

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 6 - 6 March 2018

The Principal's Piece - Philip Ledlin

Parent 'Engagement' at OLD:

In the spirit of our new School Vision, "Ignite, Innovate and Engage in Mercy", I felt compelled to give a plug for the new initiative that's arisen from the Year 2 families last week at OLD:



It seems to me that this entire 'engagement' concept can be 'plain old fun'.

Thank you, sincerely, to everyone at OLD who is going the extra mile to make this place even better.

To close, I leave you with a thought that I've adapted from a famous Mother Teresa quote:

"Engagement begins with a smile"

Continuing with the 'engagement' theme:

Thanks to the energy and excitement in the Stage 3 classrooms (ie Years 5 and 6), there will be a working bee at OLD on Friday 16 March from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Attendance at this working bee is strictly for Year 5 and Year 6 students only ... Parents from all classes K-6 are most welcome - (indeed 'needed'!).

This working bee coincides with the learning in Stage 3 classrooms; it also coincides with the development of the gardens at school. The main objective of the working bee is to paint and waterproof a number of large pots for the school gardens.

Furthermore on engagement

Don't forget The Big Night Out get together this coming Friday 7.30pm "The Avenue"!

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 - Kindy 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** Year 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.olddb.catholic.edu.au



[Our Lady of Dolours](http://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au)

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

And one last word on the engagement theme:

Thank you, most sincerely, to all the Parent Co-ordinators from each and every class K-6 who have generously volunteered to lead the engagement and communication for their respective year groups. I particularly thank Catherine Moores (Alexander Y3 and Grace K) and Kate Stipo (Liana Y5 and Sophia Y3) for the extraordinary role they have played over so many years organising all class parent co-ordinators K-6 ... and also for their vital role in 'engagement' across the board!

Thank you to the following 'engagement' leaders at OLD - (ie Class Parent Co-ordinators):

KB

Julia Cheung
Melissa Chung
Ali Henderson
Soraya Alali
Selvia Wijaya
Cathy Troughton
Catherine Moores

KG

Sylvia Capra
Joylee Lim
Julie Roman
Gerlie Yalung

1B

Rebecca Musumeci
Joe Siu
Michelle Stanley
Katerina & Lou Trani

1G

Kate Crichton
Reena Ma
Roderick Seeto
Holly Treder

2B

Rosalie Keledjian
Suzanne Chu

2G

Anton & Cristina Barancik
Sonya Purches
Ann Perez

3B

Julia Cheung
Caroline Parissis
Kate & Michael Stipo
Catherine Moores

3G

Regina Benisano
Soraya Alali
Glenda Chan

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Continuing

4B

Antonia Autore
Penny Ng
Suchitra Prabhu (Sue)

4G

Katerina Planska

5B

Regina Benisano
Kate & Michael Stipo

6G

Ali Henderson
Fiona Schmidberger
Michelle Chin

Open Day for Kindergarten 2019 (and for all other interested families too) NEXT WEEK!!!:

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



The poster features the school's crest at the top left, which includes a star and the letters 'M' and 'D'. To the right of the crest is a photograph of three children in school uniforms smiling. Below the photo is a yellow banner with the text 'OUR LADY OF DOLOURS'. Underneath that is a blue banner with 'OPEN MORNING' in large white letters, followed by 'THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018' in smaller white letters. To the right of this blue banner is a white box with 'ENROL NOW FOR 2019' in blue text. Below the blue banner is a dark blue section with white text: '9am - 10.30am', 'Come and see what a Catholic education can offer your child.', 'Together we strive to make a difference as a community by embracing and celebrating the uniqueness, creativity and achievements of each individual.', and 'School tours can also be arranged by appointment.'. At the bottom of the dark blue section is the school's name and address: 'OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 94a Archer St Chatswood NSW 2067', along with telephone and email information. The bottom of the poster has a white banner with the website 'olddb.catholic.edu.au'.

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Continuing

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

A wonderful mix of young and experienced staff at OLD!

Last week at the Diocesan Schools Staff Mass, three 'new' teachers to the teaching profession were welcomed and recognised with a special presentation.

Congratulations Nicole, Lara and Matthew!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Uniform

I wish to thank all the students who are wearing their uniforms with so much pride this year. I have noticed a marked improvement in the way the students are wearing the correct uniform (down to the colour of their socks and ribbons). Well done everyone!

Sport! Sport! Sport!

Today we wish a large group of students all the very best of luck as they represent the school at the North Shore Cluster swimming carnival. We will update the community on this carnival in next week's newsletter. We thank Mr Martin for his work organising this swimming team and our entry into the carnival.

Over the past two days the students at OLD have participated in some fantastic sport lessons led by Chatswood Rugby Club. The students in all grades have learnt how to throw torpedo passes, score tries and side step opponents. Thank you to Miss Adeline for facilitating these lessons.



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GATEways Science enrichment day

Last week a number of students were chosen by the teachers to attend an enrichment day for Science run by GATEways. Jonathan T (Yr 2), Roman (Yr 3), Joshua (Yr 3), Lexine (Yr 3), Jayden (Yr 4), Genevieve (Yr 4) and Emma (Yr 6) all represented the school beautifully at these two days. Throughout the days the students investigated, experimented and explored scientific concepts and theories. I wish to thank and congratulate the students for being chosen to participate in this wonderful experience and for their outstanding behaviour and critical thinking skills. Please enjoy Roman's recount of his experience.

My Science Day – by Roman Paredes

I woke up before sunrise because I was really excited to attend 'Science Alive!' and meet kids from other schools that have a curious scientific mind like me. First, we had a workshop called 'A World Of Wonder' to explore the inside of the human body. We used red and white jellybeans to see how red and white blood cells work in a drop of blood! Next was a workshop called 'Deadly' where we discovered venomous or poisonous creatures like the Dart Frog, what happens when venom gets into our body, and how anti-venom is used to reverse it. Our final workshop was called 'You Are Not Alone' where we discovered different relationships between animals including who eats who and who needs each other for survival!

It was a really awesome day.

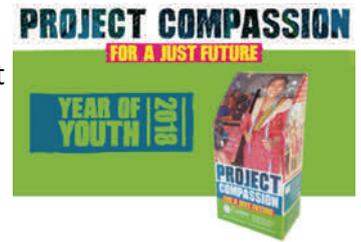
From Roman Year 3



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Project Compassion

Lent ends on Thursday 29th of March. Please bring your small home Project Compassion collection boxes back to school anytime during Week 9. All collection finalised by 29/3.



Thank you for your generous donations.

Project Compassion: Chores for Others Fundraiser

We hope your children have been busy doing extra chores around the home to collect additional money for Project Compassion and recording their efforts on their sponsor form.



All sponsor forms and money to be returned this Wednesday, 7 March.

It is wonderful to actually get your children doing hands on help for others...this is social justice. The chores and raising money to help others should prompt some rich social justice discussions at home.

Go to: <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion#stories> and read a different story during each week of Lent focused on the theme "A Just Future," and featuring a new country each week, the stories explain the issues faced in each country. They also highlight how Caritas Australia is working together with vulnerable people, helping them to develop their strengths and create change in their own communities.

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Kindy Blessing Mass

Sunday 18 March - 9 a.m. All welcome! Please see flyer in newsletter. The mass will be followed by a play in Beauchamp Park. See Kindy class mums for further details.

Invitation to attend the Harmony Day Liturgy and Celebration:

Next Wed 14th of March at 11:30am in Harrington Hall

Miss Scarf is busy preparing a beautiful liturgy and celebration to acknowledge our wonderful cultural diversity. It's all about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging.

Sunday Morning 9am Children's Mass

Please put your dates in your diary:

Kindy – Sunday 18th of March

Year 1 – Sunday 17th of June

Year 2 – Sunday 16th of September

Year 3 – Sunday 19th of August

Year 4 – Sunday 21st of October

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Year 6 – Sunday 2nd of December

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Reconciliation Sacramental Program

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

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

AWARD WINNERS Week 4



SPORT

Sport

This week all students had the opportunity to take part in sports sessions run by Chatswood Rugby Club. Mike and his coaches set up high energy, engaging games and activities that required students to perform a range of skills such as passing, dodging and coordination work. Students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the sessions and igniting some friendly competition between peers. The Chatswood Rugby Club welcomes all boys and girls from under-5s up for the 2018 season. If your child would like to get involved, please visit their website: www.chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au or you can come along to any weekly training session Wednesday at Beauchamp Park from 4pm.

Miss Nicole Adeline



Community News

Dear Our Lady of Dolours Community,

We would like to invite you to our Working Bee on Friday 16th March from 3.30 – 5.30pm.

The Working Bee is open to all parents and Stage Three students.

The Working Bee is the beginning project for our community garden in Ferguson Lane. We will be painting and waterproofing the large planter boxes which are already on site.

Paint, rollers and tarpaulins will be provided, however if you are able to provide rollers or tarpaulins for this, it would be very much appreciated.

Refreshments will be provided.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Working Bee.

Yours sincerely

Stage Three (Year 5 and 6) Students



Items for newsletter need to be submitted to the office by a Monday afternoon

Many thanks for your assistance

Office Staff



BIRTHDAY ICEBLOCKS PURCHASE FROM CANTEEN



As you are aware, there is no sharing of lollies, cakes or any food treats at school for birthdays.

If you would like to purchase ice blocks for your child's class on their birthday this can be arranged through the school canteen only.

Please email your order **with at least one weeks notice** to Janelle Arena or Zoey Cortese at olodcanteen@yahoo.com.au

Your choice of ice blocks are **Quelch Sticks 50c, Icy Twists \$1 or Mini Calipos \$1**

Payment is to be made on the day or before to the school office in an envelope marked **Canteen Birthday Ice Blocks** with your child's name and class.

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
Qkr or PSF box - 5th March 2018

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 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 QQR 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!!!

Happy tipping!

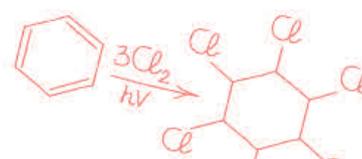
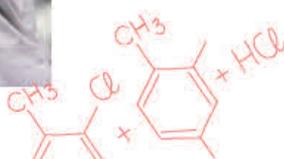
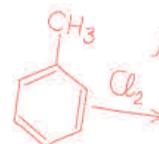


SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – mq.edu.au/about/holidays

- 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





KIRK STREET PICKUP

For those parents, grandparents and carers who make use of the Kirk Street Pickup line, please be advised that council rangers are rostered to monitor the area every day.

Cars are not permitted to wait in the pick-up line before teachers and students have arrived at 3:05pm.

Waiting cars create an issue with traffic trying to turn into Kirk Street from Archer Street, and this, in turn, causes traffic issues in Archer Street itself. The council is concerned with the potential safety risks to pedestrians in both Archer and Kirk Street.

The penalty for stopping and waiting in the Pickup line area is \$183 and 1 demerit point.

Harmony Day Celebration 2018



Lantern Parade and Workshops

Celebrating our Cultural Diversity



FREE
EVENTS

Lantern Making Workshops

10am - 2pm, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March

Bookings recommended | Various time slots

The Concourse (outdoor area)

Cultural Events @ Chatswood Mall Markets

6.30pm - 8pm, Friday 23 March

7.15pm Lantern Parade – All welcome

For registration and information, phone 9777 7595 or visit www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au





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Friday, 23rd March 2018

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