# **OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# NEWS Term 3 Week 6 - 27 August 2018

# **The Principal's Piece**

#### OLD Feast Day, Sunday 16 September 2018:

Everyone is warmly invited to a day of excitement coming up in three weeks on <u>Sunday 16 September</u> 2018.

Following are the important times / events on during this day:

- Fr Jim and Bishop David Walker will celebrate Mass at 10.30am
- 12pm BBQ

- Following the BBQ, there will be various 'performances' by students and parishioners etc (OLD School Band 12.45pm)

#### Don't Forget the OLD School Feast Day Mass Friday 14 September 9am:

Parents and Friends are warmly invited to the OLD 'whole-school' Feast Day Mass, Friday 14 September 9am.

#### Congratulations to Mr McClean and Year 5:

Over the past month, Year 5 students have been working in groups to create five children's book that progressed right through to formal publishing.

The students presented their books to the students at St Lucy's Special School, Wahroonga, last week during their Book Week celebrations.

Suffice to say, the only thing better than the professionally created books was the thrill of presenting to the students!

Congratulations, Year 5 ... And might I also add congratulations and thanks to our P+F Leadership Team that secured the Willoughby Council grant that made the entire project possible.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Vanessa Lincoln's husband, Mark, for working with Mr McClean to publish and print the books for a ridiculously 'special' deal.

The photo below shows one of the Year 5 groups preparing to present their book, "I'm better than you!"



# **COMING EVENTS**

#### August

Thurs 30 Father's Day Stall

Fri 31 Father's Day Breakfast

8am

Fri 31 Father's Day Mass 9am

#### September

Fri 7 Yr 6 Bake Stall

Sun 9 Yr 2 Mass 9am

Fri 14 OLD Feast Day Mass 9am

Sun 16 OLD Feast Day Mass 10.30am

> Mon 24 Creative Arts Festival

Thurs 27 Yr 5 Book presentation , Chatswood Library

Fri 28 Term 3 Concludes

#### October

Mon 15 Term 4 Commences

Summer Uniform Change over

Sat 27– Sun 28 Band Camp

#### December

#### Wed 19 Term 4 Concludes

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES www.olddbb.catholic.edu.au

**Our Lady of Dolours** 

# The Principal's Piece cont.

# Everyone is invited to see Year 5 present their published children's books 27.9.18:

"Moving our emotions with Writing and Dramatisation"

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

#### Closing date for OLD Advisory Council 'Expressions of Interest" - 3.9.18

Please refer to the attached 'Expression of Interest' form further on in this newsletter regarding the OLD Advisory Council. Thank you.

#### REMINDER: Survey for the community?

Parents are reminded to complete the community survey regarding P+F Leadership, Engagement and Fundraising. This survey simply asks families to vote for A or B. (Closing date 03/09/2018)

Please go to the following survey link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XR2XBTF

#### - A: I think that our school can be best managed with:

- o An Advisory Group (as per CSO expectations from 2019 onwards) ... Meeting once per term
- o A P+F Leadership Team similar to what OLD has now, with elected members ... Meeting once per term (NB The role of 'class parent' leaders for each class will continue to be critical)

o Annual fundraising events and programmes need to be inspired and managed to raise approximately \$20,000 (ie as we presently do)

#### - B: I think that our school can be best managed with:

o An Advisory Group (as per CSO expectations from 2019 onwards) ... Meeting once per term

A P+F Leadership Team that exists solely to promote and build 'engagement' ... Meeting once per term - (NB no fundraising and therefore no P+F Treasurer required according to the P+F Constitution) ... (NB The role of 'class parent' leaders for each class will continue to be vital to build, promote and sustain 'engagement')
An Annual P+F fundraising levy of \$100 per family – (With no formal/major fundraising as we presently do throughout the year ... NB we can still have Mission fundraisers like Project Compassion etc)

#### Information for Parents regarding Child Protection Week at OLD:

All Stage 2 and Stage 3 students at OLD (ie Yrs 3-6) will participate in the "Virtual Classrooms Programme for Australian Catholic Schools" in National Child Protection Week 2018 - Thursday 6th September. This initiative is an important part of the mandatory requirements teachers address in their general learning and teaching programmes regarding 'Child Protection'.

#### Summer Uniform Change-over:

The date for 'change over' to summer uniform is 15 October 2018. (This will be bought forward in the event that hotter than usual weather is experience towards the end of Term 3. Notification of changes will be communicated in the newsletter).

# The Principal's Piece cont.

#### Sharing Food @ School:

I respectfully ask parents to talk to their children about the importance of NOT sharing food at school. Essentially, there is a number of students susceptible to very serious allergic reactions. Thank you.

#### Yr 6 Cake Sale Day - Friday 7 September – (fundraising for the Yr6 Graduation)

Students purchasing cakes at the Yr 6 Cake Sale Day (7/9/18) are not permitted to eat the cakes at school; students must take the cakes home in their bags for parents to manage consumption. Thank you.

#### NEW DATE: Yr 2 Parish/School Mass – Sunday 9 September 9am

A new date has been set for the Yr2 Parish/School Family Mass – Sunday 9 September 9am.

# The Assistant Principal's Piece

#### **Creative Arts Festival Update:**

<u>Ticketing</u>: Tickets will be on sale through the link below or at the Concourse ticket office from <u>10am</u> on the <u>29th</u> <u>August (TOMORROW)</u>. All tickets are \$35. These tickets are not for profit and are priced to cover the cost of holding the event at The Concourse.

http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=COLOURMY18

**Program Design Competition**: This year, I invite our students to design a program for the Creative Arts Competition. The best 10 designs (judged by the teachers) will be printed and distributed on the evening to our audience. If your child would like to enter they must design a front and back cover on A4 paper. It can be drawn, painted, designed on the computer. On the front cover you must include the following information:

- Welcome to the 2018 Creative Arts Festival
- -Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, Chatswood
- Colour my world
- 24 September 2018
- -The Concourse, Chatswood

You can design the back of the program in any way you wish but please be aware we will be adding a text box somewhere on the page (you can include a space for this in your design).

#### Entries are due in paper or via email to Miss Thorpe by Friday 31st August.

The winning entries will then get an opportunity to help me design the inside information, which will information about class dances and choir/band performances.

Thank you and good luck!

<u>Costumes</u>: Your classroom teachers will be informing you about costumes and anything that needs to be purchased. Alternatively, teachers may not need to purchase anything for their costumes (we have a very large costume room at the school that may be used) and will inform you later in the term about what children will be wearing.

# The Assistant Principal's Piece cont.

<u>Maths anxiety</u>: In the lead up to my study tour in 2019 for the Premier's Grant I was awarded, I have started an online course led by Professor Jo Boaler from Stanford University. I would like to share some of the most interesting learnings throughout my learning journey.

This week, one of the most interesting topics in the first module was about maths anxiety...in parents! It was stated that if a parent has maths anxiety it can be transferred to their child and research has discovered that this directly results in lower learning outcomes for the child.

So what does maths anxiety look and sound like? Have you ever said in front of your child 'I'm no good at maths', 'I don't have a maths brain', 'I was terrible at maths at school, ask your mother/father'. These statements can lead to your child developing a closed mindset about their own mathematical ability; A closed mindset is when you believe something and you believe it cannot be changed (eg Closed mindset: 'I can't do maths, I'm not smart' compared to a growth mindset 'I sometimes need help with maths but I have good ideas and I know I can learn it after practising').

So, next time you are helping your child with their homework, adding up totals at a shopping centre or calculating money at home, be aware of how you speak about maths. Talk about strategies and ideas and celebrate mistakes!

Remember; Everyone has the ability to learn and everybody has a 'maths brain'!





# **Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray**

#### **REC Position Role Review Process**

Thank you to the many families who filled out the survey in regards to my REC role renewal. Your input is valuable and appreciated for the review panel and my future direction.

#### Term 3 Social Justice Focus: The Environment

This week's environmental focus is ENERGY. As a school the students are going to keep an eye on our electricity usage. Infants will label their light switch with 'ON' and 'OFF' (and possibly other electrical items in their classrooms. Primary will be involved in researching "ELECTRICITY" – Where does it come from? Find interesting electricity facts from around the world and finally tally all electrical items at home (or at school) and represent as a graph. All of these activities are designed to raise awareness about energy usage.

#### Up and Coming Social Justice Events for the Environment

**Week 8** – On Friday of Week 8 (14<sup>th</sup> of September) we will be having a Pizza Lunch to go hand in hand with raising awareness of Nude Food/recyclable packaging. Funds raised will go to Catholic Mission. More information to follow.

#### Week 9

On Friday of Week 9 (21<sup>st</sup> of September) we will be having 'Farmer Friday' to raise money for our Australian farmers who are experiencing severe drought. We will be asking for a 'fiver for the farmers'.

Where will our money go?

Rural Aid - A central point of focus to provide assistance and relief for Farmers in distress and poverty. Drought Angels - A unique service offering drought relief through support for rural families in need. A small charity run by big hearts.

See the following link for more information:

http://afiverforafarmer.com.au/

#### Fathers' Day Whole School Mass – THIS Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am

We look forward to seeing the dads wearing their artistic ties made with love by their children at the breakfast and mass. Some dads may wear multiple ties!

Please join in this wonderful celebration of our fathers at 'Our Lady of Dolours Church' at 9am.

#### Year 6 Bake Sale Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of September (Week 7)

Please return the permission note that came home last week to enable your child to make purchases from the Bake Sale.

Year 6 Mums, Dads and students will be getting ready to bake shortly and you don't want to miss out on purchasing the delicious homemade goods!

See note at the end of the Newsletter for more details and the permission slip.

#### Fr Jim Year 6 Class Visit

Fr Jim came in to teach the Year 6 class about their current RE topic: "Sacraments of Service." Specifically, Fr Jim spoke about being a priest in three main areas: What do priests do? How do you become a priest? The Sacrament of Holy Orders (Ordination). Here's what Fr Jim and the children discussed:

What do priests do?

Baptisms, weddings, reconciliation, Mass (Eucharist), prays with people, teaches, supports other ministries, funerals, anointing of the sick, support and celebrate with the community and lead.





# Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

How do you become a priest?

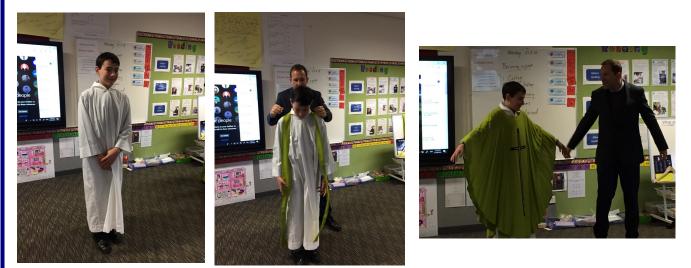
- 1. It's a calling
- 2. Ask the Bishop
- 3. Learn at the Seminary for seven years
- 4. Practise at a church
- 5. Go back to the Seminary
- 6. Be Ordained.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders (Ordination)

Fr Jim brought over to the class his vestments to assist in the children's understanding (see photos).

- 1. Kneeling before the Bishop and the 'Laying of Hands'
- 2. The Anointing of hands with oil.
- 3. Put the garments on:
- A. Alb
- B. Stole
- C. Chasuble

Thank you, Fr Jim, for your very interesting lesson! Mrs Gray will now provide input into the Sacrament of Marriage!



Alb

Stole

Chasuble

# From the Library—Mrs Louise Murphy

Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to all the students who have completed the Reading Challenge for 2018.

The Challenge for 2018 must be completed by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Could all families who have not finished please enter your books by this date.

I will validate all completed online forms this Friday.

The children will receive their Certificate from the Premiers Department in early December.

Louise...

# **Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray**



Thursday 30th August 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 6 Homemade Bake Sale: Invitation to Buy!

On Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> September, Year 6 is holding their annual fundraiser, which is a homemade *Bake* Sale. All money raised will go towards helping cover the cost of their Graduation Dinner ticket and the Yearbook. It will take place from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, with stalls being in both the infant and primary areas, and out the front of the school on Archer Street.

You, along with your child/ren, are invited to bring silver and gold coins in on Friday to purchase from the wide selection of sweet and savoury goods that will be on sale. Prices will start at 50c for lolly bags & biscuits and reach \$10 for items like whole cakes.

Please note that baked goods may include eggs and nuts, however, there will be a small selection of goods that will be egg and nut free. Any children with allergies must have an adult with them when making purchases.

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PURCHASED CAKES/BISCUITS ARE TO BE EATEN AT SCHOOL ... ALL PURCHASES MUST BE TAKEN HOME FOR PARENTS TO MANAGE CONSUMPTION – THANK YOU.

Children are to be accompanied by an adult when buying from the bake sale. However, if your child goes to After School Care, Walking Line or Kirk Street and won't have an adult present- they will be required to bring the below permission form with them if they are to purchase something. Any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to email me at <u>kathryn.gray@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u>

Kind regards,

Mrs Kathryn Gray		
Year 6 Classroom Teacher		
l,		, give permission for my child,
	, in class	, to purchase items from
the Year 6 Bake Sale without	an adult present.	
Signed	Date	
94a Archer Street, Chatswood NSV www.old.dbb.catholic.edu.au	V 2067 Phone: (02) 9419 2645 Email: old@dbb	.catholic.edu.au

# P & F News

# FATHER'S DAY STALL Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August

WHEN: Thursday 30<sup>st</sup> August 2018 WHERE: Library

GIFT SELECTION: Lots of great gifts your child can choose from. Mugs, soaps, car cleaning, wireless speakers, pens, socks, bottle openers, BBQ tools, and many more. PRICE: Start from \$5 up to \$15 for each item.



PRE-PAID METHOD: Please complete the order form via the QKR APP.

#### One form per child.

Alternatively, please complete the credit note below with your child's details, preferred credit value and correct payment, and return it in a sealed envelope to the "Father's Day" P&F box located in the school fover **by Wednesday 29th August.** 

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

#### NOTE: please complete one form per child

If you have any queries please contact:

Zoey zoey.dezigns@optusnet.com.au or

Glenda glenda.chan@gmail.com

FATHER'S DAY STALL CREDIT NOTE – Please complete and return to the

"Father's Day" P&F box located in the school foyer by Wednesday 29th August.

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

\$5	\$10	<b>1</b> \$15	\$20	\$25
\$30	\$35	<b>\$</b> 40	\$45	\$50
CHILD'S NAMECLASS				

If additional forms are required they can be collected from the front office.

# Year 6 news

#### Year 6 Bake Sale: FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER - Major Graduation Fundraiser

In Week 7, on Friday 7 September, Year 6 is holding their annual fundraiser. We are hoping to raise money to cover the cost of the Yearbook and for the children's ticket to the Graduation Dinner. There will be no more fundraising after this event, so let's make it count!

We are looking to sell **homemade** baked goods including cakes, loaves, cupcakes, slices, biscuits, macarons, savoury baked goods and lolly bags. We will also supply some nut/egg/gluten free options at the Bake Sale!

Please support this event by sending your child along with some money on the day. The Bake Sale will start after lunch for classes to attend and will remain open until 3:30; so you are also welcome to shop yourself at pick up time (unless sold out).

#### All purchased goods will be taken home and consumed at home.



# **Advisory Council News**

**Expression of interest form to join the OLD Advisory Council for 2019** – (Applications must be delivered to the School Office by 4pm Monday 3.9.18)

**PREAMBLE**: Parent/Guardian membership will be the majority of Council members. We anticipate two school staff members and a representative from the wider OLD Parish too (NB: 'Student Voice' will be gathered from a Student Representative Council to be set up soon).

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 school/ parish 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 spiritual wellbeing at the centre of all decision making.

Because of the varied and weighty implications just listed, we trust potential candidates 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.

CSO recommends that school Advisory Councils usually meet once per term.

*I would like to be considered for the OLD School Advisory Council:* 

Name:
My child/ren are in Year/s:
I believe I am a suitable candidate for the OLD School Advisory Council because:

# FATHER'S DAY BBQ BREAKFAST

When: Friday, 31st August 2018 8am to 8.45am

Followed by Father's Day Mass at 9am

Where: Outside the Canteen

All Dads, Grandads and Carers welcome!!!!! Hosted by Kindy Parents

# **Community News**

# **SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**



Think Club Australia provides experiential workshops for the inquisitive, problem-solving, creative and capable primary school child. Our one day, hands-on workshops are enjoyable, fun and interesting.

> For more information on our workshops or to book please visit our website: www.thinkclubaustralia.com



# **MONDAY 8TH & TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2018**

9am - 3.30pm, Sydney Boys High School, Moore Park, Sydney

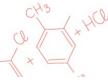


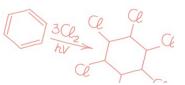
#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - mq.edu.au/about/holidays

- · 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





# **Community News**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
23 July 2018	PUPIL FREE DAY	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevian	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendlhofer	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 Sendlhofer	Debby Liu Joy Wang	Nicole Woods Tracy Li
27 August 2018	Michael Corbett	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevian	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 Oganesian	Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
24 September 2018	Marilyn King Trish Seeto	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevian	Elaine Lin Kylie Sendlhofer	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.

