

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 2 Week 5 - 28 May 2018

The Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Friends,

This coming weekend is the feast of The Body and Blood of Christ.

Recently, in one of his homilies, Pope Francis spoke of Jesus as the living bread that can satisfy our deepest yearnings. "Besides physical hunger, people have another hunger, one that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food. It is the hunger for life, hunger for love (and) hunger for eternity," he said.

When reading Pope Francis' thoughts on 'hunger', I was reminded about a comment Mother Teresa made to a reporter when she was visiting Australia in the 1980s. Mother Teresa was asked, "How do you manage to cope with the abject poverty in Calcutta?" ... Mother Teresa's reply really stunned me in the 1980s when she said, "I find it so much harder to cope with the spiritual poverty here in Australia."

This weekend, we're invited to satisfy our spiritual hunger with the Eucharist at Mass on a very special feast day!

Whole School Review - next week at OLD:

Next week, OLD School will engage in the final stages of a Whole School Review. The last OLD Whole School Review was in 2012, so this is quite a significant event.

I sincerely thank the entire school staff at OLD for the dedicated work that's gone on in recent months to prepare for the review. We indeed have much to celebrate!

The School Review will take place on Tuesday 5/6 and Wednesday 6/6; several school principals and several Catholic Schools Office staff will visit us over the two days.

Towards the end of Term 4 last year, the Catholic School Office sent out an electronic survey to all our families inviting them to comment on the successes and effectiveness of OLD School. This data will be used by the School Review Team next week. I note that the Catholic Schools Office congratulated OLD School for having an outstanding number of surveys completed by parents; this will indeed make our data more accurate and relevant.

I also note that I have invited all class parent co-ordinators from all classes to attend a discussion forum with the School Review team on Tuesday 5/6 at 2.30pm. I have also invited a selection of 'others' in our community who are engaged in the myriad of activities that make OLD so special. I opted for this invitation strategy to keep the meeting size manageable. This considered, if you're desperately keen to attend the meeting, please contact me at school. Thank you.

Meeting this evening – Advisory Council + Term 2 P+F General Meeting:

Just a reminder regarding the important meeting this evening - Tuesday 29 May

6pm for the Advisory Council discussion

6.30pm for the Term 2 P+F General Meeting

IMPORTANT NOTE: At the P+F General Meeting this evening, nominations will be called for our new P+F Treasurer.

COMING EVENTS

May

Tues 29 Discussion re
Advisory Council 6:00pm

Tues 29 Term 2 P & F
General Meeting 6:30pm

June

Mon 11 Queen's 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
www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

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The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Another Working Bee at OLD – Friday 15 June 3-5pm:

We need to call on the conscientious muscle of OLD at a Working Bee Friday 15 June 3-5pm approx'. This Working Bee links to our Stage 3 classes learning and the Community Garden that's developing at school. I note that this project is funded thanks to the generous 'Clubs Grant' we secured from the Chatswood RSL last year.

All parents K-6 are warmly invited, but only students in Years 5 and 6 can attend due to important safety reasons.

At this working bee, students will mainly be moving potting soil to the numerous planter boxes scattered around the school. If you can bring the following to the Working Bee, this will be helpful:

2 buckets

Gloves

Shovel

Thank you!

Yr 6 Environment Leaders attend a business meeting at Silkari Hotel:

Congratulations to our Yr 6 Environment Leaders (Mia, Isra and Sabina) who met with the manager of Silkari Hotel, Mr Markus Sigmann (left in photo) and Mr Robert Loughman -OLD parent, Jennifer Y1 and Nate K- (right in photo).

At the meeting, we negotiated arrangements regarding some of the wonderful support that Silkari will be giving OLD towards the community garden.



Update on the 2018 P+F gift to the school:

Each year, the P+F generously gives a gift to the school that will specifically benefit the students. Last year, we received the synthetic grass on the soccer field and synthetic grass outside K and Yr1 classrooms too.

This year we are hoping to secure:

an interactive 'tinkering table/bench' (behind the play equipment)

a sensory garden (in the Growers Garden)

a shop front (under the hall stairs, eastern end)

I thank our P+F Leadership Team and our maintenance man (Mr Steve McDonald) who have been working with Jessica Laurentia (Rosebelle Yr 3 & Max Yr 1) and Chie Ann Lim (Panny Yr 6) to secure the best possible arrangement for the students.

Newly painted Play Equipment:

I hope everyone's suitably impressed with the new look play equipment. Thank you to the students for the patience they displayed as the paint dried over a 2 week period!

Invitation for OLD sport coaches and sport managers to promote their team in the OLD School Newsletter:

An invitation is extended to OLD parents/friends who manage or coach a sport team. Coaches/managers might like to simply send through a short paragraph every now and again to promote any special on-field happenings!

Welcome back Mrs Jane Bertinshaw:

Welcome back to our Learning Support Teacher, Mrs Jane Bertinshaw. Jane has been on special, extended leave for the past month, and it's now terrific to have her back supporting students, parents and staff.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Knitting

The third knitting club was again a huge success! Many students have made more wonderful progress with their scarves.

The scarves need to be completed by Friday of Week 7 (Friday 15th of June).

Then for the exciting bit... we will make cards at school for our friends and walk up in Week 8 to give our gifts! The joy of giving and the kindness of knitting these scarves will be celebrated during this wonderful experience.

It might be nice to prepare your child/ren for this meeting with their elderly friend by equipping them with some conversation starters. In the act of giving we hope our students can show love and interest towards the elderly residents.

Some conversation starters:

Do you like your new scarf?

Have you ever knitted anything?

Have you ever visited some cold countries where you need a scarf?

Have you seen the snow?

Do you have any children?

Where did you grow up?

What is your happiest memory?

How have you seen the world change during your lifetime?

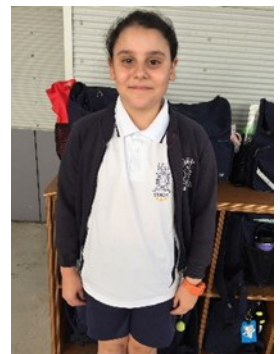
And so on...

Social Justice Action by Hope in Year 6

Last Sunday I did the 'Million Paws Walk' to stop animal cruelty. I participated in this 4 kilometre walk because it feels like every dog/animal should have the right to feel safe and to live a happy life.

At the moment I'm trying to raise as much money as I can for this worthy cause. If you would like to (you don't have to) you can donate to my fundraising page.

<https://www.millionpawswalk.com.au/fundraisers/hopeberam>



Even if it's just \$1 it would mean a lot to me (and please no more than \$10). Remember to ask your parents first. Thanks you.

Well done, Hope, for having the heart to look out for God's creation.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Sport days change – Starting Week 7 (Week starting Monday 12th June)

At the beginning of this term, I wrote a piece about changes in sports days which would occur until Week 6... unbelievably next week is Week 6! Therefore, in **Week 7** we will be changing sports days back to Monday and Tuesday. For some classes this will not result in any changes, but for others they will change from Wednesday to Tuesday.

Please see below for sports uniform days starting in Week 7 (Reminder that we are currently in Week 5 and **Week 7 begins Monday 12th June**). These changes will now remain until the end of 2018.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Miss Olivia Smith who has been teaching sport on Wednesday for Term 2, Weeks 1-6.

Monday Teacher: Miss Adeline <i>NB: these classes already have sport on Monday – they will not change</i>	Tuesday (starting Tuesday 13th June) Teacher: Miss Nicole Adeline	Friday Teacher: All classroom teachers
KB KG 1G 2G 2B 3B 3G	1B 4B 4G 5B 6G	All classes

Robotics at OLD

Today at lunchtime Mr Brian Stanwell will be commencing a very exciting lunch club.....Robotics!!! Robotics club will be offered to Year 4 students this term, with the assistance of Year 5 and 6 students as peer teachers. Robotics club will run for the remainder of 2018 with a variety of students from Year 3-6 participating. The robotic machines we have at OLD are called EV3s and are from the Lego brand. These have rather complex coding mechanisms and only suitable for primary aged students. I will be sure to get some news from the students about their Robotics experience for next week's newsletter!



During Terms 3 and 4, we will also be offering an after school Robotics club. This club will be run by an external company at an additional cost and be offered to a variety of grades. We will have more information from the company soon and will advertise this in future newsletters.



Like us on
Facebook

OLD official Facebook page

Don't forget to 'Like' and 'Follow' the official OLD Facebook Page; 'Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood' and also join the parent communication group. We regularly update photos from across the school about what the students have been learning and experiencing during their school day. I know that many families enjoy sharing their child's experiences with friends and family around the world too.

Explore some science at VIVID!

Last night, I had a wonderful opportunity to visit VIVID in Chatswood with my family and I would strongly encourage everyone to take their children. This year there are many interactive simulations with an abundance of science involved! There is a station where you can make light by vibrating a drum, a station where you can make sound using household appliances (I apologise in advance if this gives your children ideas for a family band!), plus stations where only recycled materials are used. So please enjoy the experience and investigate some Science with your family.



ICAS English and Maths exams

Registration for the ICAS English and Maths exams close on Friday 22nd June at 10am.

PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS

PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS UPDATE!!!

Throughout the last few weeks, Year 1 and Year 2 have presented their prepared speeches to an audience of their classes and teachers. What wonderful talent we have! Their speeches were informative and entertaining and presented with improved confidence. It was a difficult task for the teachers and me to choose the two best speakers from each class.

However, the successful and very talented students chosen to represent their classes in the
Grand Final Competition on Tuesday the 26th of June are:

1B Kathleen and Charlie

1G Jack and Pippa

2G Jonathan and Anya

2B Nate and Shenali

Congratulations and best wishes!

Every child who participated received a Certificate of Participation. The chosen children to represent their classes received special certificates for their excellent efforts.

This week, I look forward to hearing Year 6 classes delivering their prepared speeches. I am sure they will be wonderful.

Ms Kylie Scarf

EAL/D and Literacy Support Teacher



AWARD WINNERS

Week 4

SCHOOL PHOTOS



FROM THE OFFICE



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please send all photo envelopes back to school with your child to hand in to their class room teacher for collection.

LATE ARRIVALS

Please be aware that all children arriving at school late must be signed in by a parent.

ILLNESS

If your child is unable to attend school for illness or other reasons, please remember to send an email through to the office

Many Thanks

PRESIDENT'S REPORT | P&F GENERAL MEETING | TERM 2 2018

Parents and Friends,

The P&F started the year doing exactly what it does best - bring our community together to achieve shared goals.



This was achieved initially through completing class list details to maximise our connectivity with each other.



Another important initiative was the effort to increase the number of Class Parents we have in each class. Where we have in the past had only one or two, this year some have 4+.



The more help we have, the more we can share the load - and even better still, the greater we can accomplish!



Mother's Day was a success. Thank you to Zoey C. and Glenda Y. for putting together our Mother's Day Stall. We raised over \$1,100 in profit while keeping prices modest for our little shoppers.



Thank you to Team Year 2 and Team Year 4 for our Mother's Day breakfast!



Thank you to all the Dads whose faces and dance moves have now gone viral on the internet. (On behalf of all us Mums, and to set the record straight early on, Mums dancing for Father's Day is looking exceedingly unlikely. 😊)



I'd like to also acknowledge Mr. Ledlin for his ideas, our teaching staff for their energy, and our office staff for their support with keeping all of us forward moving and working cohesively.

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So what now?

The road ahead is one not previously charted by our school. We have a lot to consider in forming a structure for decision making, such as an **Advisory Group**, to be adopted by O.L.D.



A great deal of time in meetings has been invested by the P&F, and with spirited debate which I believe can only be a healthy sign of a team that rigorously stress-tests how best to **support improvements** at our school.



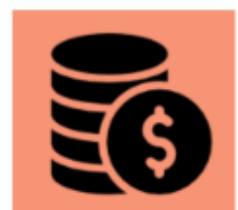
And speaking of the team, **we're looking for others** who are like-minded in their commitment to give our children an enriched learning experience.



You will hear more from us soon on **two upcoming events** (1) Athletics Carnival, and (2) Sportsathon. We will need all the help we can get! The Sportsathon is our main fundraiser so let's get behind it!



Our focus for **fundraising** this year is on upgrading our play areas, and the play equipment specifically, for the use of all children across all years. Separate to this we also have a number of **grant applications** in the pipe works to gain additional funds that will supplement our expenditure.



See you around!

Regina Benisano-Paredes
P&F President
2018

Community News

Willoughby Council are very excited to announce our first 'Community Speaker' for 2018.

A Parent Toolbox for Wellbeing

Youth Suicide is the number one cause of death for Australians aged between 15-24 years. Suicide rates are the highest they have been in over 10 years. The statistics are stark and it shows that despite all of the wonderful advancements in the World, our young people are struggling. We obviously need to be doing more...

Presented by Jacqui Jones in this 1.5 hour session you will learn:

- How to talk to your child about developing their mental strength;
- Tools & strategies that you can use immediately within the family home;
- The 4 key ways to help your family flourish!

This session has been developed in conjunction with the Greatfulness program, founded by Jacqui Jones. Greatfulness is a recommended Kidsmatter program and also endorsed by the NSW Education Standards Authority. Jacqui was recently featured on Channel 7's 'The Daily Edition' talking about the importance of mental health & her work delivering this program.

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/the-daily-edition/video/watch/39430778/how-to-teach-young-kids-about-mental-health/>

When:

13th June 2018, 7pm

Where:

St Philip Neri Learning Centre

Cost:

\$12.50 per adult.

<https://www.trybooking.com/379274>

Please note the ticket price has been subsidised by Willoughby Council Community Grant.

This event is open to ALL parents and friends in our Willoughby Council Community, so please ensure you purchase your tickets to avoid missing out as there are limited seats available.



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.

Community News

total canteen solutions

MEAL DEAL 1

\$5.00



**6 CHICKEN NUGGETS
&
JUICE CUP**

total canteen solutions

MEAL DEAL 2

\$5.00



**SPAGHETTI OR LASAGNE
&
JUICE CUP**

total canteen solutions

MEAL DEAL 3

\$5.00



**CHICKEN BURGER
&
JUICE CUP**

total canteen solutions

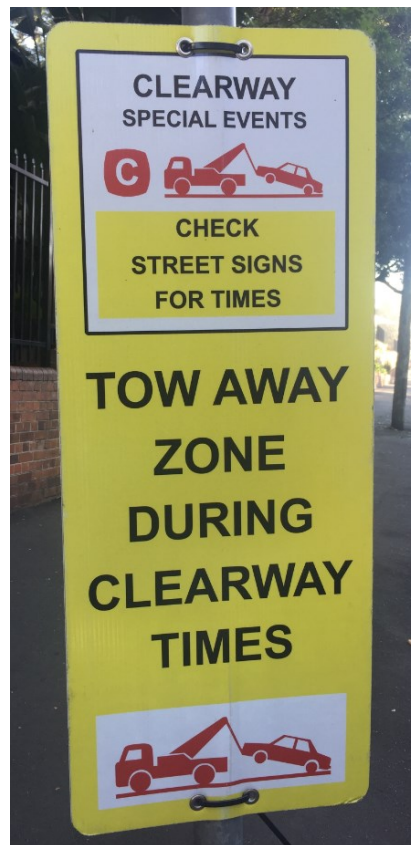
MEAL DEAL 4

\$4.50



**HOME MADE PIZZA
&
JUICE CUP**

Community News



Parents please be aware we have a constantly changing clearway on Archer Street. Please ensure you check the clearway signs carefully especially of an afternoon as we would not like to see anyone fined or worse towed!