

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 2 Week 6 - 4 June 2018

The Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Friends,

At our recent P +F General Meeting, I launched the official OLD School Promotional Video. Importantly, after showing the video, I made two comments that I would like to repeat just now:

1. This Promotional Video powerfully accentuates our School Values and our School Vision, "To IGNITE, INNOVATE and INCLUDE in Mercy". Our values and vision are now proudly splashed out there for the world to see ... It's our job now to live up to what we have proclaimed.
2. I can confidently state that people in wider the community who see our video will say, "I want that for my family!"

Thank you, sincerely, to all the parents, staff, students and Fr Jim who bravely fronted-up to be considered for filming.

Below are three final clips we'll use in various social media forums:

[MAIN VIDEO – OLD Chatswood LINK](#)

[Why Parents Love OLD Chatswood LINK](#)

[Short - Welcome to OLD Chatswood LINK](#)

Feedback from the Advisory Council Discussion Meeting last week at the P+F General Meeting:

Parents and Friends are invited to contribute to the P +F Noticeboard (ie the board immediately on the right as you enter the playground from the school foyer).

On this noticeboard, Parents and Friends are invited to offer suggestions/comments regarding four thought-provoking questions about how an Advisory Board might work at OLD School. Additionally, Parents and Friends are also invited write down questions, queries and wonderings.

I will comment on two of the questions/queries already listed:

1. How are the Advisory Council members are selected:

- Later this year, an invitation will be issued to the community asking for Parents/Friends to consider nominating themselves or others for membership on the Advisory Council
- Parent membership will be the majority of Council members. I anticipate two school staff members and a representative from the wider OLD Parish too. Additionally, structures will be set up to ensure 'student voice' is heard by the council.

COMING EVENTS

June

Mon 11 Queen's Birthday

Fri 15 Working Bee 3-5pm

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

[Our Lady of Dolours](#)



The Principal's Piece - Cont.

- The OLD School Leadership Team, with the support of our Parish Priest, Fr Jim, will consider all applications and discern who ultimately will be on the Council. It is absolutely vital that all members are able to be impartial, objective and capable of representing the wider school and parish body of people; ie members are not on the Council to represent their own world-view. The group needs a wide variety of skill-sets, and people who come from varying 'walks of life'. We essentially need members to be 'of the people' and 'for the people'. Members need to be capable of networking effectively within the community, and they need to be people of action, not just 'advisors'. They must be focused on the OLD School Vision/Mission and the OLD Strategic Plan. Finally, and most importantly, they must have the student's learning and wellbeing at the centre of all decision making
- Because of the varied and weighty implications just listed, I trust readers can understand that an Advisory Council membership election process by the wider parent body could possibly gather a collection of members that won't satisfy all the critical requirements to ensure the best Advisory Council possible for OLD School

Will OLD still have a P+F Committee?

- After several discussions, including last week's P+F General Meeting, it is likely that a separate group to the Advisory Council will be required to help co-ordinate the various school activities we want to offer the children. Already we have an extremely well-oiled class parent co-ordinator system; so, with the formation of other sub-committees for specific projects as required, this broad group will likely execute a host of exciting initiatives year in and year out.
- One critical element for us to discuss, once again, towards the end of the year is a re-vote on the topic of a yearly fundraising levy (ie \$110 per family). We feel this is worthy of another vote because the outcome was close last time, and it occurred over a very unpredictable 'rising fees' climate which made some households feel a measure of financial uncertainty.
- If the parent body decides in favour of the levy, then our need to 'fundraise' throughout the year is alleviated, and our activities can be more focused on what everyone can participate in at very little cost or no cost whatsoever.
- Should we decide to keep things the way they are however, then the appointment of a group to facilitate fundraising (including a Treasurer to take financial account of funds) will be necessary from volunteers within the parent community.

And speaking of Treasurers ... Thank you, Katie and Katerina:

Thank you to Katie Crichton (Jasmine Y3, Benjamin Y1) and Katerina Planska (Frankie Y4, Kristof Y1) who were nominated as Co-Treasurers at last week's P+F General Meeting; and yes, they accepted!

Plenary Council 2020 and the Diocese of Broken Bay:

The weekend that passed 2 weeks ago (Pentecost – The Birthday of our Church) signified the commencement of something very special for the Catholic Church of Australia: (**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020—Listen to what the Spirit is saying**) - Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**"

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: <http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

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!

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 though a short paragraph every now and again to promote any special on-field happenings!

From the P & F

Last week, Parents and Friends within our school community were invited to continue our discussion on the future school community governance structures that will best support us into the future. In particular, we discussed the introduction of an Advisory Council. I thank those who participated – the discussion and feedback were very valuable. We are now going to take the feedback on before presenting our next steps and the way forward in the coming weeks. If you were not able to make the meeting, don't forget to give feedback or ask questions on the P+F noticeboard (ie immediately on your right as you enter the playground from the foyer).

Following the Advisory Council meeting, we commenced our Term 2 P & F General Meeting. For the first time, we 'live streamed' the meeting from the school Facebook page. I have received positive feedback on this innovation and we will continue to develop this facility for future meetings.

A couple of important messages:

1. **Vacant positions** – there are several vacant positions within the P&F including:
 - a. Secretary;
 - b. Class parent co-ordinator; and
 - c. School Community builder (several).

If you are interested in becoming involved, please speak to me and I will put you in contact with the P&F Executive.

Sportsathon - Our major fundraising event needs lots of volunteers for the day and in organising prior! If you are interested in getting involved, you are warmly invited to a meeting at the Willoughby Hotel on **this Tuesday from 6 pm.** (i.e. tonight) An upstairs room has been booked for this purpose.

ALL WELCOME!

Thank you to everyone who is involved in the P & F and in making our school community great!

Janine Webster

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Kathy Gray

Knitting

Knitting Club was again the place to be on a Friday. Thanks to our wonderful parents and friends from the parish, all of the students are expert knitters now!

Remember:

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



Year 6 Lead Tier 2 Staff Prayer

Thank you to our School Captain and Vice Captain, Lara and Gwenaelle and also our Liturgy Leader, Gabrielle for leading prayer for the Tier 2 Review Day. The girls prepared and delivered a beautiful prayer experience that tied in the spirit of our wonderful school: to Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy and also included our Motto: To Be Our Best. Well done girls! What a great start to the day!



.Year 1 Parish Mass

See flyer for details...9am Family Mass, Sunday 17th of June. All welcome!

Year One Class Mass



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites
Year One children and their families to a special Mass
for Year One at the

9am Family Mass

Sunday 17 June 2018

A family-friendly celebration at
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer St Chatswood

The Year One children will receive a special blessing,
followed by morning tea on the forecourt.

Please to bring a plate to share.
All welcome!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Sport days change – Starting Week 7 - NEXT WEEK (Week starting Monday 12th June). Next week, 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 6 and Week 7 begins Monday 12th June). These changes will now remain until the end of 2018.

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

ICAS exams

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

ICAS Spelling and Writing exams will be held next Thursday and Friday in class time (Registration for these exams have already closed)

Robotics

Last week we had our first Robotics lunch time club and we started building the EV3 robots, which was quite difficult because we had to find all the little Lego pieces. However, we got through it and this week we hope to finish building out Robotic. We might even give our Robot a special name. I'm excited to connect all the wires, learn how to code the robot and make it move. It was a great experience so far.

Marianne, Year 4



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!



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

SPORTS NEWS AT O.L.D. | BASKETBALL | UNDER 10S TEAM

These young sportsmen from Years 2-4 represent O.L.D. every Saturday at a basketball competition with the Northern Suburbs Basketball Association. They play against teams that have been in the sport for double the time they have!

It's great for their co-ordination, agility and teamwork, both physically and mentally.

Parents love that it is a completely indoor sport - perfect for cold and rainy winters! For more information on how your child can be involved email regina@saxoncole.com

Left to right: Cruz (Year 2), Jonathan (Year 2), Vincent (Year 2) Roman (Year 3), Brandon (Year 2), Jonas (Year 4), Jacob (Year 3) Marcus (Year 3), Alexander (Year 3 away)



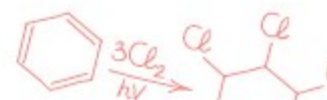
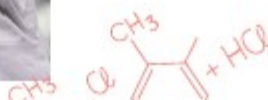
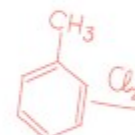
Junior
SCIENCE ACADEMY

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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Under 5 – Under 16

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Community News

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&
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**SPAGHETTI OR LASAGNE
&
JUICE CUP**

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MEAL DEAL 3

\$5.00



**CHICKEN BURGER
&
JUICE CUP**

total canteen solutions

MEAL DEAL 4

\$4.50



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&
JUICE CUP**