

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWS** Term 2 Week 1 - 30 April 2018

## The Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Friends of OLD School,

It is my pleasure to formal invite you to attend a special meeting at OLD School to learn more about School Governance and how it can have a positive impact on our OLD community.

The Broken Bay Catholic Schools Office is supporting all school communities across the diocese to examine and enhance our understanding and practices in Catholic school governance.

**The special meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 May 6.30pm in our school library**

The Catholic Schools Office is essentially asking all schools in the diocese to investigate introducing a School Advisory Council (or similar) this year – (This, of course, excludes schools who already have an operational governance system).

**What might an Advisory Council be able to do for a school community?**

*Exist to support decision making structures and processes in the school*

*Assist with decision-making processes based on evidence of student needs and impact on student learning*

*Operate strategically to support and progress the school's Strategic Plan and the yearly School Improvement Plans*

**What might be achieved at the meeting Tuesday 8 May 6.30pm?**

*We'll simply learn what an Advisory Council is, and why it can benefit OLD School*

*We'll explore possibilities for developing a model of school community governance at OLD School*

*We'll explore possible decision-making structures and processes that will ultimately benefit students at OLD School*

**What might an Advisory Council look like at OLD School?**

It can exist to support the school at the same time as a P+F Leadership Team - (ie: An Advisory Council can operate separate to the P+F organisational structure already operational in a school)

It can be combined with an existing P+F organisational structure to be one group

(The school and community therefore have an important say in what might work best for our unique OLD community)

At the meeting on Tuesday 8 May 6.30pm, we will welcome Mike Gaffney who will lead us through a process towards a greater understanding of school community governance.

I sincerely hope to see a wonderful 'turn-out'.

*(Please note that the P & F General Meeting for Tues 15th May has been cancelled for this School Advisory Council meeting).*

**Uniform Change to Winter Uniform:**

Traditionally at OLD, Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2 have been the change period to the winter uniform. This considered, and also considering the weather, all students must be in full winter uniform by Monday 14 May

## COMING EVENTS

**May**

**Tues 8 School Governance Meeting 6.30pm**

**Mon 14 Compulsory winter uniform**

**June**

**Mon 11 Queens Birthday**

**July**

**Fri 6 Term 2 concludes**

**Mon 23 Pupil Free Day**

**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.

### **URGENT REMINDER REGARDING ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:**

Parents, please be advised that places for Kindergarten 2019 are filling quickly. If you have a child you would like to enrol for Kindergarten in 2019, their Enrolment Application needs to be received by the front office by this Friday 4th May so an interview can be scheduled for next week. ***Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.***

### **THE POWER OF BEING A FATHER:** (from Father Jim)

Men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life. When fathers are involved in their children's lives, society sees a decline in premature deaths, substance abuse and law-breaking tendencies. Yet even the best of men can struggle with how to be a parent to their young, teenage or even adult children. We are honoured to host author and presenter Robert Falzon for one night only on Wednesday May 9th 7.30pm in the Harrington Hall in the school grounds. Robert is something of a Catholic version of Steve Biddulph, a man who can powerfully address the challenges and opportunities for contemporary fathering. But this presentation isn't just for fathers, it's for young men who will become fathers, and for women who want to support their husband in being a great father. I (Fr Jim) very much endorse Robert's presentation and I'd love to see you there. To help us out, RSVP by Friday 4 May 2018 to Cristina on 9847 0428 or [faith.formation@dbb.org.au](mailto:faith.formation@dbb.org.au)

### **Important note regarding students arriving at school before 8:15am**

Parents are respectfully reminded that no students are permitted at school before 8:15am. This is a vital expectation, because a teacher goes on duty at 8:15am, and it is a significant safety concern if students are left unsupervised.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this regard.

# AWARD WINNERS Week 11



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

### Mothers' Day Whole School Mass

We would like to invite you to join us for our Mothers' Day Mass on Friday May 11th at 9am in the church (Week 2 Friday). During the Mass there is our traditional photo reflection.

Please email: [sarah.croall@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sarah.croall@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

*Please only send **One** DIGITAL jpg photo of your child/children with their mother, grandmother or mother figure in their lives.*



### STRICT PHOTO DEADLINE:

Please email photos by Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> (Week 1 of Term 2) at the very latest...

ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SENT BY FRIDAY OF WEEK 1 OF TERM 2 (4.5.18)...

SO PLEASE START EMAILING NOW

Thank you and we hope to see you at this Mass...dedicated to our beautiful mothers.

### Parish Sacramental Program: First Communion



Preparation of the children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion has begun.

Year Threes are going to experience an in school retreat as a part of their preparation for Communion. Angela is coming over to the school on Thursday May 17 and running two sessions with our classes. Thank you Angela.

The First Holy Communion celebrations are in the church Saturday and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June at all Parish Masses; and at 12:30 pm on the Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June as a dedicated First Communion Mass.

*Please contact Angela for more information.*

Phone: (02) 9410 9033. Email: [Angela@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:Angela@chatswoodparish.org.au)

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

**EMU intervention group** During the first couple of weeks of Term 2 EMU intervention groups will be commencing. Each EMU intervention groups (EMU = Extending Mathematical Understanding) is made up of 3 Year 1 students who have been identified by the teachers as needing some extra assistance with Mathematics. This is the fifth year the program has run at OLD and it runs alongside the MAI (Mathematical Assessment Instrument). You may remember that every child in the school completed the MAI with their classroom teacher at the beginning of the year. The data gathered from the MAI assessments are used by all teachers to identify the exact Mathematical needs of their students.

To run an EMU group, teachers attend a special course that runs over a full year and is equivalent to a subject in a Masters degree! This year Mrs Gray and Miss Thorpe will be running the groups. However, the EMU program does not stop with these groups; all other teachers receive professional development on the strategies and theories behind the program and these are integrated into all Maths lessons. Many of the games and activities played during the recent Parent Education sessions were from the EMU program. The EMU program aims to increase the ability of all students to conceptually understand a Maths concept - This means being able to apply and manipulate the concept in a variety of different situations and in real life experiences.

***We don't want Mathematicians who learn by rote or learn by being given rules...we want Mathematicians who are able to think creatively, critically and problem solve using a range of strategies. And the EMU program ensures this occurs.***

**NAPLAN exams (Week 3, Term 2)** In Week 3 all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will be completing their NAPLAN assessments. There are 4 assessments in this process; Reading, Writing, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. These assessments give the school an opportunity to identify trends and patterns within our school students and help us to devise strategic goals in the teaching and learning of these curriculum areas. These assessments are only a small snapshot of what the children can do in these areas and need to be considered alongside the myriad of assessments conducted in each grade of OLD.

**NAPLAN meeting:** For any parents who have children in Year 3 and 5 and would like to know more information about the NAPLAN assessments, we will hold an information session about NAPLAN in the school library at 6—6.30pm on Tuesday 8th May (just before our School Advisory Council meeting).

**ICAS Digital Technologies exam** For those people who have already registered their child to complete the ICAS Digital Technologies exam, this will be held Thursday 10th May during class time.

### **Sports days (TERM 2; WEEKS 1-6)**

Due to some unforeseen circumstances we have had to make adjustments to our sport days for Weeks 1-6 of Term 2. These are the weeks between 30th April – 8th June.

For these weeks the classes will wear their sports uniform on the following days:

Monday Teacher: Miss Nicole Adeline	Wednesday Teacher: Miss Olivia Smith	Friday Teacher: Classroom teachers
KG KB 1G 2B 2G 3B 3G	1B 4B 4G 5B 6G	All classes K-6

Please note, we will continue to update you about these changes and any further changes in school newsletters throughout Term 2.

## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018**

### **LETTER TO PARENTS**

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 15-17 May 2018.

<b>TUESDAY 15 MAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 16 MAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY 17 MAY</b>
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	<b>Reading test</b>	<b>Numeracy test</b>
<b>Writing test</b>		

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 18 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>



## Community News



SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134

Office: (02) 9745 1170

### CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) is held on Thursdays from 12:40pm to 1:40pm, starting on 3 May 2018.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Term 2 Canteen Roster					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
30 April 2018		Seda Gulessevan		Michelle Go-Chin Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
7 May 2018	Joanne Mannering Jen Montealegre	Ji-Yun Yi Stella Bae	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendhofer	Rachael Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
14 May 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Deserline	Carlyn Linders Portia Yu	Jackie Fung Katerina Planska	Lily Settawan Soehan Wiraputra	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
21 May 2018	Alison Henderson Alison Guthrie	Amy Chan Laura Hurrell		Nicole Chow	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
28 May 2018	Ann Bacsi Ruby Yang	Eva Martinez Mikhael Chammaa	Natt Yusathaphom Elaine Lin	Debby Liu Joy Wang	Nicole Woods
4 June 2018	Rachel Mensforth Kate Stipo	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevan		Rachael Davidge-Hill Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
11 June 2018	QUEENS BIRTHDAY	Mardia Corbett Laura Hurrell	Ofelia Delosreyes Marina Oganessian	Rachel Ullmann	Katerina Trani Michelle Stanley
18 June 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Deserline	Ruby Yang	Christine Lee Sally Park	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
25 June 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Ji-Yun Yi Stella Bae	Elaine Lin Kylie Sendhofer	Rachael Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
2 July 2018	Marilyn King Trish Seeto	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevan		Michelle Go-Chin Cynthia Lal	Janelle Arena Zoey Cortese

Above is the Canteen roster for term 2 and there are still a few spots to fill. The canteen is open **Mon-Fri 12.40pm-1.40pm**, so it is just an hour of your time is all that is needed. If you are available to fill any of the **orange highlighted spots** please email [old-canteen@yahoo.com.au](mailto:old-canteen@yahoo.com.au).

The kids thank you for your assistance.

#### Special note of thanks to the Canteen Helpers:

I have just seen the new Term 2 Roster for Canteen go up and felt compelled to thank everyone who helps out each term. On behalf of hundreds of children who deeply appreciate 'Canteen', I offer sincere thanks ☺

# Mother's Day Stall

## Thursday 10th May



**WHEN:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**WHERE:** Library

**GIFT SELECTION:** Mugs, Socks, Hand Creams, Candles, Nail Polish, Wine Glasses, Compact Umbrellas, Jewellery, Scarves, Cheese Board Set, Tea Towels, Bath Products, Glass Water Bottles, Ceramic Travel Mugs, Soaps, Photo Frames, Evening Clutch Bags, Gloves, Key Chains.

**PRICES:** Start from \$5 up to \$20 for each item.

**PRE-PAID METHOD:** Please complete the order form via the QKR App. **One form per child.** Alternatively, for cash payments please complete the credit note below with your child's details, preferred credit value, correct cash payment, and return in a sealed envelope to the 'Mother's Day' P&F box located in the school foyer by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**NOTE: Please complete a separate form per child.**

A credit note will be issued to your child on the day.

If you have any questions, please contact

Zoey Cortese [zoey.dezigns@optusnet.com.au](mailto:zoey.dezigns@optusnet.com.au) or

Glenda Chan [glenda.chan@gmail.com](mailto:glenda.chan@gmail.com)

---

**MOTHER'S DAY STALL CREDIT NOTE** – Please complete & return to the "Mother's Day" P&F box located in the school foyer by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Tick the box for your preferred CREDIT VALUE below:** (EG if you tick the box for \$25, your child can select up to \$25 worth of gifts such as two \$10 items and one \$5 item or five \$5 items).

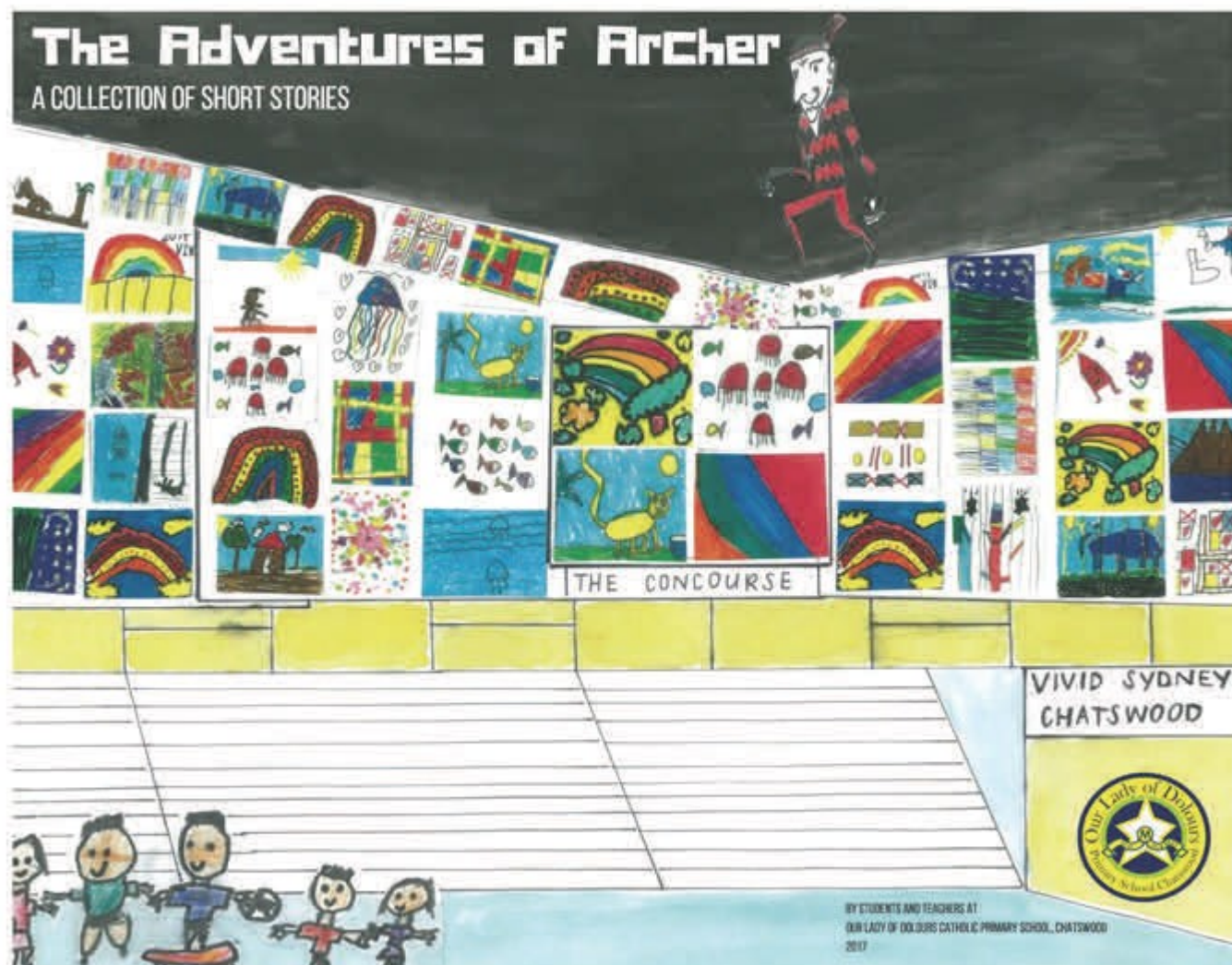
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

## Community News

### *"The Adventures of Archer: A Collection of Short Stories."*

To obtain your own copy of this amazing book for \$16 please order via the QKR App.





## Community News

### Primary School Newsletter Story - Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2018

Winter is just around the corner so it's a great time to visit your local Fire & Rescue NSW Fire Station and learn more about how to be home fire safe

In an effort to educate the community about fire prevention and safety, Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday, 19 May 2018 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

You and your family are invited to visit your local station for home fire safety tips, hop on a fire truck and chat with firefighters to learn more about what they do every day.

From chemical spills, car accidents and natural disasters to education, prevention and humanitarian relief, across the state, across the country and even overseas, our firefighters are prepared for anything, anywhere, anytime.

For more information, visit [ww.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://ww.fire.nsw.gov.au). Make sure you mark it in your diary and come and join us on the day.

Get your winter woollies...

OLD  
Preloved  
UNIFORM  
POPUK SHOP

Open this Friday!  
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm  
outside the library  
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](mailto: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.



# Walking The Way

## A Parent Retreat Day

An opportunity to stop, slow down and take time-out from our busy lives.

An opportunity to listen to stories of life & faith in an atmosphere of peace, stillness and gentle reflection.

*'A day spa for the soul'*

Where & When:

Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality  
102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 6.30-8.30pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am-4.00pm

Cost: \$30 payable on the Saturday  
Optional stay-over at Canisius at participant's cost

R.S.V.P / Enquiries

[sallyanne.bntel@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sallyanne.bntel@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Program includes storytelling, guided meditation, prayerful reflection, liturgy and lunch.  
Join Karen Amos, Alison Newell and other inspiring women walking the journey.  
(Geared to women, but men welcome too!)

An Initiative of Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay



# FATHER FACTOR

Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of *The Father Factor* addresses the important role of fathers in society, providing some practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering.



DATE:  
TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018

TIME:  
7:30PM – 9:30PM

VENUE:  
LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE  
END OF YARDLEY AVENUE,  
WAITARA

DATE:  
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

TIME:  
7:30PM – 9:30PM

VENUE:  
HARRINGTON HALL,  
(In OLD Primary School)  
94A ARCHER STREET,  
CHATSWOOD

DATE:  
THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

TIME:  
7:30PM – 9:30PM

VENUE:  
THE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH  
55 KINCUMBER STREET,  
KINCUMBER

## FATHER FACTS

- The most effective type of fatherly involvement incorporates listening, encouraging, conveying warmth, daily assistance, consistent discipline and the gradual facilitating of independence.
- Men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life.
- When fathers are involved in their children's lives, society sees a decline in premature deaths, substance abuse and law-breaking tendencies.

RSVP by Friday 4 May 2018 to Cristina at (02) 9847 0428 or  
[faith.formation@dbb.org.au](mailto:faith.formation@dbb.org.au)



CATHOLIC LIFE  
& FAITH FORMATION

Office for  
Evangelisation

CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF  
BROKEN BAY