form and donation in an envelope to their Class Teacher by Wednesday, 7 March, 2018.

FROM THE PARISH

# Kindy Blessing



The Catholic community of Chatswood **invites all** the Kindy children and their families to our:

'Kindy Blessing Mass'  
On Sunday 18 March 2018  
At our 9am Family Mass

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

During this Mass we will celebrate their 'starting school'  
with a special liturgical **blessing**.

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

**All welcome!**

## EAL/D / Literacy Support - Kylie Scarf

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday the 14th of March, Our Lady of Dolours is celebrating a very special day, Harmony Day (the whole of Australia will be celebrating in the following week). Harmony Day is an especially important day for our school as we have a wonderful diversity of 31 wonderful cultures! For our country, this day allows all Australians to acknowledge and celebrate our rich cultural diversity. It is all about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

On Harmony Day here at O.L.D, we want to acknowledge all the rich and wonderful diverse cultural backgrounds of our students.

On Harmony Day we wish for all the students to:

- ◆ Wear a “touch” of orange  
or
- ◆ Dress in Traditional Dress  
or
- ◆ Wear an accessory which represents their culture

We invite you all to come and join us for a community assembly at 11.30am in the school hall, to celebrate this special day.

*Kylie Scarf (EAL/D / Literacy Support Teacher)*





For Parents, Teachers  
& Health Professionals

# Understanding Anxiety for Students with Learning Challenges

Presented by Dr Maria Ivanka Milic  
Clinical Psychologist

Term 1 Seminar

Tuesday 27th March 2018

[www.ldc.org.au](http://www.ldc.org.au)

**VENUE:**

Castle Hill RSL, Phoenix Room,  
77 Castle St, Castle Hill

**TIME / DATE:**

Registration 9.30am  
Seminar with question time 10am to 12.30pm  
Tuesday 27th March 2018

**PARKING:**

Free parking at the Club

**COST:**

**Seminar Payment Only**

\$35 Seminar - LDC Member

\$70 Seminar - Non LDC member

**Seminar & NEW Membership Offer**

\$68 Seminar entry & NEW Individual membership (until 31 May 2019)

\$85 Seminar entry & NEW School membership (until 31 May 2019)

Anxiety is an emotion commonly experienced by everyone when faced with challenging situations. School life has daily challenges for students needing to be able to organise themselves, and demonstrate previous learning whilst acquiring new learning. These attempts are frequently observed by classmates and in many instances evaluated by teachers. Students with learning difficulties are likely to experience greater challenges relative to their peers. Research suggests a higher prevalence of anxiety in children with learning difficulties which is partially related to these extra life challenges they face.

This workshop aims to increase parents', teachers' and other professionals' understanding of anxiety in children and adolescents, and to provide a repertoire of cognitive and behavioural strategies that can be used to support them in managing their anxiety at home and in school.

2 registrants @ member rates per Individual Membership (Member + guest)

6 staff @ member rates per School/Organisation Membership

Register online @ [www.ldc.org.au](http://www.ldc.org.au) OR send completed form with payment to the LDC.

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT must be received by Tuesday 20th March 2018**

(Please note: LMBR/ EdConnect payments accepted late)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (PRINT CLEARLY): \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment type (please tick)**

GST FREE

TAX INVOICE

ABN 93 046 401 929

Paypal OR credit card (go to [www.ldc.org.au](http://www.ldc.org.au))

Cheque (Made out to "Learning Difficulties Coalition")

Post to: LDC Office, PO Box 140, Westmead, 2145

Direct Deposit (St George Bank, BSB 112 879, A/C No: 044 050 245

Please insert your surname as the reference to verify payment

Office Use Only

Date:	Receipt No:
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**Payment amount (please tick)**

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Refund of fees, less 30% administration, will be available up to 14 days prior to conference commencement. No cancellations accepted later than 14 days to conference. Substitute delegates welcomed at no extra charge.

## Community News

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### NRL Tipping Competition



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/>

The NRL season commences Thursday 8 March 7:50pm!!! And by the way, it was wonderful to see the Bunnies win their trial game last weekend.

Happy tipping!

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Dear Parents,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to once a term, during the school year, except for term 3 (available only terms 1, 2 and 4). We will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.



## Community News



Please click on the [link](#) to view the updated School Parking Booklet.

Hi Everyone,

This is just a quick reminder that the Child Restraint Checking day will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 8am-1pm**.

The checks are held at the Chatswood Youth Centre car park on Victor Street, Chatswood, which is between the Dougherty Centre and Albert Ave. The best way to find it is to turn onto Victor Street as though you are going into the Westfield car park. The Youth Centre car park is directly opposite the entry to the Westfield car park but you can't get in from here so carry on along Victor Street to the roundabout, turn around there and come back past the pedestrian crossing and we will be in the undercover car park. The aerial photo below shows the basketball courts that are on the roof of the car park. You can't miss us once you enter the car park! You will be served in the order you arrive so no bookings are required.

