

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 4 Week 1 - 15 October 2018

The Principal's Piece

Dear Parents,

Exciting 'Church' news:

Óscar Romero, the Salvadoran priest who championed social justice for the poor and dispossessed, was proclaimed a saint by Pope Francis in a canonisation ceremony in Rome last Sunday, almost four decades after he was assassinated by a right-wing death squad.

The former archbishop of San Salvador, who was closely associated with the Latin American liberation theology movement of the 1960s and 70s, was canonised along with six others at the ceremony in St Peter's Square. They include Pope Paul VI, who oversaw the sweeping Vatican II reforms of the Catholic Church in the 1960s.

I recommend the following song to you that perhaps sums up Óscar Romero's mission on Earth. I put this song up there amongst the most inspirational songs of all time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cfBWjltR0A>

Catholic School Funding ... Don't get me going!

I commend the following article/link to all parents of OLD. I sense that too much oozing from the media, of late, is part of a 'smoke and mirrors' campaign to powerfully interrupt truth, fairness and common-sense regarding the current school funding debate.

The following is a 'teaser' paragraph that I am confident will draw you in to read the full article – (Disclaimer: I warn readers that the full article might incite a measure of feisty fury):

"Do people demanding equal treatment for all schools, public and private really want government schools to be means tested? Because that's what equal treatment would look like.

Those people should also be aware that government schools raise private income without losing a dollar in government funding.

In NSW, some 2,200 government schools raised \$450 million in private income in 2016. Fifty of those schools raised almost \$100 million between them, which they do not have to share with any other school (unlike Catholic systemic schools, who pool and redistribute their fees according to need)."

READ THE FULL ARTICLE AT: <https://goo.gl/H2xLTZ>

COMING EVENTS

October

Thurs 25 Yr 2 Excursion

Sat 27– Sun 28 Band Camp

Wed 31 Kindy Excursion

November

Fri 9 Remembrance Day
Ceremony 12.20pm

Thurs 29 Year 6 Graduation
& End of Year Liturgy 10am

December

Wed 19 Term 4 Concludes

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.

Swimming Programme K-4 – Term 4:

The following are the dates for Swimming Training in Term 4 – (NB Parents are reminded that this is fully covered/funded within the general OLD School Fees). Swimming will be for Kindy to Year 4. Year 5 and 6 will participate in Surf Education lessons and further information on this will follow shortly.

Students will have one lesson each week over 5 weeks on either Wednesdays or Fridays.

WEEK 4:	Wed 7/11/2018	&	Fri 9/11/2018
WEEK 5:	Wed 14/11/2018	&	Fri 16/11/2018
WEEK 6:	Wed 21/11/2018	&	Fri 23/11/2018
WEEK 7	Wed 28/11/2018	&	Fri 30/11/2018
WEEK 8:	Wed 5/12/2018	&	Fri 7/12/2018

Award Winners

AWARD WINNERS Week 10



The Assistant Principal's Piece

Swimming: We are currently finalising the timetable for swimming and an information note will go home to each class by the end of this week. Each class will have an individual note with their own timetable and information.

Creative Arts Festival: I want to extend a huge congratulations to all the staff and students for such a wonderful evening on our Creative Arts Festival last term. I took off to Cambodia the next day so wasn't present to extend my thanks to all the parents and carers who assisted with costumes. I also want to thank the students for the amazing program cover designs -we have some very talented students in our school community!

A reminder for all those who are yet to purchase the link for the video to please do so via QKR ASAP. I will be sending notes home at the end of this week with the link and password to all those who have paid the \$10. I have had a little sneak peek and let me assure you that it is such wonderful viewing! Worth every single cent!

Cambodia holiday teaching program: As I wrote in last term's newsletter, I spent the past 2.5 weeks over in Cambodia working in 'my' rural village. However, this trip was a bit different than my usual trips over there, as two diocesan teachers (one being our very own Miss Adeline) came with me to run a teacher's conference. Teachers from all over Cambodia travelled our little village to attend the one day conference which covered topics such as effective behaviour management, English phonics and spelling patterns and how to teach reading and writing lessons. These teachers all teach in free English classes in rural villages that are free for the children – who otherwise wouldn't learn English at all. The majority of these teachers have not attended University or had formal training in being a teacher, they simply speak English. Therefore, the opportunity to attend and participate in an annual conference is extremely invaluable for them. Leading the conference was such an amazing experience for us all and has undoubtedly changed the lives of not only the Cambodian teachers but also our diocesan teachers. I feel very privileged to be able to share this part of my life with other teachers and our OLD community.



Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations!

We congratulate the following children for participating fully in the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Cruz, Lara, Brandon, Rachel, Lucas, Camila, Shenali, Javien, Yuin, Tristan, Ivy, Joshua, Alex, Justin, Justin, Destiny, Joshua, Nate, Xavier, Lizzy, Abigail, Kyla, Noelle, Luca, Michaela, Sienna, Nathaniel, Sofia, Cooper, Anthony, Sean, Jonathan, Kristof, Vicky, Luca, Mia, Vincent, Lucy and Harry.



We pray that you are blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in your faith and daily life.

Thank you to Angela and the parish team and for all other mentors involved in forming our young children to be ready for this sacrament.

October: Catholic Mission Month

Last term we raised awareness about food packaging by having a Pizza Lunch Day. The money raised has been donated to Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission is the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Compelled by the message, life and love of Jesus Christ, Catholic Mission forms Australians for mission and raises funds for mission—in Australia and around the world. See the following link for more information:



<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/about-catholic-mission/about-us>

This Thursday a group of Year 6 leaders will attend the Diocesan Mission Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary in Waitara. Fr David Ranson will be the celebrant and all schools from the Broke Bay Diocese will be represented.

Rest
Refresh
Renew



'Come away to a
quiet place by
yourselves and
rest a while.'

Mark 6:31

A Parent Retreat Day

'Ancient Wisdom, Contemporary Lives'



Friday 2nd Nov 2018. 9am-4pm
St Joseph's Spirituality Centre
8 Humphrey's Rd, Kincumber South

Cost: \$20 suggested donation (pay on the day)

Bookings: Sallyanne.butel@dbb.catholic.edu.au RSVP: 20th Oct

Guest speaker: *Rabbi Gad Krebs*

Followed by Workshops & Walks by the Water.

How do we tap the **deep wisdom** of our life experience, **family** ancestry and faith **tradition**, and pass on to our children what is most precious to us? Join us for a restful day of '**soul food**' and reflection in a beautiful **natural** environment, on **sacred** ground where St Mary MacKillop, and indigenous Australian ancestors, once walked.

[Details overleaf]

2nd November is

All Souls Day

Join us in a Mass of
remembrance for our loved
ones at 2pm.



From the Catholic School's Office

Changes to the management of overdue school fees

The management of overdue school fees within the Diocese of Broken Bay will be centralised at the Catholic Schools Office located at Pennant Hills. The new arrangement will be a staged implementation across all schools, and will impact *Our Lady of Dolours* from 22 October 2018.

This will ensure a consistent approach to managing overdue school fees across Broken Bay systemic schools, and reduce operating costs following recent funding changes.

The Fees Liaison Team has been established at the Catholic Schools Office. During Term 4 2018, impacted families will be contacted by a team member to discuss payment arrangements. In the meantime, families who wish to discuss their situation can contact the team as below.

Fees Liaison Team

Telephone: 9847 0728

Email: schoolfees@dbb.org.au

Up coming Excursion information

Year 2 is excited to be heading off to the Coastal Environment Centre on Thursday 25 October as part of their Science and Technology and Geography lessons. Parents are reminded to make sure permission notes are handed back in by the Friday 19 October.

Students are required to wear their sports uniform including hat and to ensure they have packed fruit break, morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle.

Kindy are also excited about their upcoming excursion to The Farm on Wednesday 31 October.

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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 18 October 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 for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Our Lady of Dolours Primary School

Term 4 Canteen Roster



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
16 October 2018	Zoey Cortese	Seda Gulessevan	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendhofer	Michelle Go-Chin Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
23 October 2018	Jen Monteleagre Jo Mannering	Ji-Yun Yi Stella Bae		Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Michelle Stanley
30 October 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Carlyn Linders Portia Yu		Cynthia Lai Rachel Ullmann	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
6 November 2018	Ann Bacsí Michael Corbett	Amy Chan Laura Hurrell	Natt Yusathaphorn Elaine Lin	Nicole Chow Mikhael Chammaa	
13 November 2018	Rachel Mensforth Kate Stipo	Eva Martinez Ruby Yang	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendhofer	Debby Liu Joy Wang	Nicole Woods Tracy Li
20 November 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Glenda Chan	Christine Lee Sally Park	Joy Wang Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
27 November 2018	Alison Henderson Alison Guthrie	Marcia Corbett Laura Hurrell	Jackie Fung Katerina Trani	Rachel Ullmann Julie Hiser	Katerina Trani Michelle Stanley
4 December 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Ruby Yang Jo Mannering		Lily Setiawan Soehan Wiraputra	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
11 December 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Ji-Yun Yi Ann Bacsí (bday)	Ofelia Delosreyes	Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
18 December 2018	Marilyn King Trish Seeto	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevan	Janelle Arena Zoey Cortese		



Get your kids active this summer



Summer sports season is heating up and the Active Kids program can help you save.

If you've created an Active Kids voucher don't forget to **use it before 31 December 2018**. It's \$100 towards sport, fitness and active recreation for your kids.

Using your voucher is easy: find a registered Active Kids provider on the Service NSW website and simply present your voucher when registering.

Did you know parents and carers can apply for a new Active Kids voucher every year until 2021?