

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 9 - 27 March 2018

The Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we approach the most important time of the year in our church calendar, I encourage you to actively get involved in the Easter ceremonies in our parish over the coming break:

Fr Jim McKeon invites the students, parents and staff of Our Lady of Dolours Primary School to celebrate Easter at Chatswood Parish.

10am Good Friday is a Passion Play presented by our teenagers and young adults with action, spoken word, music and silence to remember the passion and death of Jesus.

9am Easter Sunday morning is our children's and family Mass celebrating the resurrection of Jesus in a joyful way.

And may you have a happy and holy Easter weekend wherever you might be.

Regards,

Fr Jim

Parents are also warmly invited to our 'Holy Week/Easter Liturgy' in Harrington Hall (our school hall) at 2pm on Thursday 29 March (ie Holy Thursday)

THE FOLLOWING STORY WILL BE SIMPLIFIED AND SHARED AT OUR 'HOLY WEEK/EASTER LITURGY' 29.3.18 ... CAN YOU SEE THE EASTER CONNECTION?

There's a story told about a colony of ants with only five legs. Whenever they walked, they went ONE-TWO-HITCH, ONE-TWO-HITCH, all along the path. These ants lived on decayed banana leaves and nothing else. I shouldn't say they lived, for many of them died. Banana leaves, especially in their rotten state, are rather hard to find, and so the ants had a very hard life. Many of them died young from over-exertion and starvation.

Now, it happened one day that a very strange ant was born among them. This ant had six legs. All the ants clicked their tongues in consternation. Many tried their best to console the parents on their child's deformity. Some suggested that for the good of the community they ought to kill him in infancy, but the mother pleaded hard, so they let him live.

Strangely enough, this little ant was soon rushing around faster than his elders. And, worse than that, he had a very awkward way of walking. "Look," they tried to tell him, "You don't know how to walk correctly. You have to go ONE-TWO-HITCH, ONE-TWO-HITCH. Now, try it properly."

So the little ant would try to put a little hitch in his step, but every time he tried, that sixth foot would come down [without a hitch] and he'd leave his teachers far behind. They gave up in disgust. When he was half-grown, his elders noticed another peculiarity. He was eating breadcrumbs. 'Stop' they cried. "They're poison. You mustn't do that. If you eat even two little pieces you'll die." But the little ant continued eating. They waited for him to fall over dead, but nothing happened. Instead, as the days went by, he grew strong and big, bigger even than the biggest of grown-ups. This was outrageous.

But the real crisis didn't come until he was fully grown.

The colony had been told to move quickly from their home to another place, for the dreaded driver ants were marching against them. The job of moving was very slow, for in order to move the nest, an egg had to be loaded on the back of an ant.

COMING EVENTS

March

Thur 29 Holy Week Ceremony - whole school (Harrington Hall) 2 pm

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

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The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Then two other ants climbed on his back, holding the egg in place. They had to keep it from rolling off at every hitch, you see. So the egg was carried along and the ant under the egg would be more dead than alive when they arrived.

They had just started moving their eggs when they noticed the six-legged monstrosity coming towards them at a rapid rate. "Hurry up, you lazy thing," they cried between puffs, "You have work to do." They had barely got the words out of their mouths when he passed them on the double and was back again carrying an egg between – of all places – his two front feet. "You can't do that," they screamed, "You'll break it. And anyway, you'll never get there."

"I've already been there and back twice," he replied, "and I haven't broken one yet. Let me show you how to do it."

This was the last straw. Almost choking with rage, they dropped their eggs in a heap and rushed at him. "He has a devil," cried his enemies. "He is perverting the peace. He is spoiling the nation. He is teaching others this treason. It is better that he should die than that our whole nation should perish. Away with him. Kill him."

At this point, they tied him to a tree and poked a pointy twig through his heart.

"There," they growled in grim satisfaction some time later, "he'll never try to teach us again. We'll solve our own problems, thank you."

Then they went back to work.

ONE-TWO-HITCH, ONE-TWO-HITCH ONE-TWO-HITCH

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

Parents are reminded to complete the formal enrolment application for K2019 now.

Interviews for prospective K2019 enrolments have commenced, and you need to book your appointment at the school office now – Thank you.

Don't forget that this is an interview for parents and their K2019 child.

Parent Education Sessions at OLD:

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

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| 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) |



Important reminder re students NOT sharing food at school:

I respectfully ask all parents (particularly parents of K,1,2) to talk to their child/ren about not sharing any food at school. This is a particularly important directive considering the serious issues around allergic reactions.

I note that it is also timely for me to respectfully remind parents (and students) that no students are permitted to share canteen purchases; indeed no students are permitted to purchase food for a friend either.

Thank you for your anticipated support regarding all of the above.

Tuesday 3rd April Pupil Free Day

Just a friendly reminder that Tuesday 3rd April is a Pupil Free Day

Newsletter Week 10

Due to next week being a short week there will be no newsletter, any important information will be forwarded to families directly via email if required. Thank you for your understanding.

The visit to Canberra

By: Journalist Chloe and Gabrielle

The buzzing excitement coming from the students hung in the misty morning air. As we saw the mountainous flag in the vast distance hovering above the mellow sunrise as shades of light and darkness came upon us. What we saw on TV almost every morning was here. Our pleasant bus driver, Dave, fed us with information about the size of the flag which was as big as a double decker bus waving with pride on top of the illustrious New Parliament House. We saw the bright majestic Senate and the House of Representatives. Loud arguing echoed through the thin timber doors.

One of the popular events was cabins time. It was similar to an enjoyable sleepover with your class. Secretly popping lollies in our smiling mouths as cacophonous laughs triggered the teachers.

As the sun reached for the sky we voted on our favourite fruits and learnt about the history of voting at the Old Parliament House.

The miniature clay sculptures modelled in minute towns and a large train traveling through the countries holding exaggerating smiles. Cockington Green was entertaining, experiencing different diverse cultures of architecture.

Magnetic forces, lightning, natural disasters and space, were only a few things we learnt at Questacon, it was a bountiful time.

Longing our homes our smiles got wider as we got closer to school. We saw our parents with relieved faces waving out to us.

Gabby and Chloe



Although the trip was rushed, although the bed was cramped, it didn't really matter to us because we all had a fun time together. Many thanks to our bus driver, Dave, who took us around Canberra. We went to Parliament House first, then the War Memorial and a favourite which was Questacon. Cabin time, was one of the highlights of this trip. It was a time for us to get to know each other and a time to relax and reflect on what happened during the day. This enjoyable camp was over in a blink of an eye. Overall, the trip gave us a much knowledge to share with our friends and family.

Vincy, Sophia and Panny

Year 5/6 Camp

Camp Recount

By Sabina, Audrey and Gwenaelle

During the Canberra camp, there were many boisterous experiences that we appreciated and will never forget. But our favourite event was the visit to New Parliament House. When we first arrived there, we saw the flags of Myanmar (Burma) in between the Australian flags. Mr McClean explained that the Parliament did this because Myanmar's president was visiting Australia. The intertwining of the flags meant that our countries were in peace and it would also make the President feel comfortable and secure in Australia. We got to see popular political people such as Pauline Hanson, Penny Wong and many more. After that, we held our own debate about if Australia should accumulate more hours of team sport. We had a speaker, clerk, Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Government, Opposition and the Independents. In the end, the government won by a lot. We learnt countless amounts of information about voting, electoral divisions and state populations. Stage 3 will definitely all use this information in the future. The camp was very educational and stacks of fun.

Stage 3 Camp

By: Mikaela.A, Hope.B, Ethan.T 6B

Day 1

Last week all of Stage 3 went on the Canberra camp. The bus trip was about 3 hours. When we arrived in Canberra, the first thing we did was go to Parliament House which looks out to the peak of Mt Ainslie and to the Parade of the War Memorial. After that we took the bus to the Gold Creek Motel.

Day 2 We went to Old Parliament House. After that we went to the top of Mount Ainslie where you could see the whole of Canberra. We also went to the Anzac Memorial where we watched the Anzac service.

Day 3 We went to the Art Gallery. We saw the paintings we have been learning about including works by Albert Namatjira and Sidney Nolan. After that we went to Questacon. It had so many different areas but number 6 was probably everyone's favourite because it had the free fall! The free fall is where you hang on a monkey bar then just drop. Lots of kids did it, but the funniest was when Mr Ledlin did it.



Year 5/6 Camp

Canberra Excursion

Waking up at 5am, the first step to an exciting journey ahead of us. Waiting anxiously in the silent but crowded library quivering with excitement as others filled the room. As we left our parents with goodbyes; we were one step closer to our 2018 camp. In a flash, we were on the bus and at Canberra busting to know everything. Long and tedious, fun and exciting we began to approach Canberra. Beautiful scenery surrounded us as we admired the beautiful City. Throughout the whole trip we got to experience a whole day at Parliament House where we witnessed a live Senate debate! We also got to go to more incredible sights and attractions including the Famous War Memorial, The National Art Gallery, The National Electoral Museum, The amazing Questacon and more exciting things. Questacon was an experience to remember; we faced fears on the free fall, we learnt about science and how things worked. All of us had a great time and learnt so much about The Capital Of Australia. Even those cabins with our friends, and newfound memories changed the way we see Canberra. Our dreams were coming true.

A great experience! A lot of fun! And an unforgettable time!

Charlotte and Lindsay.

Camp, Thrills, Spills and Chills

By Lilly And Ilona

We woke up at the crack of dawn, to race off to school, trying not to miss the bus that we will be on for the next 3.5 hours. This was only the start of a marvellous three days that we would spend in Canberra.

Some of our favourite parts (well all of the parts were fabulous) were when we went to New Parliament House. At the front was a guy with a massive gum that spooked us. One of the things we did inside was watch the question time in the Senate where they were arguing. We also looked at different places and saw some paintings of past Prime Ministers. Also, we saw some lovely views from Mount Ainslie and had a train ride at Cockington Green.

We went to Old Parliament house. In there we had to wear gloves so that the oils from our skin did not damage things. In the Old House of Representatives we got to act and some people got to be the Speaker. We did a mini ballot; it was really fun. Also, we learnt how voting worked and how Paul Fletcher was voted into Bradfield. We voted for our favourite fruits. The choices were: Apple, Orange, Peach and Banana. Apple won, of course, but in the other group Peach and Apple tied. So overall Apple won.

We would just like to thank a few people; Our Parents, the Teachers and our Principal for making this excursion possible. This was definitely a worthwhile excursion that we really wished was longer because it was so much fun!

Canberra Excursion

The Canberra excursion was a great success and it was a pleasure to take away such a fantastic group of inquisitive learners. Mr Ledlin and the teachers were so proud of the excellent behaviour the students showed at all times. Every guide we had commented on the attentiveness and co-operation of the children. Even our bus driver said our school had been the best he had encountered which we were very pleased to hear.

We look forward to a great year with these wonderful students.

Mrs Mary-Anne FitzGerald

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Project Compassion

Lent ends THIS Thursday 29th of March. Please bring your small home Project Compassion collection boxes back to school anytime during THIS WEEK. All collection finalised by THIS FRIDAY.

Thank you for your generous donations



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Invitation to attend a Holy Week Ceremony at School: NEW TIME 2 PM



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

Parents are welcome to join us in Harrington Hall.

Sacramental Information: First Holy Communion

Enrolments for the 2018 **First Holy Communion Preparation Program** open Monday 19 March via Trybooking. Enrolments close **THIS** 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



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

We are off to the theatre!

The Concourse, Chatswood, has very kindly gifted the school 50 complimentary tickets to see Billionaire Boy, written by David Walliams, this Thursday at 10am. To ensure a fair distribution of these tickets, 8 children's names were 'pulled out of a hat' in all Year 3-6 classes. These children will be joining Mrs Gray and me to see this wonderful play on Thursday morning. We extend our thanks to The Concourse for their generosity.

OLD Parents' Communication Group

I wish to thank everyone who has joined the new OLD Parent's communication group over the past few days. There has been a steady stream of parents joining with a growing community of around 150 people in this group. We encourage you all to invite other OLD parents and friends to join this page, so everyone is included in the communications between parents. A reminder that photos and videos of OLD children will not be permitted on this page (for privacy and legal reasons).

Don't forget to also follow our official school page: *Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood*

AWARD WINNERS

Week 8



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking - week commencing 2 April

As Tuesday 3 April is a pupil-free day, we'll move school banking day to Wednesday for that week only.

Upcoming banking days:

- Wednesday 4 April

Tuesday 10 April

If anyone is interested in volunteering with school banking from Term 2, please feel free to email Phil Munro (drphilip.munro@gmail.com).

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From the Team at Camp Australia

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Also, should you ever need to start your day early, a reminder to Parents/ Caregivers that your Camp Australia OSHC Service is also open for Before School Care (BSC). BSC operates from 7.00am – 8.30am and is conveniently located in Harrington Hall. Children are offered a variety of breakfast choices including cereal, toast and fruit. Children engage in a variety of activities such as craft, construction- based activities and group games. Any new Kindies who attend BSC can be walked to their classroom at the end of the session and assisted with unpacking their bags. For any further inquiries about the BSC program, please speak with your friendly Camp Australia Staff. For booking assistance, please contact the Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. Thank you!



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Perfect Holiday Activity

The TSA School Holiday Band Workshops are on once again! Registration is now open for 6 different workshop dates and locations during the Term 1 school holidays. Give their music a jump-start in 2018!

Visit www.teachingservices.com.au/workshops for all information.

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