

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 3 Week 4 - 13 August 2018

The Principal's Piece

Feast of the Assumption:

Tomorrow (15/8) is The Feast of the Assumption of Mary the Mother of God. For Catholics, this is one of the most important feast days in the church calendar. The following summary is from Catholic Communications, Sydney Archdiocese:

Assumption of Mary into Heaven

Wednesday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

All parents and friends are warmly invited to Mass tomorrow (15/8) to celebrate this important feast day:

9am: Years K-6 will be at this Mass

A couple of good news stories:

Last Friday was the culmination of many weeks of hard work and co-ordination that resulted in a remarkably successful **Sports Marathon**. When planning commenced for this year's major fundraiser, I stated to the organising group that a 15K target was what we needed; thank you, sincerely, to everyone in the community because we hit the 20K mark.

Beyond the marvellous amount raised, last Friday was a wonderful day where so many local sporting groups merged as one to provide tonnes of fun for all students K-6.

Thank you to all our sponsors, all the sporting groups, all the parents and friends who volunteered, all our school staff, and all of those on the co-ordination team. Events like this usually have a linchpin who pulls all the strings, and our linchpin was Janine Webster ... Thank you, Janine! ... I note that Janine not only led the co-ordination of the entire fundraiser, she even muscled up for the entire day to manage one of the marathon rotation activities

How will the fundraising money be spent?: I am very pleased to inform our community that building and installation of the following will commence this week:

- ♦ 'Tinkering table' – (ie the interactive bench behind the play equipment)
- ♦ Developments in the 'Growers Garden' area
- ♦ 2 'shop-fronts' for students' play

(Please see the photos further on in this newsletter to get an idea of the fun we had last Friday: Thank you to Ms Lin for taking these terrific snaps)

COMING EVENTS

August

Wed 15 Feast of Assumption

Mass whole school 9am

Wed 15 P & F General

Meeting 6.30pm

Sun 19 Yr 3 grade Mass 9am

Thurs 30 Father's Day Stall

Fri 31 Father's Day Breakfast

8am

Fri 31 Father's Day Mass

9am

September

Mon 24 Creative Arts

Festival

Fri 28 Term 3 Concludes

October

Mon 15 Term 4 Commences

Sat 27– Sun 28 Band Camp

December

Wed 19 Term 4 Concludes

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE
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POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

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The Principal's Piece cont.



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Wonderful News ... Another 2 successful 'grant' applications:

Thank you to Willoughby Council for assisting OLD School with a \$5,000 grant that will assist with financing preparations and rehearsals for our up and coming Creative Arts Festival.

And again, thank you to Willoughby Council for assisting OLD School with a \$3,000 grant that is supporting our Year 5 class to publish five children's books specifically for presenting to St Lucy's Special Needs School, Wahroonga. Additionally, these books will be presented by Year 5 students at Willoughby Council's Emerge Festival in September. Parents and friends might like to come along to the presentation in Chatswood Library:

Thursday 27 September, 9:30am – 10:30am

Chatswood Library, The Concourse

FREE Event

Come and enjoy a showcase of five published books and accompanying dramatisations. All books have been published by the Year 5 students at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School, Chatswood, and they were specifically created and designed to appeal to the Special Needs students at St Lucy's School, Wahroonga, during Book Week 2018. The 2018 theme for Book Week is, "Find your Treasure" and, rather paradoxically, the Year 5 student publishers indeed found 'treasure' within their presentations they made for the beautiful St Lucy's students.

The Year 5 student publishers worked closely with a creative writing expert who facilitated workshops that ensured high quality, engaging stories. Importantly too, the school librarian from St Lucy's also worked closely with the Year 5 student publishers to ensure they 'hit the mark' and enthralled everyone at St Lucy's.

Copies of the 5 published books will be available for ordering.

And finally: Both of these very lucrative grants were made possible by the initiative and effort of our P+F Leadership Team.

On behalf of the school community, I sincerely thank them!

Important Dates re Fathers' Day:

Thursday 30 August:	Fathers' Day Stall – (Hosted by Years 5 and 6)
Friday 31 August:	Fathers' Day Breakfast – (Hosted by Kindergarten)
Friday 31 August:	Fathers' Day Mass - 9am – (Hosted by Years 1 and 3)

Important Changes at OLD to support Mercy Catholic College:

Towards the end of this term (Term 3), OLD school will be supporting Mercy College with several 'spare' classrooms and also our Music Room for the remainder of the 2018 year. I note that the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) will support OLD with temporary refurbishing requirements in our school library and also the hall; this is a vital part of the arrangement to ensure learning/teaching at OLD is not compromised.

Student enrolments at Mercy College have expanded considerably in recent years, and the CSO is working closely with our Chatswood Parish leaders to develop the Rotunda Site (ie corner of Kirk St and Archer St) to support a 2 storey demountable project. It is anticipated that Mercy College will be able to commence learning/teaching in the new facility day-one 2019.

I particularly thank the staff at OLD for working so generously with Mercy College/CSO to support Mercy through the development period for the remainder of this year.

I will keep parents informed during this process.

Mercy College in Harrington Hall Week 5:

The Mercy Art Exhibition is all week in Week 5 (20/8 - 24/8).

OLD classes are invited to visit the exhibition Wednesday 22 August.

The big 'open night' is Wednesday 22/8.

Welcome back Fr Jim:

Fr Jim will return to OLD from his study leave tomorrow 15/8.

P+F General Meeting – Wednesday 15 August 6.30pm – TOMORROW (NB this is the NEW date):

Amongst other things, there will be a discussion opportunity regarding **The Advisory Group for OLD** that The Catholic Schools Office expects all schools to adopt from 2019 going forward.

After the T3 P+F GM (15/8), I will be issuing a survey for the community re the OLD School Advisory Group and P+F Leadership as we go forward into 2019

NAPLAN – Online Assessment Information:

Parents will be aware of the recent publicity that "Naplan Online Assessment" has had. To assist parents to more fully understand what's going on, the following link has a very easy-to-read 'fact sheet' FYI:

<https://curianet.dbb.org.au/CatholicSchoolsoffice/dssresources/Documents/School%20Matters%202018/Term%203,%202018/Term%203%20Week%203%20-%20ATTACHMENTS/NAPLAN.pdf>

The Assistant Principal's Piece

Creative Arts Festival (CAF) updates

Expression of Interest form – DVD recording of CAF We are currently investigating a new videographer for our 2018 Creative Arts Festival and have been gathering quotes. However, most quotes change the price of DVDs depending on how many are purchased. Therefore, we would like to find out a rough idea of how many would be purchased by our families so we can get the best price and best quality DVD for you. If every family can please fill in the Google form below that would be greatly appreciated – we want to do the best by our families and would like to hear your opinions. Please fill in the questions below at your earliest convenience. I am hoping to hire someone this week or early next week at the latest. Thank you!

<https://goo.gl/forms/yOPXp80yNowV40IW2>

Ticketing: Tickets will go on sale via Ticketek in the next couple of weeks. I am just waiting to hear back from them with a confirmed date and then all families will be informed via an email or in the newsletter.

AWARD WINNERS Week 3



Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

Term 3 Social Justice Focus: The Environment

Last Wednesday, the Year 6 Environment Team (Sabina and Isra) and Porscha from Year 5 spoke to the school Assembly and community about our fragile environment.

The students introduced our focus for Social Justice this term which is *how to look after our environment*. The girls spoke about the following:

Social Justice is all about doing what is fair. It is about doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do. And right now there are people who need our help:

Our farmers are really struggling. Their crops are dying because of the drought and their animals are also running out of things to eat.

Our marine life also needs our help. Have you seen how much plastic rubbish ends up in our oceans and harming our sea creatures?

Over the next few weeks we will learn more about what we can do for the environment in really fun ways. One day we will all come to school dressed like a farmer, we will swap books with each other as a way to recycle, and we will even have a special pizza lunch day to celebrate 'Nude Food'.

We will come around to your classrooms soon so you can hear more about it!

Following in the newsletter is a wonderful plan for OLD students and the community to get involved in matters about the environment.

Fathers' Day Whole School Mass – Friday August 31st at 9am

Save the date in your diaries for this wonderful parish and school community event to celebrate our father figures.

We also invite you to send in a photo of your children with their dad to use in the Father's Day Mass as the reflection after Communion. One photo ONLY per family please. Send photos to:

jill.greenwood@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Many thanks to Mrs Greenwood who has kindly offered to put the Fathers' Day Photo Reflection together for us this year.



Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

Liturgy Leaders

Many thanks to our Year 6 Liturgy Leaders, Gabby and Kaelyn, who presented information to many classes about *Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop* on her Feast Day last Wednesday. The feedback from teachers and students was wonderful. Gabby and Kaelyn initiated, planned and implemented this input all by themselves. This is wonderful leadership and what a wonderful way to celebrate a very special Feast Day (especially for Australians)!



SOCIAL JUSTICE | OUR ENVIRONMENT

“Even the smallest kids can make the biggest difference!”

WEEK 1

CELEBRATE 'NATIONAL TREE DAY'
ALL FAMILIES INVITED BY WILLOUGHBY COUNCIL
TO PLANT A TREE.



WEEK 2

EXCURSION TO BINGO INDUSTRIES RECYCLING CENTRE
(YEARS 5 AND 6)



WEEK 3

**ENVIRONMENT TEAM PRESENTS OUR SCHOOL VISION FOR HELPING
OUR FARMERS AND OUR MARINE LIFE AT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.**

WEEK 4

**ENVIRONMENT TEAM VISITS EACH CLASS TO
PRESENT DETAILS OF EXCITING ACTIVITIES.**



WEEK 5

'ELECTRICITY | ENERGY | LIGHT AWARENESS WEEK'
(DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES FOR EACH GRADE)



WEEK 6

'WATERWAYS | MARINE LIFE AWARENESS WEEK'
(SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER)



WEEK 7

'DROUGHT | FARMER AWARENESS WEEK'
(FRIDAY, 7 SEPT COME DRESSED AS A FARMER,
AND DONATE A 'FIVER FOR A FARMER')



WEEK 8

'RECYCLING | WASTE AWARENESS WEEK'
(WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPT BOOK SWAP DAY
FRIDAY, 14 SEPT NUDE FOOD PIZZA LUNCH)



WEEK 9



IDEAS! ACTION!

**EACH CLASS PUTS TOGETHER THEIR THOUGHTS ON
HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT.**

WEEK 10

MORE DETAILS ARE COMING SOON...

Pastoral Care—Mr Samuel McClean

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

A safe and orderly school environment is important to learning. Disruptive classroom behaviour is known to interfere with learning and is a cause of stress and concern for students, teachers and families.

Most children start school with the social skills they need for success. They have learned these socially valued behaviours from their parents, families, carers, early childhood learning experiences and their social networks. Children learn behaviours very quickly, but often they also learn "misrules" or behavioural errors. The fastest way to turn problem behaviour around is by teaching them acceptable and appropriate ways to get what they need.

Our Lady of Dolours has been a PBL school for some time. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework which helps to create positive learning environments. Research and our data shows that when PBL is implemented with integrity, it helps reduce problem behaviour and increase academic performance.

In PBL specific behaviours and expectations are taught to all students to ensure a proactive approach to managing student behaviour. In PBL the focus is on achieving and maintaining positive behaviours, interactions and relationships.

Each fortnight, the school will have an area of focus that involves explicit teaching and support of positive behaviours. Teachers and students will participate in lessons that involve discussion, role-play and reflection. Once a fortnight the 'PBL groups' will meet, which discuss the current PBL rule. These PBL groups are led by our Year 6 leaders.

How can parents be involved?

Parents are integral to PBL being successful. We encourage parents to use the same rules and expectations as the school - Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Good learner - which results in a common language and unified approach. We encourage parents to contact the school to discuss any concerns.

What can I do to help my child stay on the path of positive behaviour?

Review the core values of: Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Good learner regularly with your child.

- Ask your child about his/her day at school every day.
- Make sure your child is ready for school.
- Have they had a good night's sleep?
- Have they completed their homework/reading?
- Do they have all of their materials ready?
- Have they eaten a nutritious breakfast?
- Are they in school uniform?
- Are they on time?
- Show interest and provide quiet time for homework after school.
- Practice using positive language with your child and model using manners at home.
- Be visible in your child's school life. Attend meetings and other school activities where possible.
- Keep in regular touch with your child's teacher.



Sports News

Our Year 3 netball team has continued their winning streak by defeating St Thomas 10-4.

These girls have only lost one game this season and only keep getting better!

Our player of the week was Hannah Williams who was instrumental in getting the ball into the circle for our goal shooters.

Great work girls!



From The LIBRARY - Louise Murphy

Book Week.

Happy Book Week to everyone at Our Lady of Dolours!

David Legge: Illustrator / Author: A huge thankyou to David for a very entertaining and engaging day. The children thoroughly enjoyed 'stepping inside' the world of a renowned illustrator.



Book Donations: It is lovely to see so many beautiful books being donated to our Library. Thank you!

It is definitely not too late. Please go into the Qkr app to donate a book. All books are \$15, \$20 and \$25. Alternately, you can put money in an envelope clearly marked 'Book Donation' with your child's name and class. All children will choose a book and have their name put in the front as the donor.

Book Parade: The laughter and excitement was electric as the children and Staff celebrated a **LOVE** of books this morning at the annual book parade. It was fantastic to see the imagination and creativity of all the families.



Happy Book Week.

Louise Murphy.

Community News



Our Lady of Dolours Primary School

Term 3 Canteen Roster



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
23 July 2018	PUPIL FREE DAY	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessebian	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendhofer	Michelle Go-Chin Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
30 July 2018	Jen Montealegre Jo Mannering	Ji-Yun Yi Stella Bae	Michael Corbett	Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
6 August 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Carlyn Linders Portia Yu	Jackie Fung Katerina Planska	Cynthia Lai Rachel Ullmann	SPORTS - A - THON
13 August 2018	Alison Henderson Alison Guthrie	Amy Chan Laura Hurrell	Natt Yusathaphorn Elaine Lin	Nicole Chow Mikhael Chammaa	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
20 August 2018	Rachel Mensforth Kate Stipo	Eva Martinez Ruby Yang	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendhofer	Debby Liu Joy Wang	Nicole Woods Tracy Li
27 August 2018	Michael Corbett	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessebian	Christine Lee Sally Park	Joy Wang Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
3 September 2018	Katie Crichton	Marcia Corbett Laura Hurrell	Jackie Fung Katerina Planska	Rachel Ullmann Julie Hiser	Katerina Trani Michelle Stanley
10 September 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Ruby Yang Jo Mannering	Michael Corbett	Lily Setiawan Soehan Wiraputra	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
17 September 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Ji-Yun Yi Stella Bae	Ofelia Delosreyes Marina Oganessian	Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
24 September 2018	Marilyn King Trish Seeto	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessebian	Elaine Lin Kylie Sendhofer	Michelle Go-Chin Cynthia Lai	Janelle Arena Zoey Cortese



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.