

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 7 - 13 March 2018

The Principal's Piece

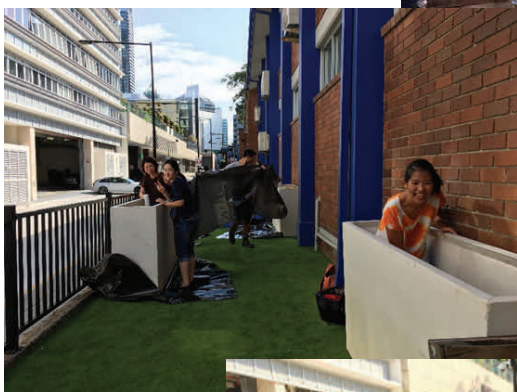
Working Bee Bonanza:

A big shout-out of thanks goes to the fabulous team of parents, friends, grandparents, staff and students who transformed the school last Friday afternoon.

Check out the Growers Garden ... Check out the newly painted student toilet doors ...

Check out the painted pots facing Ferguson Lane.

Thank you one and all .



COMING EVENTS

March

Mon 19 Year 5 & 6 Canberra

to Excursion

Wed 21 "1,2,3 Magic" 9am-11am

Thur 29 Holy Week Ceremony -
whole school (Harrington
Hall) 9am

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.olddbb.catholic.edu.au*

[Our Lady of Dolours](#)



The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Where is Mr Ledlin this week?

This week, I am attending the Stage 3 Camp to Canberra (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Also, on Thursday, I will be at the CSO Director & Principals' Meeting.

I thank Miss Kirsty Thorpe for working in the Acting Principal role this week.

Enrolments – Kindergarten 2019 ... We have commenced interviewing!

Parents are reminded to complete the formal enrolment application for K 2019 now.

Interviews for prospective K 2019 enrolments will commence the week of Tuesday 27th March. Appointments can be booked through the school office now – Thank you.

Don't forget that this is an interview for parents and their K 2019 child.

Workshops with Fr Jim for all prospective K 2019 enrolments:

Fr Jim is running workshops for all K 2019 prospective enrolments -

Dates for workshops (NB parents only need to attend one of the workshops):

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|------------------------|---|
| Wednesday 21 March 7pm | (Venue "The Blue Room" ie the OLD Music Room) |
| Thursday 22 March 2pm | (Venue "The school Library") |
| Saturday 7 April 10am | (Venue "The Blue Room" ie the OLD Music Room) |

Parent Education Sessions at OLD:

All Parents are reminded about the up and coming Parent Education Sessions at OLD:

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 21 March 9am-11am | - 2 nd and final session of 1, 2, 3 Magic |
| Monday 26 March 6pm-7pm | - "Numeracy @ OLD" – Session #1 of fun - (Led by Miss Kirsty Thorpe) |
| Wednesday 4 April 9am-10am | - "A Culture of Thinking @ OLD" - (Led by Mr Philip Ledlin) |
| Thursday 5 April 6pm-7pm | - "Numeracy @ OLD" – Session #2 of fun - (Led by Miss Kirsty Thorpe) |

OLD will celebrate National Ride2School Day Friday 23 March: National Ride2School Day is on Friday 23 March. Families/ students/staff are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to school. For more information visit www.ride2school.com.au

School Promotional Video – Monday 26/3 9am:

On Monday (26/3) at 9am, the Catholic Schools Office has arranged for a professional to shoot camera/video footage and to also interview at OLD School – (The video will be specifically for our new school website that's under construction).

Please consider coming along for a few minutes if you'd like to be interviewed briefly ... we'll make it a bit of fun!

(Please note that this session was originally planned for 14/3 but has been postponed to 26/3)

A big thank you to the uniform shop ladies:

Thank you, sincerely, to the Uniform Shop ladies who have championed a big organisational tidy up in the Uniform Shop.

They are excited to announce the **Grand Opening Sale** on **FRIDAY 23/3**

Thank you, Reena, Michelle, Melissa and Katie for making this happen!

Thank you to someone special – we don't know who you are:

Recently, a bundle of beautiful books were left at our school library. Thank you, sincerely, to the generous parent!

The photo below shows Mrs Louise Murphy (OLD Librarian) promoting the books with staff:



The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Congratulations Ryan and Lucas

Congratulations to Ryan and Lucas for signing up for "The World's Greatest Shave". Donations can be made at school in their collection box ... All funds raised go to support Blood Cancer Research.

The photos below show Ryan and Lucas revealing their new look at assembly!



The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Footy Tipping at OLD:

Oh dear, I've slipped further back to 30th place ... I remind readers that I am playing 'The Long Game' ... Look out 'Jane79'; I'm just warming up.

OVERALL LADDER		
RANK	TIPSTER	POINTS
1	 Jane79	30
2	 PurpleTikiAroha17	26
3	 Greenie	22
3	 The Treddybears	22
5	 GuthriesOfMoola	20
5	 JGMM	20
5	 Roosters forever	20
5	 StipoFam	20
9	 kch00y	18
9	 Liza11	18
9	 Mother Moo	18
9	 murph12	18
9	 Rowland	18
9	 The Mighty Maroons	18
15	 13HailMarys	16
15	 cookie1	16
15	 kathryn.gray	16
15	 Missile	16
15	 Rajo	16
15	 Thorpey	16
21	 Brown4thecrown	14
21	 jimmck	14
21	 KouraKlub	14
21	 LaraBliss	14
21	 Marvellous Moores	14
21	 MrMcCleanWillWin	14
21	 The Ex Mainly Ballboy	14
21	 Watolls_House	14
21	 Webster Cross	14
30	 Mr L	12
30	 NicAdeline	12
30	 OLDFITZY	12
30	 Parra4ever	12
34	 OLD Low Boys	10
34	 PorschashyParedes	10
34	 RomentaIParedes	10
34	 Zachansel	10
38	 Go The Roosters	8

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.



Invitation to attend the Holy Week Celebrations:

At the 8:45 a.m. Morning Assembly on Friday 23rd March Kindergarten will dramatise the events of Palm Sunday (which is on Sunday 25th March) to a song.



Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will hold a more solemn experience on Holy Thursday at 9 a.m. in Harrington Hall Thursday 29th March. Kindy will attend this reflective experience.

Parents are welcome to join us for both of these experiences.

Reconciliation Sacrament: Congratulations!

We congratulate the following children for experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

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

It was a beautiful experience for all of us to watch the children speaking to the priests and returning to their seats with big hugs for their family, full of love and joy.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Sacramental Information: First Holy Communion

Enrolments for the 2018 **First Holy Communion Preparation Program** open Monday 19 March via Trybooking. Enrolments close on Wednesday 28 March. This gives just 10 days to enroll!

A link to enroll via Trybooking can be found on the parish website, along with a link to instructions on what you need to know and how to enroll. The following link takes you to the 'Children's Sacramental Program' Enrolments page. From there, just scroll down past Reconciliation to find the First Communion enrolments links.

<http://www.chatswood.dbb.org.au/Sacraments/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=136>

If you have any queries about the program or the enrolment procedure, please don't hesitate to contact Angela Hague at the parish office. Angela looks forward to seeing you at the Parent Meeting Tuesday 3 April in the Church.

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

Phone: 9410 9033



Social Justice at OLD: Leukaemia Foundation

Well done Lucas and Ryan for taking action to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The boys rallied for donations in Chatswood Chase and the school community has also been very generous to their cause. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray continued

Kindy Blessing Mass

Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers, students and their families for attending the Parish Family Mass on Sunday. Our very talented Parish Priest, Father Jim, involved our beautiful Kindies in the mass through story telling and song. A prayerful and happy time was had by all. A play and morning tea followed the mass.



Father John's Visit to Year 3

Last week Fr John visited Year 3 to support the students in their final preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children listened very well and participated in this very important lesson. Thank you Fr John!

Deacon Kevin is coming to speak with the Year 2 students on Wednesday about Lent to Easter. We look forward to this visit. Thanks Deacon Kevin.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Social Media

In light of National Bullying Day last Friday I wanted to give a timely reminder about social media, as 'Cyber Bullying' is now a serious concern in our society:

- Children under the age of 13 are not permitted to have a Facebook, Snapchat or Instagram account.
- Be aware of the internet sites your child visits - some include public chats that are not screened.
- Ensure all devices are used in view of an adult.
- Regularly talk about 'Cyber Safety' with your children (This is a great site to visit with older children or to upskill yourself <https://www.opencolleges.edu.au/informed/cyber-safety/>)
- Parents must gain permission before posting photos of someone else's child on a social media platform.
- The school has written permission from all parents to use photos. Students without this permission are not included in our school's Facebook page (Facebook page School: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood). Please do not use photos from our Facebook page without parental and school permission.
- Please be aware 'Cyber Safety' is taught explicitly by the teachers in every grade and the Internet agreements signed by the children are regularly referred to when using devices at school.

Further to Miss Kirsty Thorpe's notes ... From Mr Philip Ledlin:

Further to Kirsty's important notes re Social Media, it is timely for me to respectfully report to all parents and friends about several important Diocese of Broken Bay expectations:

- Any social media site referring to OLD in the site name needs the approval of the school principal – (If approval is granted, this site must have the following people with 'administration rights': School Principal, Assistant Principal and one School Admin' person too)
- No children's photos or videos are permitted to be posted on an approved OLD P+F Facebook site – (Please note that the official OLD School Facebook site is managed by the school and we have specific parent/guardian permission to publish all the photos posted to this site)
- Any approved OLD P+F Facebook site must be open to any/all OLD parents and friends at all times

Finally: Parents and Friends are reminded that they must never post photos/videos of students (other than their own) on their personal Facebook site

Parents and Friends might have noticed that the following message was recently posted on the OLD P+F Facebook site. I will work to rectify the situation ASAP because I know only too well the important advantages of Social Media that help to get us closer to our 2020 School Vision: "Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy".

(Message recently posted to the OLD P+F Facebook site: "Dear Parents and Friends of Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School, Chatswood.

I am currently reviewing our Broken Bay Diocesan Schools' expectations for Parents and Friends' use of Social Media and need to temporarily close this Facebook site. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will work to speedily activate a P+F Facebook site that meets Broken Bay Diocesan standards."

Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

Philip Ledlin

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Harmony Day

Last week we had another wonderful Harmony Day. A day where we celebrate the unique and amazing cultural diversity here at OLD. A big thank you to Mrs Kylie Scarf for organising the whole school assembly where we were led through prayers thanking God for the beautiful school we have where all cultures are welcomed, included and celebrated. Our students taught us how to say hello in many different languages, showed off their elegant traditional costumes and proudly displayed some of the flags of their heritage. And what about the talented Mr Ledlin playing the didgeridoo! Let's continue the celebration of our cultural diversity throughout the whole year (don't forget to let Mr Ledlin or myself know if you have a national celebration coming up that you would like acknowledged at assembly).



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe



ICAS Test – Digital Technologies

The ICAS Digital Technologies test registration will close at **10am Wednesday 21st** (tomorrow). We cannot accept any late registrations. Please register through QKR before 10am.

Numeracy Parent Education

Our first session is next Monday night and places are filling fast. Please send your registration by this Friday to the school office. Information over the page.



Numeracy Parent Education



With the creating of our vision '**Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy**' I wish to invite all parents to participate in a two part education program for Mathematics and Numeracy. I will be running these sessions with the assistance of some classroom teachers. In these sessions you will learn about the educational philosophy behind how we teach maths (not only at OLD but in every diocesan school) and how this may differ from your school years. By participating in Parent Education you can become an empowered, informed and active partner in your child's education. Through the Parent Education sessions you will be able to learn how to assist your child at home, understand how the teachers at OLD teach maths and you may even become a more confident mathematician yourself.

Each session will include many hands on games and activities that you can use at home, plus all participants will be given some fun maths equipment to take home and use with their children.

When I have run this course in the past some of the participants have said:

"I finished school in '84 and I realise now that I never understood the concepts of what I was being taught and I'm thrilled teaching has changed."

"Some things I'll take away from the Parent Education sessions are some great learning tools and games. I now know that Maths can be FUN!!"

"You should do it! It's important to understand how our children are being taught so we're best able to help them produce and enhance their skills."

"If there is only one education course you can do, do your children a favour and go!"

Please return the form or email the school by Friday 23rd March.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the first session,

Kirsty Thorpe (Assistant Principal and Numeracy Co-ordinator)

Name:

Child's class:

☐

I understand that by registering for this Parent Education, I am committing to the two sessions.

Session 1: Monday 26th March, 6-7pm

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AND

Session 2: Thursday 5th April, 6-7pm

Signature:

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

MEDICATION

Staff are not allowed to give any medication to a student without a completed "Request to Administer Medication in School" Form being submitted with the medication. This form must be signed by both a doctor and parent/carer. A copy of this form is available on our school website and at the school office. To ensure clear communication for the care of your child, please also inform the class teacher of any medication requirements.

All medication needs to be in the original packaging or pharmacy dispensary blister packs.



Insert
student
photo

REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Note: If your child is to take more than one prescribed medication, please attach a separate request for each medication.

SCHOOL NAME/SUBURB:

STUDENT SURNAME: FIRST NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH: / / YEAR LEVEL..... GENDER: M ☐ F ☐

Section below to be completed by the Prescribing Health Practitioner with the Parent / Carer and returned to the School.

Please identify the medication (prescribed or 'over the counter') that the student requires during school hours including any emergency medication.

Name of prescribed medication:

Dosage (e.g. 5 mg) and Route of administration (e.g. oral, by injection)

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Time to be given:

Special instructions for administering the prescribed or 'over the counter' medication (e.g. must be taken with food or with a glass of water).....

.....

Prescribed for (name of medical condition):

.....

Special medication storage instructions (if any e.g. store in refrigerator):

.....

Are there any likely side effects from this medication? No ☐ Yes ☐

Describe the side effects:

Request for child to self-administer their medication for **Years 3-6 ONLY**

If your child administers his or her own medication at home, do you request that he or she self-administers this medication at school? N/A ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐

Please describe what support your child needs to administer the medication in a non-emergency situation at school. You may like to include information about how you support your child at home to administer their medication.

Note: The Principal needs to approve a decision for a student to self-administer.

Continue over the page



REQUEST TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION IN SCHOOL **continued**

I request that school staff administer the necessary medication to this student while at school.

STUDENT SURNAME: FIRST NAME:

DOB:

GENDER: M ☐

F ☐

I confirm that the information provided to the school is the complete and necessary information to administer the medication. I also understand and agree that it is my responsibility (parent / carer) to provide the school with the *prescribed or 'over the counter' medication* and inform the Principal of any changes involving the administration of the medication and will do so in writing as specified in the 'Medication Policy' for Diocesan Systemic Schools.

Parent / Carer Name: – Please Print:

Address:

Home phone: Work phone:

Mobile phone: Email:

Parent Signature: Date:

Prescribing Health Practitioner – Print Name:

Practice address:

Phone: Qualifications:

Apply practice stamp here:

This authorisation applies for the period starting from: to:

Prescribing Health Practitioner Signature:

Date:

NOTE: For school staff to administer any medication including 'over the counter medication', authorisation is required from a Prescribing Health Practitioner.
This form *WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED* by school staff *UNLESS* it has been completed, signed and stamped by the Prescribing Health Practitioner.

Privacy notice: The information requested on this form is essential for assisting the school to plan for the support of your child's health needs. It will be used by the school for the development of arrangements with you to support your child's health needs. Provision of this information is voluntary. If you do not provide all or any of this information, the school's capacity to support your child's health needs could be impaired. This information will be stored securely. You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Principal.

Office Only: When this course of medication concludes, please retain this form in the student's school file.

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OPEN this Friday
23rd March
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm
Nothing over \$10!



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.



Newsletter submissions

Please remember all newsletter submissions need to be to the school office by Monday 3pm.
Thankyou for your assistance



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



Entry is now open in the
2018 School Writing Competition!

Students all over Australia are invited to enter their Poems OR Short Stories, and battle it out for the great CASH prizes on offer!

*Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on **any** topic and in **any** style. Students from all grades are welcome to enter.*

For more details go to: www.write4fun.net,

Community News



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to help build
our classroom
resources

ISSUE 2
orders are due:

Friday, 23rd March 2018

Bookclub orders will arrive within 10 business days after Loop Orders are closed on 23rd March. If your child can bring their library bags to take their books home, that would be great to help reduce plastic bag use as this is not provided by Scholastic.

Please contact oldscholasticbookclub@gmail.com if you would like to help your child collect their order.

Regards,

Julie Roman, Sylvia Capra and Katie Crichton

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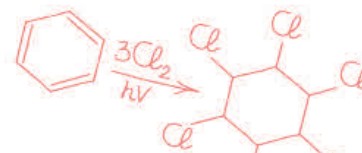
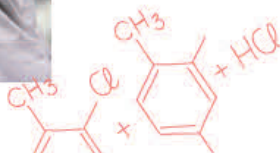
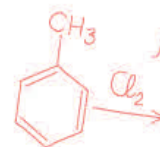
Junior
SCIENCE ACADEMY

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



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