OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 4 Week 4 - 5 November 2018

The Principal's Piece

School Advisory Council:

After much interviewing and consultation, I am pleased to advertise the members of the School Advisory Council for 2019.

I sincerely thank everyone who engaged in the deliberation and consultation process.

The council has five parent representatives (nicely spread across classes K-6), two teachers and one principal – ie eight members in total.

The council will meet together before the end of the year to prepare for 2019 so we 'hit the new year running'.

Council Members:

Cassie Cook - Teacher

Camilla Brown - Teacher

Janine Webster - Niall KG and Callum 3G

Nigel Carpenter - Rachel 2G

Tamara Munro - Lana 1B

Richard Ang - Tessa 3B and Lindsay 6G

Bernadette Ho - Anastasia 1G and Genevieve 4G

Philip Ledlin - Principal

Thank you, Kate Fairbanks:

Parents will be interested to learn that Kate Fairbanks (Charlie Y1) is part of the OLD Pastoral Care team that meets regularly to deliberate important pastoral care and wellbeing matters K-6 for students.

P+F Annual General Meeting - TODAY Tuesday 6 November 6.30pm

Everyone is welcome at the 2018 P+F Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 6 November 6.30pm.

At this meeting, as a group, we will discuss how the P+F leadership group will 'look' and function going forward. There will, of course, be a slight change in the purpose of the group considering there will be no need for any fundraising. Put simply, the new P+F leadership group will essentially be solely dedicated to engaging the community through social events, social support, parent educational opportunities and more.

Please refer to last week's newsletter regarding important specific details regarding the likely P+F structure in 2019.

COMING EVENTS

November

Tues 6 Plenary 2020 Meeting 6pm

Tues 6 P&F AGM 6.30pm

Fri 9 Kindergarten 2019
Transition

9-10.30 (2 of 3)

Fri 9 Remembrance Day
Ceremony 12.20pm

Fri 16 Kindergarten 2019

Transition

9-10.30 (3 of 3)

Thurs 22 School Disco

Yrs K-1 3.15-4.30pm

Yrs 2-3 4.30-6pm

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 6-7.30pm

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

December

Mon 3 Parent Session on MAI Assessments

Wed 12 Swimming Carnival

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.

Plenary 2020 Meeting at OLD School - Tuesday 6 November 6pm - (just prior to the P+F AGM)

I urge parents to read the letter further on/attached in this newsletter regarding a pivotal period of deliberation that our Catholic Church is undergoing (ie Plenary 2020). This critical period of deliberation really needs your input and suggestions now!

Mr Sam McClean will manage a meeting at school just prior to the P+F AGM at 6pm (6.11.18).

A comprehensive explanation of Plenary 2020 is given in the outline attached to this newsletter.

Semester 2 Students Reports will be emailed home to parents on Friday 14.12.18

School Disco:

Exciting details follow further on in this newsletter regarding the up and coming yearly school disco.

General Details:

<u>Christmas Carols led by OLD School Choir at Kmart – Chatswood Chase – 15.11.18 – 10am</u>

Everyone is warmly invited to come to Kmart, Chatswood Chase, Thursday 15 November 10am to see our school choir sing and help 'open' the Wishing Tree Appeal.

Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney and other prominent community leaders will be present at this exciting occasion.





The Assistant Principal's Piece.

<u>Swimming Lessons (Kinder-Year 4)</u> Swimming lessons for all students Kinder-Year 4 commence this week. Please ensure the following have been organised:

- 1. Label all items of your child's clothing school uniform, swimming costume, goggles, swimming cap, shoes, socks, underwear, spare clothes, towel, swimming bag etc
- 2. Have swimming bags packed the night before to prevent anything being forgotten
- 3. Ensure your child can get in and out of their own swimming costume independently
- 4. Ensure your child can put their own school uniform on independently

<u>Reminder</u>: All children wear their swimming costumes to school under their sports uniform. If you child has swimming at 9.15am they wear their swimming costume under their 'pool clothes' and wear a pair of thongs / sandals to school. 'Pool clothes' may include an easy summer dress, t-shirt and shorts, a wearable hooded towel.

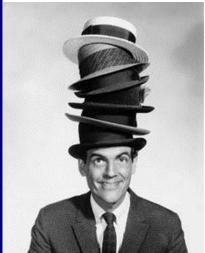
Swimming carnival: Yesterday the students in Years 2-6 (plus children in Year 1 who turn 8 in 2019) brought home information and permission notes for the school swimming carnival. Please note there has been a change of date to **Wednesday 12th December**. These notes need to be returned ASAP and no later than Friday 15th November. I encourage as many parents as possible to be engaged with this school event by volunteering to help on the day or just come along to cheer on the children. As we live so close to the Harbour and the beach, it is so important all our students learn how to swim and the annual swimming carnival is such a wonderful celebration of this.

EMU Intervention Program: Throughout Term 2 and 3, six Year 1 students participated in a special Mathematics intervention program called EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) led my by Mrs Gray and me. These students excitedly and enthusiastically attended the lessons every single day and have made such wonderful progress in their conceptual understanding of Number. We wish to congratulate these students and their parents for their commitment, effort and achievements. Congratulations on graduating from this program!!!! (If you would like to learn more about this program or the involved assessment – The MAI – please see below).



The Assistant Principal's Piece.

<u>Parent Education Session – MAI assessments:</u> For the past 5-6 years the teachers at O.L.D. have been conducting a Mathematical assessment called 'Mathematical Assessment Instrument' (MAI). This is a one-on-one assessment that occurs once a year and provides such rich data on each child as well as extremely valuable whole school data where we can identify trends and patterns. The teachers use this data from the first day of school to program to cater for the specific Mathematical needs of each and every child in their class. If you would like to learn more about this assessment and how it is used please come along to the Parent Education session on Monday 3rd December. I will also endeavour to have this meeting on Facebook Live. If you are interested in attending please email me via the school email address.



<u>HATS! HATS! HATS!</u> As we are now in November it is so important that EVERY student at O.L.D. is wearing their hat every day. Not only is the hat an important part of the school uniform, but it is also extremely important for skin safety. Please ensure your child is wearing their hat in the morning when they come to school as well as when they are walking home in the afternoons. It is compulsory for students to wear their hat at recess, lunch, during sport lessons or during any outdoor lessons. If a child is not wearing their hat, they will have a period of 'time out' and will then only be allowed to play in the shade. Please assist the school by checking your child has their hat packed every day. Thank you!

<u>Hand washing hygiene:</u> Since returning to school after the holidays children across all grades have been experiencing bouts of gastro. This is a timely reminder to remind your children about how to effectively wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet. The teachers will also be following up with this in their own classrooms.

Chicken Pox.

Please be advised a case of chicken pox has been reported at the school. An email was sent to all families earlier today.

More information can be found at:

http//:www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/factsheets/chickenpox.pdf

Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

Remembrance Day Ceremony 12:20pm THIS Friday 9th of November



On Sunday November the 11th we celebrate Remembrance Day. As a school community we will gather together for Remembrance Day THIS Friday 9th of November at 12:20pm. Parents are invited to this important event and are most welcome to join us at the COLA. During the ceremony, Gwenaelle, in Year 6, will mark this important occasion with a speech about the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice.

This year is of significant importance because we commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. One hundred years ago on 11 November 1918, four bloody years of brutal conflict came to an end. Almost 62,000 Australians died fighting for our freedom and in service of our nation.

After several months of hard fighting on the Western Front, the Allies finally broke through the Hindenburg Line on 29 September 1918. The German army was beaten and within weeks came the Armistice.

The Armistice of Compiègne between the Allies and Germany came into effect at 11am on 11 November 1918. The guns fell silent on the Western Front and after more than four years of unimaginable bloodshed and destruction, the war was finally over.

The Armistice paved the way for the signing of a formal peace treaty, the Treaty of Versailles, and the end of the war six months later.

After the Second World War, Armistice Day became Remembrance Day; a time to remember those who suffered in all wars.

Christmas Concert with Andrew Chinn

On Friday December 14th, religious songwriter and singer will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Together As One", "Rainbow" and "In the Beginning" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Parents are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. The concert will take place in the Our Lady of Dolours Church at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Literacy—Mrs Jill Greenwood



Earlier this year, students in Stage 1 were given the opportunity to enter an Australia-wide Writing Competition.

This week, we were thrilled to receive a letter from the "Write4Fun" organisers congratulating our participating students:

"This year, the competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and we received over 9,000 entries! Your school has been recognised for *outstanding student writing* as less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement."

Well done to all of our outstanding writers!

Pastoral Care—Mr Sam McClean

As you may be aware, the Catholic Church across Australia is to have a Plenary Council in 2020, known as Plenary 2020.

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can have dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

Pope Francis has spoken of the need to engage in the world and respond in faith. He said:

"Our previous ways of explaining the world and relationships, good and bad, no longer appears to work. The way in which we locate ourselves in history has changed. Things we thought would never happen, or that we never thought we would see, we are experiencing now, and we dare not even imagine the future. That which appeared normal to us – family, the Church, society and the world – will probably no longer seem that way. We cannot simply wait for what we are experiencing to pass, under the illusion that things will return to being how they were before."

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years.

The key question asked in in the run up to the plenary council is:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

We are asked to come together and share dialogue about how each of us answer this question. If many people respond to this call, the Plenary Council will have much information to work from. There is no 'prerequisite' to have your say. The Plenary Council wants to hear from everyone. From those who attend Mass and are active in the Church, to those who are not as familiar with their Parish as perhaps they used to be.

At Our Lady of Dolours Catholic School, we will have the opportunity to come together to share our understandings of the key question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" *There will be a listening and dialogue session in the school library at 6pm sharp on Tuesday 6th of November – right before the Parents and Friends AGM.*

If you would like more information on the Plenary Council, go to http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

If you are not able to get to this session, you are more than welcome to share your ideas online at http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/





OLD Social Justice Initiative:

St Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal

All items to school by Friday 30th November

In partnership with the local St Vincents de Paul, Year 2 and the school community are going to be involved in supporting families in need this Christmas and collect items for Christmas hampers.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 60,000 members and volunteers, who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice across Australia. Internationally, the Society operates in 140 countries and has over 800,000 members.

The Vinnies Christmas Hamper appeal provides special goods for those in need during the Christmas season. By giving a gift to the Society, you are helping to make wishes come true for families in need this Christmas.

We would greatly appreciate the donations of items as follows:

(Please note: send items to your child's classroom teacher):

КВ	Packet of long life custard
KG	Packet of jelly crystals
1B	Tinned fruit
1G	Tinned vegetables
Year 2	Tinned Christmas ham, Christmas cake and pudding. Various Christmas
	decorations like bon bons, table cloths, stockings etc.
3B	Jar of pasta sauce
3G	Packet of pasta
4B	Packet of biscuits
4G	Packet of Iollies and chocolates
Year 5	Jars of spread e.g. jam, vegemite
Year 6	Box of tea bags
Staff	Jar of coffee, milo and chocolate drink
Optional	Gift voucher for hamper

IMPORTANT: no rusty cans or out of date food and make sure to only use non-perishable foods.

Year 2 have been busy learning about the importance of helping others and supporting people in their local community.

Thank you for your support.

Camp Australia



What we've been doing in OSHC at Camp Australia!

Last week children were excited to help staff create a new Sustainability poster for display using mainly recycled materials such as empty soy-sauce squeeze bottles that we have been collecting from families and friends over the past few weeks.

Children also enjoyed making spooky art, such as black cats on Halloween to match Coordinator Melissa's Halloween costume. Also, as last week was really hot, children were invited to play a variety of water games including "Water-Bomb Bull Rush" and "Dry, Dry, Wet." They were also given the opportunity to chill-out under the fans with the lights off towards the end of the sessions.



Every effort is made for children to experience continuity of educators at our Service. Our current Team is:

Melissa (Coordinator), Mohona (Assistant Coordinator), Hammad (Assistant) & William (Assistant).

Each staff member brings something different to the team, for example William loves to play soccer! Also, consistency helps staff build relationships with children, which allows us to better program for their interests because children want to tell us about what they like to do at After School Care.

The Program for this week looks like this:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Calico Drawing & Dodge Ball	Bird Artworks & Cooking Lessons	Slime Making & Treasure	Make your own Mask or pair of Glasses	Butterfly Art & Educational Video

Hope to see you soon!

-From Melissa and your OSHC Team

For bookings, cancellations and general enquiries, please contact the Camp Australia Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 – they are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you wish to speak directly to your OSHC Team, please contact us using the Our Lady of Dolours OSHC Service Mobile: 0424 596 763.

visit www.campaustralia.com.au

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Scholastic BookClub will return for Issue 8 in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile you are still able to order in the Scholastic Loop app directly for Issue 7 home delivered to you. If you have previously ordered from Issue 6, you will be eligible for rolling bonus rewards for bonus books in Issue 7.

Kind regards,

Julie

Does your child find social situations difficult?



Worried about their ability to make and keep friends?

Not sure if they are coping socially at school?

Are they struggling in social settings?

Before the start of the school year, bring your child to our **Social Detectives** course - designed specifically to help children learn the social and conversational skills needed to interact with peers.

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greetings and eye contact problem solving understanding feelings giving compliments

confidence

turn-taking & sharing

listening & paying attention



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Start of silly season Dance party celebration



Where: Our Lady of Dolours, School Hall

When: Thursday 22 November

Time: Kindy/Yr 1 - 3:15 - 4:30 pm

Year 2/3 - 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Year 4/5/6 - 6 - 7:30 pm

Community News

Cost: Pizza Slice = \$3

Drink (Popper) = \$1.00

Ice-block = 50c

Disco = \$10

Pay via QKR! From Friday 9 November

This event is about having fun and bringing our school community together. We are not trying to raise a profit but if we do, it will go towards upgrading our playground.

Contact Janine Webster: webster janine@hotmail.com

With any questions or if you are able to volunteer to assist with the night.





HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A FUN HORNING OUT???

Gingerbread House
Event 2018

BE QUICK TO ORDER AS LITTLE AS \$25 PER HOUSE!!!

Chatswood are holding a Gingerbread Event Saturday 1 December 2018, at 11am

Bring the kids, family and friends and have a fun morning getting into the festive season decorating your very own Gingerbread House.

You will need to allow at least 1.5 - 2 hours to decorate your house or nativity scene. *It is very easy,* loads of fun and all instruction and decorations will be provided. Unless of course you want to add something specific, please bring it along. There is no limit to how many you can order, if you wish to purchase extra to take home.

What's Included

Everything you need to start and finish your very own gingerbread house on the day.

- Beautiful tasting Gingerbread Pieces
- Icing / Icing Sugar
- Selection of lollies such as: jaffas, bullets, smarties, jellybeans, freckles, snakes, musk sticks, candy canes – Please bring along anything you would specifically like to add to it.
- Board
- Cellophane
- Ribbon

All orders must accompany payment or your order will not be ordered. Orders must be returned by Friday, 16 November 2018 as 2 weeks lead time for orders is required by the baking company.

Please contact Jen Perrott at <u>iennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au</u> or (02) 9410 9000 at the parish office with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Gingerbread Order Form 2018

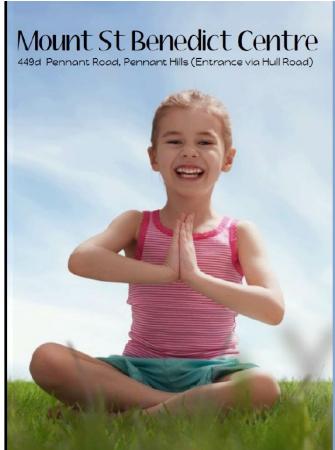
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YOUR ORDER MAY ALSO BE EMAILED TO jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

CHATSWOOD PARISH OFFICE AT 94 ARCHER STREET, CHATSWOOD TO ENSURE YOUR ORDER IS ACCOUNTED FOR. DO NOT HAND THE MONEY INTO THE SCHOOL OR SCRIPTURE TEACHER.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!!!

Community News



Children's Meditation & Relaxation Workshop

Saturday 10 November 2018 1:30pm - 4:30pm

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions. The presenters are experienced practitioners in the field.

Facilitations:

Monday 5 November 2018 8752 5390 or mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au



Our Lady of Dolours Primary School



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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
15 October 2018	Zoey Cortese Ramona Sacre	Seda Gulessevian	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendlhofer	Michelle Go-Chin Melissa Chung	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
22 October 2018	Jen Montealegre Jo Mannering	Stella Bae Julia Kwak		Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Michelle Stanley Rachel Ullmann
29 October 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Carlyn Linders Portia Yu		Cynthia Lai	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
5 November 2018	Ann Bacsi Michael Corbett	Amy Chan Laura Hurrell	Natt Yusathaphorn Elaine Lin	Nicole Chow Mikhael Chammaa	Rachel Ullmann
12 November 2018	Rachel Mensforth Kate Stipo	Eva Martinez Ruby Yang	Ofelia Delosreyes Kylie Sendlhofer	Debby Liu	Nicole Woods Tracy Li
19 November 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Glenda Chan	Christine Lee Sally Park	Melissa Chung Julie Hiser	Selvia Wijaya Vivian Tang
26 November 2018	Alison Henderson Alison Guthrie	Marcia Corbett Laura Hurrell	Jackie Fung Katerina Trani	Lily Setiawan Soehan Wiraputra	Katerina Trani Michelle Stanley
3 December 2018	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Ruby Yang Jo Mannering	Ofelia Delosreyes	SWIMMING CARNIVAL	Katie Crichton
10 December 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan		Ann Bacsi (bday)	Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Selvia Wijaya Michelle Go Chin
17 December 2018	Marilyn King Trish Seeto	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulessevian	Janelle Arena Zoey Cortese		

Above is the canteen roster & there are still a few spots to fill. The canteen is open Monday -= Friday 12.40-1.40pm, so just an hour of your time is all that is needed. If you are able to fill and of the orange highlighted spots please email olodcanteen@yahoo.com.au

The kids thank you for your assistance!

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9, 10 & 11 January NSW Basketball Camp, Kensington

16, 17 & 18 January NSW Basketball Camp, North Ryde

19, 20 & 21 December NSW Cricket Camp, Daceyville

15, 16 & 17 January NSW Cricket Camp, **Hunters Hill**

19, 20 & 21 December NSW Hockey Camp, Daceyville

Notball 9, 10 & 11 January NSW Netball Camp, Kensington

15, 16 & 17 January NSW Netball Camp, Ryde

Soccer 19, 20 & 21 December NSW Soccer Camp, Dacewille

16, 17 & 18 January NSW Soccer Camp, North Ryde

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See Website NSW Golf Program, Northbridge

See Website NSW Multi-Sport Program, Brunswick Heads

Speed & Agility

18 January NSW Speed & Agility Super Clinic, North Ryde

10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 NSW Tennis Program,

17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 NSW Tennis Program, Chatswood

7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 January Chatswood

14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 January NSWTennis Program, Chatswood

21, 22, 23, 24 & 25 January NSWTennis Program,



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