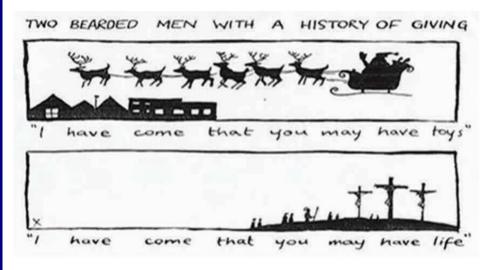
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 4 Week 9 - 10 December 2018

The Principal's Piece

Last School Newsletter for 2019:

I simply love the cartoon below that I used in last year's final newsletter too ... It's that time of year when we can so easily get caught up in trappings that take us from the real Christmas message ... I hope and pray that during this Christmas Season we choose to give most of our energy towards The Bearded Man who comes to give us "life"!



And finally; thank you for your support throughout my second year at this beautiful school. I wish every member of our community a happy, safe and holy Christmas.

Year 6 Students Leaders 2019:

Every Year 6 student at OLD is a school leader. Congratulations to each and every one of the following: School Captains: Beatrice Porscha Galilee Sport Leaders: Matthew W Olivia Cana Sport Leaders: Alyssa Sienna Nazareth Sport Leaders: Aneliese Ruby **Bethlehem Sport Leaders:** Aaron Chloe

COMING EVENTS

December

Wed 12 Swimming Carnival

Thurs 13 Choir performance Westfield Chatswood 1.30pm

Fri 14 Student reports emailed home

Andrew Chinn Christmas Concert 5pm

Mon 17 Orientation to new classes for 2019

Wed 19 End of year Liturgy 10am

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



Mercy Action Leaders: Caitlin Kathy Natalie **ICLT Leaders:** Adrian Anton Leo Samuel Library Leaders: Aditya Dominic Matthew L **Creative Arts Leaders:** Emily Grace **Environment Leaders:** Caleb Liana Nelson

There will be a 'student leadership handover' moment at our liturgy on the last day (19.12.18 – 10am). And, at the Opening School Mass of 2019, all Year 6 students will be formally commissioned as school leaders.

Staff Movement:

At OLD we have several 'permanent' staff members returning from Maternity Leave to full-time or parttime teaching roles in 2019. Because of this, they have important placement priority:

Mrs Alix McKittrick: Returning in a full-time capacity

Mrs Cassie Cook: Returning in a part-time capacity

Mrs Sarah Onishe: Returning in a part-time capacity

One OLD staff member is retiring after contributing an extraordinary 20 years of dedicated teaching service at OLD.

Ms Kylie Scarf is retiring from teaching, and she has given her heart and soul to OLD over a 20 year period. She has been our EAL/D teacher (ie English as a second language teacher) and I trust readers understand the importance of this vital role in a suburb like Chatswood. Kylie's love of the students and her expertise in growing learning will long be cherished by the countless students she has influenced. Beyond all of this, Kylie is a truly valued staff member and friend of all staff. We wish you every best blessing, Kylie.

Following is a note from Kylie to 'everyone':

A Heartfelt Farewell

After 20 amazing years working at this wonderful school, at the end of this term, I've decided to hang up my fluro vest and playground hat and become a happy retiree. I've so loved my years being a teacher and a part of this fabulous OLD community. Teaching EAL/D has been such a rewarding and insightful experience and I have so valued working with the special diverse cultures we have had at this school. I will miss the children and staff of this

school very much, but am very happy to be starting a new and exciting chapter in my life, as an enthusiastic retiree. Thank you so much OLD.

- Mrs Jill Greenwood has secured the Acting REC role at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour School, West Pymble, for 2019 only. This is a magnificent compliment to Jill; indeed, she will gain some wonderful insights and experience next year. We wish you every best blessing for 2019, Jill.
- Mr Sam McClean has been a dedicated teacher at OLD for three and a half years. Additionally, he has been a vital member of the school Leadership Team too. Sam has secured one of the very rare permanent teaching roles on offer this year in the diocese, and he is moving next year to St Thomas' School, Willoughby. We wish you every best blessing, Sam.
- Miss Nicole Adeline has dedicated herself to OLD for one and a half years and she will be greatly missed when she finishes at OLD. I am so pleased that Nicole has secured a teaching position at St Bernard's, Berowra! We wish you every best blessing, Nicole.
- Miss Lara Bliss has dedicated herself to OLD for one year, indeed she will be greatly missed too! Again, I am so pleased that Lara has secured a position at Sacred Heart School, Pymble! We wish you every best blessing, Lara.
- One of our very regular casuals known to many parents, Miss Shannon O'Brien, has secured a positon at St Philip Neri School, Northbridge. You'll be missed, Shannon, and we wish you every best blessing too.

At the closing liturgy for 2018 (Wednesday 19 December 10am) we will all get a chance to formally thank and farewell these wonderfully dedicated teachers who are leaving OLD.



Orientation to new classes 2019:

Students Years K-5 will have 'Orientation to new classes 2019" Monday 17 December for 30 minutes in the afternoon.

In this session, students will meet their teacher for 2019.

Last school day of 2018:

The last school day for 2018 is Wednesday 19 December.

At 10am on the last day (19/11) we will have a whole school liturgy in the church that all families and friends are warmly invited to.

After this liturgy, students are free to go home only if they have written permission. No student is permitted to go home with 'another' parent/carer unless written permission provided.

Supervision will be provided, as usual, until 3.20pm on Wednesday 19 December.

Students' Semester Two Reports:

Student Reports will be emailed home Friday 14 December. Please ensure these are kept in a safe place as you will need them in the future.

Last Whole School Assembly in the COLA for 2018:

The last whole school assembly in COLA for 2018 will be Thursday 13/12/18 – 9am.

Return to school for 2019

- Tuesday 29/1/19 Teachers commence Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 30/1/19 Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K-6
- Thursday 31/1/19 Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K-6
- Friday 1/2/19 First Day of 2019 for students Yrs <u>1-6 ONLY</u>
 - Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments K ONLY
- Monday 4/2/19 First Day for K2019 (Half day only until 12pm) ... THEN ... (timetabled individual (1:1) assessments, <u>K ONLY</u>, in the PM)
- Tuesday 5/2/19 First Full Day for K2019 (Usual 3pm finish to the day)

School Band at Westfield:

Last week, the school band performed Christmas Carols at Westfield Shopping Centre. It is suffice for me to simply say that the band has never sounded better! ... Well done one and all!

Below is a photo of the band at Westfield with Santa cruising in the background amongst the students



Thank you Mercy College:

In last week's newsletter, we saw students presenting a thank you candle to the St Pius community; ie a symbolic candle with the three school crests on it in unity - (ie Mercy College, St Pius and OLD).

Last Tuesday, many students attended the 8am Tuesday morning Mass at Mercy College and this is where we presented a second thank you candle.

At the Mass, two of our student leaders, Gabby and Ruby made a wonderful thank you speech as they presented the gift.

Again, I thank Mrs Gray for organising this important gift.



The Assistant Principal's Piece

Our Swimming Carnival is quickly approaching and there are a few very important reminders:

- 1. Lane Cove Aquatic Centre is currently renovating their grand stand. This means we may have less shade on Wednesday at our swimming carnival. The school will be bringing some shade covers but we strongly encourage all parents to ensure their children have hats, sunscreen (that they can put on themselves) and other necessary sun protection. We will remind children to wear their hats all day and when to re-apply their sunscreen.
- 2. Please also ensure all items brought to the carnival are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- **3.** If your child is no longer attending the swimming carnival (due to the gasto bug) please inform the school ASAP (via this email address) as the program has been set and no changes can be made after Tuesday 12pm.
- 4. Children need to wear their sports uniform with sports shoes with their swimming costume underneath. Children can change into thongs or sandals once they are at the pool. Once children have competed in all their races, they may change out of their swimming costume.
- 5. There will be no canteen on the swimming carnival day please pack your child's fruit break, recess, lunch and water.
- 6. For more information please refer to the original swimming carnival note

Looking forward to a wonderful day of school spirit and sporting fun!

<u>Swimming Carnival dismissal</u>: As the swimming carnival ends at 1.30pm parents may have the choice to take their child/ren home directly from the carnival. However, students will not be dismissed until the carnival has concluded at 1.30pm. If you would like to take your child home directly from the carnival please fill in the form below and hand in to your classroom teacher ASAP (as we need to book buses). If pick up plans change please inform your class teacher via a <u>written note</u> prior to the carnival. Parents will be required to sign their child out from the teacher on duty on the colour house; NOT the classroom teacher.

Child's name:	Child's class:	Child's colour house:					
I will be taking my child home directly from the swimming carnival at 1.30pm.							
I give permission for	ive permission forto take my child home directly from the swimming carnival.						
I understand my child will be dismissed at 1.30pm, when he/she is signed out from the colour house teacher.							
Name:	Signature:	Date:					

Parent Education- Thank you!

I wish to thank all the parents who joined us last Monday night for the Parent education session in learning about the MAI. Our Parent Education sessions are a great way for parents to develop their relationship with the school as well as developing their understanding of current teaching and assessment strategies. I received some wonderful feedback from a Kindergarten parent:

Thank you for the informative MAI session on last Monday. I just want to share a little bit. Straight away at home I was curious how my son would be doing with the card game that you showed to us last time. It surprised me that my kindy son played that game very well and even he knew what is the highest possible number we can make with 3 cards which the answer is 999. I asked him if he ever played this card game in the classroom and he said never ©I think he just loves Maths. Looking forward for another fun games from you Math sessions in the future to play at home. Thank you once again.

I sincerely look forward to leading more Parent Education session next year and sharing my love of teaching and the fun of learning with you all in 2019.

Home Readers / Guided Readers and Library books

As our school year is drawing to a close, I ask all families to look very carefully through their bookshelves, their bedrooms and cars for any Home Readers / Guided Readers or Library Books that belong to the school. Please return these to the school ASAP so we are able to conduct our end of year stocktake. Thank you!

Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

Christmas Concert with Andrew Chinn – WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT...this Friday!

An important WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT: THIS Friday December 14th in the Church at 5pm.

The concert lasts 70 to 75 minutes.

Details of the Andrew Chinn Concert:

The actual concert starts 5.00pm

Students return to school promptly at 4.40pm assembling in classrooms

Parents then gather in the Church

Teachers walk students to the church 4.50pm ready for 5.00pm start

Dismissal - Teachers walk classes back to the normal morning assembly lines in the school grounds and dismiss from this

place

All students will be performing with their classes and they will need to wear Christmas Colours, except for Year 2, who need to wear WHITE. Please note students go home at the end of the normal school day and return to school later. See details above about the evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Chinn sells his CD's at the end of the concert, so be ready to purchase if you wish! I recommend his CD's. They are a great!

End of Year Liturgy – Wednesday 19th at 10am in the Church

On the last day of school, Wednesday December 19th, the whole school will attend a liturgy at 10am, in the church to mark the end of the 2018 school year. At this liturgy we will be handing over the Year 6 leadership roles, celebrating our school's 2018 achievements and farewelling members of the school community.

We hope you are able to attend this important community event.

Youth off the Streets – OLD Shoe Box Collection

(COLLECTION ENDS THIS FRIDAY 14TH OF DEC)

Year 6 are innovating on the **Good Samaritan Gift Box Appeal,** as held last year. Year 6 are inviting all of OLD families to find an old shoe box and fill it with items for a charity called "Youth off the Streets."

How OLD can help:

Step 1: Find an old shoe box

Step 2: Fill it with items as listed below.

Step 3: Wrap the shoe box in Christmas Paper and label it GIRL OR BOY.

Step 4: Bring the box into your class teacher.

It would be great if we could have a difference between girls and boys boxes.

Toiletries examples: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, Hair brush or comb, hair ties, barrettes/bobby pins, Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Sunscreen and face lotion with SPF, Make up, Face wash and/or makeup remover wipes, cheaper fragrances and Night time Moisturizer/Lotion.

Stationary examples:	highlighters, post-its, note pads, coloured pencils
Food examples:	Sealed and wrapped gingerbread, Christmas lollies
Recreation examples:	Playing Cards, Uno Cards, Puzzle books.

Thank You!



Religious Education—Mrs Kathy Gray

The following are the Parish Liturgy times for your information:

of Dolours

Christmas Masses

Children's Mass Vigil Mass Midnight Mass Christmas Day

24 Dec - 8:30pm 24 Dec - 12:00am 25 Dec - 7:30am 25 Dec - 9:00am 25 Dec - 10:30am

24 Dec - 5:30pm

Parking via Kirk Street.

There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day. For Reconciliation times, please see our we

Come celebrate Christmas with us

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Award Winner^g Week 8



Swimming Carnival Order of Events Wednesday 12 December

SWIMMING CARNIVAL ORDER OF EVENTS

50m Freestyle:

Under 8's

Under 9's

Under 10's

Under 11's

Under 12's

Under 13's

25m Freestyle:

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

50m Breaststroke

Under 8's

Under 9's

Under 10's

Under 11's

Under 12's

Under 13's

15m Kick board

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

50m Backstroke

Under 8's

Under 9's

Under 10's

Under 11's

Under 12's

Under 13's

50m Butterfly

Under 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's

Under 11's, 12's, 13's

100m Freestyle

Under 12's, 13's

Under 10's, 11's, 12's

Under 8's, 9's, 10's

Messages from the office

Lunch Orders:

When you are ordering on QKR please ensure you tick the correct date for lunch order delivery and you proceed all the way through to the receipt received screen.

Return to school dates 2019:

Wed 30-Thurs 31 January: Best Start and MAI

Fri 1 February: 1st day Yr 1-6

Mon 4 February: Kindergarten 1st day 8.30-12

Tues 5 February: Kindergarten 1st full day 8.30-3pm

Canteen Qkr News

Please note Sushi will note be available to order from the Canteen after Friday 14 December.

Community News

Do you have a child commencing at Mercy College in 2019? If so and if you are in need of a school uniform a full 2nd hand set is for sale at a heavily discounted price. Please contact Fiona on: 0466 493 140 if you are interested.

Freshcutpine Christmas Trees

1st Willoughby Scouts

56 Laurel St, Willoughby

Large Trees	\$95
Small Trees	\$75
Stands	\$30

Treat your family to a REAL tree this Christmas and help raise money for your local Scouts.

Friday December 7th Saturday December 8th Sunday December 9th

Friday December 14th Saturday December 15th Sunday December 16th 4pm-6:30pm 9am-4pm 9am-4pm*

4pm-6:30pm 9am-4pm 9am-4pm*

Reminder

*or until sold out

AUSTRALIA



Bookings are now open for Camp Australia's latest school holiday programs – STEAM Works.

STEAM learning is based on -

Science

Camp Australia

- Technology
- Engineering
- Arts
- Math

Some of our brand new activities include making a mini soccer table, cool science experiments, solar powered cars, putting on a show with shadow puppets, excursions, and heaps more.

Also, a big thank you to all the parents that brought to our attention a gap in our program leading up to the first day of Term 1, 2019. We are happy to announce, that for your convenience, we will also be open for Holiday Club on:

- Tuesday 29th January Cities of the Future
- Wednesday 30th January Design Thinking Challenge
- Thursday 31st January Knots of Fun

Thank you to all of the parents that brought

To book, or for more information, please visit: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

Feel free to call our friendly Customer Care Team for further support on 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family during the school holidays.

The Camp Australia Team.



PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM



Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about the world around them.

This program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour.

Diocese of Broken

This is a FREE workshop

Brought to you by the Parent Education Team, Catholic Schools Office.

working through a parent resource booklet.

Program consists of 3 x 2 hour sessions,

Session 1; 20th March 2019, 9-11am Session 2; 27th March 2019, 9-11am

RSVP to the School Office or email old@dbb.catholic.edu.au by December 15th 2018

Parent workbooks are available for purchase on the day for \$10

YES! I will be attending the "1-2-3 Magic" workshop

Name(s)

Child's Class





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.



Enrol now for 2019

Learn *Music* on the KEYBOARD or GUITAR at OLD Catholic School

Keyboard: Monday or Friday during lunchtime Guitar: Monday during lunchtime (Children eat lunch before lesson)



Keyboard K - Y6 welcome!



 Convenient at-school venue
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 Small group - 45 min weekly lesson

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 Competitive rate - \$29 per session
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 (GST incl. Please <u>do not</u> forward payment to the school office.)
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 Instrument not required initially
 ∫
 Fun introduction to music!
 ∫

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www.learnmusicatschool.com.au



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.

	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	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		Katie Crichton
10 December 2018	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Rosalie Keledjian Zolie Zulie	SWIMMING CARNIVAL	Rachel Davidge-Hill Debbie Liu	Selvia Wijaya Michelle Go Chin
17 December 2018	Marilyn King Trish Seeto		Janelle Arena		



School Holiday Coding Camp for kids aged 7-13



WHAT:

Keep the kids busy with our 2 day Website Design and 3D Design and Printing Camp.

WHEN:

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd January, 8.30am - 5.30pm

WHERE:

Mosman Art Gallery 1 Art Gallery Way Mosman NSW 2088

BOOK NOW:

www.bit.ly/CIYMosman1

For more information visit <u>www.CIY.Club</u> or contact Yvonne via M. 0406 633 323 or E. yvonne@scopelTeducation.edu.au







School Holiday Coding Camp for kids aged 7-13



WHAT:

Keep the kids busy with our 2 day Game Coding Camp.

WHEN:

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th January, 8.30am - 5.30pm

WHERE:

4 Heydon St Mosman NSW 2088

BOOK NOW:

www.bit.ly/CIYMosman2

For more information visit <u>www.CIY.Club</u> or contact Yvonne via M. 0406 633 323 or E. yvonne@scopelTeducation.edu.au







Taking enrolments for 2019!

5-9

YEARS OLD

EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 3:00 PM / A DIFFERENT CLASS EVERY DAY PICK-UP FROM SCHOOL AVAILABLE

FREE TRIAL CLASS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Give your children the opportunity to discover new passions, explore new activities, develop new skills, feel confidence, and make new friends with similar interests.

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