

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Week 2 - 4 February 2019

The Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome all our new families to Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School (OLD). I hope and pray that you quickly come to feel fully connected to, and supported by, the community. To all our existing families, I sincerely welcome you back.

The beginning of our school year is a perfect time to revisit our School Vision and make a commitment to bringing it to life as best as possible as we commence our 2019 journey together:

OLD's School Vision:

"Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy"

Some thoughts to inspire us:

- "IGNITE":

- How challenging and how exciting will our learning environment be in every classroom K-6?
- How will everything we do at school, home and within our parish community be inspiring?

- "INNOVATE":

- How will OLD School further become an authentic "Culture of Thinking" ... a community of learners who are natural problem solvers and creative thinkers in all aspects of school, home and parish/community life?

- "INCLUDE":

- How 'inclusive' and how 'accepting' will our community be in all areas of school and wider community life?
- How will academic learning, K-6, flourish in an inclusive learning environment?
- How will authentic connectedness to 'home', 'parish' and the wider community develop us as a community of learners?

- And finally, how well can we do all of the above in a spirit of 'Mercy'?

Staff Thank You:

Thank you, very sincerely, to all the teaching staff, the office staff, the specialist staff and the maintenance staff for the hours and hours of work done to prepare for 2019 over the holiday break. Put simply, the school and classrooms look fabulous and we're ready for an exciting year of learning.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Tues 12 Kindergarten

Information Meeting 6pm

Thurs 14 Beginning School Mass
9am

Tues 26 General Parent

Information Session 6pm

P & F General Meeting 6.30pm

MARCH

Thurs 7 School Open Day

Fri 8 OLD Welcome Night (P & F
Social)

Wed 20 1-2-3 Magic Session 1
9am

Wed 27 1-2-3 Magic Session 2
9am

APRIL

Fri 5 Staff Development Day

Fri 12 Last Day Term 1

Mon 29 First Day Term 2

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

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The Principal's Piece cont.

And Thank You to a bevy of Parent Helpers:

Thank you, also, to the dedicated helpers who have been in, out and around the school sorting the canteen and the uniform shop etc. I also thank the group who conducted a cleaning/clear-out blitz in the P+F storeroom.

"Welcome" event for our new Kindergarten families and all new families Years 1-6:

Yesterday we had a fabulous morning tea to welcome all our new Kindergarten families and all other new families Years 1-6.

Thank you to the P+F and the Year 1 parents for making the morning tea and the welcome so special.

And ... how about our new coffee machines! ... Future events at OLD will now be all the more enjoyable!

Important Information sessions and Parent/Teacher Meetings:

- In Week 3 Term 1, (ie the week beginning Monday 11 February), all teachers of Years 1-6 only will manage 1:1 parent/teacher interviews. As per last year, these meetings are brief 'getting to know you/information sharing' meetings lasting 10 minutes each 1:1 meeting – (Meetings can be booked through: www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the event code y4848, further details can be found towards the end of the newsletter.)
- Kindergarten families will meet altogether with the Kindergarten teachers for an important information session on Tuesday 12 February 6pm in the Kindergarten rooms
- All families are invited to a general Parent Information Session with Philip Ledlin on Tuesday 26.2.19 - at 6pm - (ie before the Term 1 P+F General Meeting) ... (I note that parents are welcome to stay on for the Term 1 P+F General Meeting that commences at 6.30pm)

The Parent Information Session at 6pm will see the following matters addressed:

- o Brief outline of our 2019 School Improvement Plan
- o Information regarding how the 'new look' P+F Team will operate alongside the inaugural School Advisory Council
- o Important procedures at OLD School (ie communication, uniform, attendance, social medial protocols, student safety and behaviour etc)
- o Feedback from all OLD staff, Fr Jim (Parish Priest) and Diann Hynes (OLD's Schools Consultant) regarding the 2019 Kindergarten Debut and the proposed transition to a 'more contemporary' format within the Annual Whole School K-6 Creative Arts Festival – (Please note that a meeting date has been set to specifically discuss this important matter on Tuesday 19 March 6.30pm in the School Library)

Safety at OLD regarding Nuts/Nut Products and Eggs/Egg Products:

Several students at OLD can have a serious, life threatening allergic reaction to Nuts/Nut Products and Eggs/Egg Products. Because of this, we strenuously ask all families to not send Nuts/Nut Products and Eggs/Egg Products to school in your children's lunches.

Thank you for your anticipated support of this critical matter.

Faith Formation Opportunities for OLD Parents:

At OLD Parish we are blessed to have Gail Gill who facilitates Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

I am pleased to draw your attention to the detailed listing of 2019 events further on in this newsletter.

The Principal's Piece cont.

Several Important Dates in Term 1:

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HAS A COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019)

- Tuesday 5 February – First Full Day for K2019 – (Usual 3pm finish to the day)
- Wednesday 6 February – First Wednesday Morning Assembly in the COLA (ie the wooden, tiered seating area) 8.45am ... All welcome!
- Monday 11 February – Friday 15/2 - Years 1-6 only, 1:1 parent/teacher interviews at booked times
- Tuesday 12 February – 6pm – Kindergarten Information evening in the Kindergarten rooms
- Tuesday 26 February – 6pm – General School Information Session led by Philip Ledlin - (School Library)
- Tuesday 26 February – 6.30pm – Term 1 P+F General Meeting – (School Library)
- Thursday 14 February – 9am – Beginning School Year Mass - (Whole School Mass) ... Also includes commissioning of Yr6 2019 school leaders
- Tuesday 19 March - 6.30pm – Discussion regarding the Kindergarten Debut and the proposed transition to a 'more contemporary' format within the Annual Whole School K-6 Creative Arts Festival – (School Library)
- Wednesday 6 March – 9am - Whole School Mass for Yrs 3-6 and the wider community – (Class liturgies during the day for students Yrs K-2)
- Friday 8 March – Parents and Friends' Big Night Out – Welcome Night! ... Details to follow!
- Wednesday 20 March and Wednesday 27 March - (9am-11am) - "I,2,3 Magic" (An exciting parenting programme at OLD School for Kindergarten parents ... BUT, open to all parents K-6)
- Friday 5 April - Pupil Free Day at OLD. This will be a day of Professional Learning for all staff.

Internet Agreements and various permission notes:

Parents are reminded to return Internet Agreement sheets and all other permission notes to school as soon as possible.

School Leadership:

Many of you will recall that Mrs Kathy Gray temporarily stepped aside from the Religious Education Co-ordinator (REC) role at the very end of 2018 to take up a new position on the School Leadership Team for 2019 as our Literacy Co-ordinator.

After the school year finished, Miss Camilla Brown (Year 3G teacher) successfully applied for the REC role for 2019. I thank Camilla for keenly aspiring to this important role at OLD. Please join with me in congratulating Camilla.

The Principal's Piece cont.

Year 6 Students Leaders 2019:

Every Year 6 student at OLD is a school leader.

On Thursday 14 February – 9am, the “Beginning School Year Mass” will include the commissioning of our Yr6 2019 school leaders

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

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

The Principal's Piece cont.

OLD School P+F Leadership Team for 2019:

President	- Catherine Moores (Grace 1B and Alex 4G)
Vice President	- Kate Stipo (Liana 6G and Sophia 4B)
Secretary	- Philip Munro (Lana 2B)
Class Parents' Leaders	- Katerina Planska and Katie Crichton (Kristof 2B & Francesco 5G and Benjamin 2B & Jasmine 4B)

OLD Advisory Council 2019:

Cassie Cook - Teacher
Camilla Brown – Teacher
Janine Webster – Niall 1B and Callum 4B
Nigel Carpenter – Rachel 3G
Tamara Munro – Lana 2B
Richard Ang - Tessa 4B
Bernadette Ho – Anastasia 2G and Genevieve 5G
Philip Ledlin – Principal

Staff for 2019

PRINCIPAL	Mr Philip Ledlin
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Miss Kirsty Thorpe
K BLUE -	Mrs Alix McKittrick
K GOLD -	Mrs Sarah Croall/Mrs Trudy Pidcock
1 BLUE -	Miss Olivia Smith
1 GOLD -	Ms Cassie Cook/Mrs Mary Anne Fitzgerald
2 BLUE -	Mr Matthew Rowland
2 GOLD -	Mrs Elizabeth Macguire
3 BLUE -	Mrs Sally Briggs
3 GOLD -	Miss Camilla Brown
4 BLUE -	Mr Brian Stanwell/Mrs Bernadette Antico
4 GOLD -	Ms Jenny Tygh
5 BLUE -	Mr Joseph Martin
5 GOLD -	Ms Vanessa Lincoln/Mrs Sarah Onishe
6 GOLD -	Mrs Kathy Gray
ADMINISTRATION	Mrs Sandra Bourke
RECEPTION	Mrs Jane Zahra
LEARNING SUPPORT	Mrs Jane Bertinshaw/Mrs Christine Cook
P.E	Miss Lisa Sargent
LIBRARY	Mrs Liz McGuire
COUNSELLOR	Ms Gina Paleologo
ESL	Miss Kirsty Thorpe
MUSIC	Mrs Donna Hoy
MAINTENANCE	Mr Steve MacDonald

The Principal's Piece cont.

SPORT DAYS (Term 1) – Teacher: Mrs Lisa Sargent

- Tuesday: KB, 2B, 2G, 3G, 5B, 6G
- Wednesday: KG, 1B, 1G, 3B, 4B, 4G, 5G
- Friday: ALL CLASSES

LIBRARY DAYS (Term 1) – Teacher: Mrs Liz McGuire

- Monday: KG, 1G, 5G, 4B
- Thursday 1B, 2B, 2G, 4G, 6G
- Friday: KB, 3B, 3G, 5B

MUSIC DAYS (Term 1) – Teacher: Mrs Donna Hoy

- Thursday: 1B, 1G, 2B, 2G, 4B, 4G
- Friday: KB, KG, 3B, 3G, 5B, 5G, 6G

A bit of 'back to school' fun:

The following clip just might inspire a smile. I note that the Chinese School Principal, Zhang Pengfei, in the clip (*from Xi Guan Primary School, Shanxi Province*) claims that he was inspired to do more whole-school dance and physical activity to get students away from computer screens as often as possible – I say, “Hurray for Zhang!”

To all OLD families, I sincerely apologise for seriously lacking the required ‘dance-ability’ to lead like this guy J

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkaJrzd6-hw>

A wonderful story that came across my desk over the Christmas break – from Kirsty Warren ... Bravo Michael!

Dear Philip,

I am writing to let you know you that Michael Yee is a credit to your School. Michael was part of a team of Kids Giving Back volunteers who unpacked, organised and hung clothes at Thread Together's pop up shop. Thread Together is a charity that gets new clothing to those in need and relies on the work of volunteers to operate.

The work that Michael carried out today enables people to visit a well organised, fully stocked shop and choose clothes that they would not otherwise have had access to.

Michael took part in our Clothes4Good program and should be commended for giving up time to help others. The photos of the day will be on our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/KidsGivingBack>

If you would like to learn more about our programs, please visit our website: www.kidsgivingback.org We have programs scheduled throughout the year for which families may register. You can also read about our school Service Learning programs, including our Primary School programs here: <http://kidsgivingback.org/service-learning/>

Kind Regards,

Kirsty Warren

OLD Newsletter in 2019:

In 2019, OLD School will trial a new strategy of newsletter communications for parents and friends:

- A detailed and comprehensive newsletter will be issued each fortnight on a Tuesday
- A “News in Brief” newsletter will be issued fortnightly (ie on the alternate weeks) on a Tuesday – (It will be a ‘one pager’ with important brief messages only)
- In Term 1 2019, the comprehensive newsletter will be issued in all even weeks (ie Weeks 2,4,6,8,10) ... The “News in Brief” will be issued on odd weeks
- This is currently Week 2 (an even week) so this is a comprehensive newsletter

The Principal's Piece cont.

KISS AND DROP / PICK UP IN KIRK ST

Kirk St Pick-Up for Our Lady of Dolours students and parents works well if the routine below is followed.

Between 2.30 – 4.00pm, a large section of Kirk St is restricted parking to enable the school pick up. Students from Our Lady of Dolours are brought to Kirk St by 3.05pm. Parents queue in the 'Kiss and Ride' area to collect their children following the RTA rules.

Students who are not collected by 3.20pm are brought back to the school office.

Parents of boys from St Pius are asked to pick their children up after 3.20pm when they are dismissed. This also includes the St Pius X students in Years 5 & 6, even though they are dismissed at 3pm. If the St Pius X parents are there earlier they are asked to queue with the parents from Our Lady of Dolours and follow the same procedure. If a car advances to the top of the queue and the child is not there the driver needs to leave the queue and do another circuit to join the end of the queue.

Parking could incur a fine. Local parking officers are especially vigilant regarding this pick up zone.

RTA Road Rules



No Parking

Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of two minutes.

The driver **MUST** remain in or within three metres of the vehicle at all times.

The vehicle must not be left unattended.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.



The Assistant Principal's Piece

Welcome back: I wanted to personally welcome all our families back for another school year. Our teaching staff have been working hard during the holidays to get ready for their new students and are all really excited to get to know your children and progress them in their academic journey.

MAI Assessments and Best Start: Thank you to everyone for bringing in your child/ren for the MAI or Best Start (Kindy) assessment. The MAI is a diagnostic assessment that involves the classroom teacher conducting a one-on-one Mathematics interview with each child. The MAI assessments allow us to ascertain a starting point for the children in four areas of Maths (Counting, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division). The Kindy Best Start assessments inform the teachers of your child's current abilities in Literacy (reading and writing).

Each of these number concepts are described in a series of **Growth points**. Growth points are like stepping stones' along the path to Mathematical understanding'. These growth points are imperative in helping teachers understanding how children learn, assessing where a child's understanding is at in order to plan teaching that meets the students' next 'point of need'. In addition to this, the growth points assist us in being able to identify children who are at risk in their learning – at risk of having gaps in their mathematical understanding which could impede their ability to develop appropriate number concepts and skills for continued learning. Each classroom teacher then uses the information obtained through the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) to ensure instruction is targeted to meet student learning needs.

The teachers analyse the results from every MAI and program their lessons according to the needs of every child. These assessments allow us to differentiate our teaching so every child is being catered for and challenged to their full potential. As a school we also analyse the data to identify needs of whole grades or areas that the school excel in. The data gives school leadership a really clear picture of where to go in the future relating to Maths and our own Professional Learning as teachers. We have seen some really exciting improvements across the school over the past few years of conducting these assessments and look forward to continued improvements for all students.

'Meet The Teacher' meetings Year 1-6: We invite all parents Year 1-6 to book in for a 10 minute 'Meet the Teacher' meeting next week. These meetings are a really great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to let them know about your child. We would love to hear about your *hopes and dreams* for your child in 2019. You may also like to talk to your child's teacher about other interesting things about your child (ie medical concerns, hobbies or interests, secret skills or talents). We want to use this valuable time to learn about your child so we can cater for them and make school the best experience. These are not Parent/Teacher meetings, teachers will not be discussing academic progress; these meetings will be led by you, the parents. You are welcome to bring someone to translate for you if you would be more comfortable with this situation.

Booking details are at the end of the newsletter.

2019 'Welcome Back To School' Reminders:

- **Uniform:** Please ensure all uniforms are neat and tidy each day. Hats are a compulsory part of the uniform and must be worn by students every morning when they arrive at school as well as every time the students go outside (recess, lunch, sport lessons, outdoor lessons). Girls must wear hair accessories of school colours only (on sport days they may wear their colour house colours).
- **Punctuality:** A reminder that school begins at 8.40am it is very important that children arrive before this time so they are settled with their class at assembly. Arriving after the bell causes your child to have a disruptive start to the day which often causes children to become worried or anxious about the day ahead. Anyone arriving after assembly must walk their child to the front office to fill in a late note. And finally, students MUST NOT arrive at school before 8.15am.
- **Lost property:** PLEASE label every item of clothing and equipment your child brings to school clearly with their name. We already have a basket full of lost property and we have only had 2 days of school. Sorting out lost property is almost a full time job for the teachers! We really want the children to learn responsibility for their belongings and also not waste your money by losing items that you've bought!
- **Overarching school rules:** Our main PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) rules at OLD are: Be Responsible; Be Respectful; Be Safe; Be a Good Learner.
- **Summer Heat:** We encourage all students to bring a drink bottle to school (they are permitted to bring these into the classroom) and wear sunscreen. The school is not permitted to apply sunscreen on children but if they know

The Assistant Principal's Piece

Thank you from Cambodia: A personal note, to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all those families who supported my work in Cambodia. I spent 3.5 weeks over there these holidays and again it was great to be back with my 'family'. A very special thank you to the current Year 4 students (2018 Year 3 class) who worked tirelessly throughout Term 4, 2018, to raise a substantial amount of money that enabled us to buy new clothes for the children and also take them to the city for a movie and pizza day (however, the excitement of using escalators and Dyson hand driers for the first time over took the movie and pizza!). thank you also to the many families who donated money towards my project to buy water filters. I was able to buy and deliver 100 water filters to some of the poorest families in rural Cambodia. There is a video and photos on the school Facebook page to share this experience (or available to view on my fundraising page 'Gifts for change')



The Assistant Principal's Piece

Multicultural celebrations: Today we started our multicultural celebrations with Chinese New Year. We will celebrate all cultures on Harmony Day on March 21st, however, if you have a special day that your family celebrates for your family's heritage please let me know and we will endeavour to organise something special for morning assembly.

Birthdays: Children are invited to wear mufti clothes (play clothes) to celebrate their birthday. They will speak at morning assembly to introduce themselves to the school. Due to our regulations around food sharing (due to severe food allergies at the school) we ask that parents do not bring in edible treats for the children. **Please note this is a different arrangement than in the past:** Parents can purchase and bring in their own zooper-doooper style ice-blocks or icy-poles (no ice-cream) and the teachers will distribute them. You may bring in your ice-blocks frozen (clearly labelled with your child's name) or the school can freeze them for you – NB: It can take up to a week to freeze a whole bag/box of ice-blocks.



School Facebook Page If you haven't already, please visit, Like and Follow our school Facebook Page and join the parent communication group. For the Facebook page search: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood
For the Parent Communication group search: old parents' communication group.



Parent Education – Mathematics: I will again be offering the 2 session Parent Education course on Mathematics and Numeracy at OLD. These sessions will introduce parents to how and why we teach maths at OLD, you will walk away with a variety of games to play with children and a deeper understanding of the syllabus that we teach.

The session dates are:

Tuesday 5th March and Monday 11th March 6.30-7.30pm (held in the school library)

If you would like to attend please email the school office before Friday 1st March.

1, 2, 3, Magic Parenting Course For the third year running we are offering the wonderful parenting course called '1, 2, 3 Magic'. This is an extremely helpful and practical course that we encourage parents to attend. Please refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The Assistant Principal's Piece

Introducing our new and returning teachers to OLD 2019



Mrs Sarah Onishe – Teaching 5G (Job Share with Mrs Lincoln)

Mrs Onishe is returning from maternity leave and her 3 favourite things are spending time with her two children, kickboxing and eating chocolate freckles.

Mrs Lisa Sargent - Teaching Physical Education
(Tuesday and Wednesday) and REC release (Term 1, Thursday)

Mrs Sargent once volunteered in an Aboriginal community to run a sport, craft and writing program for children in their school holidays.



Mrs Alix McKittrick – Teaching KB

Mrs McKittrick is returning from maternity leave after having her baby daughter Lux and she is the biggest fan of Elvis that you'll ever meet!

Mrs Cassie Cook – Teaching 1G (Job share with Mrs FitzGerald)

Mrs Cook is returning from maternity leave and with her two small boys at home, she CAN NOT function without her morning coffee!



Mrs Liz McGuire - Teaching Library (Mon, Thurs, Fri)

Mrs McGuire (or Mrs Mac as the kids will call her) is teaching library for Term 1 while Mrs Murphy takes leave. Mrs McGuire loves to go on adventure holidays with her family, especially skiing!

Mrs Vanessa Lincoln – Teaching 5G (Job share with Mrs Onishe)

Mrs Lincoln has worked at OLD in a casual capacity for number of years and she really has recently started playing woman's futsal. Mrs Lincoln moved to Australia from New Zealand in 2008



Miss Olivia Smith – Teaching 1B

Miss Smith worked at OLD in a casual capacity through 2018, especially in KB. She is really excited to teach Year 1 so she can use her talents of singing and guitar playing throughout the school day.

Mrs Elizabeth Maguire – Teaching 2B

Mrs Maguire worked at OLD in a casual capacity throughout Term 4 in 2018 and she really loves swimming. If she could swim at the beach every day, Mrs Maguire would be completely fulfilled.



Religious Education—Miss Camilla Brown

Beginning School Mass - Thursday the 14th of February at 9 am

We warmly invite you to attend our first Whole School Mass for 2019 to celebrate the beginning of the school year. The Mass will be held at 9 am on Thursday the 14th of February in the Church.

In the spirit of ***Mercy*** we look forward to ***igniting*** in faith and ***including*** all students and families. We especially welcome the new Kindergarten children and families, as well as students beginning at OLD in other grades. The Year 6 students will also receive their leadership badges.

Please come together to start the year in prayer and song. As our School Mission statement states: *We are a school community UNITED IN FAITH.*

Parents are welcome to drop off their children at the normal school time and make their way to the Church. We would love to see you there!

Library— Mrs Liz McGuire

Library note for the school newsletter

Welcome back to the New Year and I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Liz McGuire and I will be in the library during Term 1 while Mrs Murphy is on leave. I also work at St Kieran's Manly Vale in the library and I am looking forward to spending this term at OLD. I will be at OLD on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

I would love any parents who are available either before or after school to help shelve books. I also need parents to cover new books. This can either be done at home or in the library. I am happy to show parents how to cover the books. If you are available, please come and see me or leave a message at the school office. Thank you!



The 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge opens on March 4, however students can keep a record of books they are reading now to include on their 2019 reading records when online reading records open. For more information, see <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Messages from the office

TERM	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (SDD)	STUDENTS RETURN	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	LAST DAY OF TERM
1	Friday 5 April - Pupil Free Day	1 February		Friday 12 April
2		Monday 29 April	Monday 10 June - Queen's Birthday	Friday 5 July
3	Monday 22 July - Pupil Free Day	Tuesday 23 July		Friday 27 September
4		Monday 14 October		Friday 20 December

School Hours: School commences each morning at 8.40am and concludes at 3pm. Teacher supervision is from 8.15am and finishes at 3.20pm— if your child needs to be at school out of these times please contact Camp Australia for before and after school care (1300 105 343).

Qkr!: A friendly reminder that all student details need to be updated in Qkr; please ensure you have your child's correct year and class.

Late Arrivals: Late students need to be signed in at the front office before proceeding to class, please note that school begins at 8.40am and finishes at 3pm.

Updating contact details: If you have moved during the holidays or changed your contact details please ensure to advise the front office as soon as possible so we can ensure you do not miss out on important school communications.

Messages to students: Whilst we understand emergencies happen from time to time and last minute arrangements sometimes need to be made, we would ask, where possible, to please contact the school office, via email, prior to 1pm of changes in afternoon arrangements. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



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MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR Yr 1-6 ARE NOW OPEN

PLEASE BOOK YOUR INTERVIEWS ONLINE USING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

Dear Parents and Carers,

- ***What Do I Need To Know Before Booking An Interview Time Online?***
You will need to know the name of your child's teacher for 2019.
- ***What Happens After I Complete The Booking?***
After you have completed the online booking:
[You will receive a confirmation email from the website](#)
Please read this email
*Please check your Spam or Junk folder if you cannot see your confirmation email.

HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING:

Step 1: Go to website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Step 2: Type in the **EVENT CODE: y4848**

Step 3: Fill in the information regarding *email, parent's name, no of students & student's name*

Step 4: Select your child's teacher

Step 5: Choose your interview time

Step 6: Check for your confirmation email/s from the website.

***Please check your Spam or Junk folder if you cannot see the confirmation email.**

Kind regards,

Kirsty Thorpe
Assistant Principal

Camp Australia



To help families prepare for the new school year, bookings for Outside School Hours Care are now open for 2019.

So we can care for all students, we do recommend families register an account with us and always book in advance.

Why register? To attend our care, parents/guardians must register their child with us by completing an online enrolment form via our parent portal. It's very important that parents/guardians fill out all compulsory enrolment documentation for their child and notify us of any medical conditions, illnesses and other, to ensure the health and safety of all children in our care.

Families can register for free at <https://pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/register-contacts>





OUR LADY OF DOLOURS

OPEN MORNING
THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2019

ENROL NOW
FOR 2020

9am - 10.30am

Come and see what a Catholic education can offer your child.

Together we strive to make a difference as a community by embracing and celebrating the uniqueness, creativity and achievements of each individual.

School tours can also be arranged by appointment.

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Community News

Dear Parents,

OLOD BASKETBALL IS BACK! After an awesome Term 4 program, Alek Horenko former Norths Development Officer and current NSW U18 Women's State Coach returns to continue to develop the fundamental skills of our students! We had huge numbers last term so we have decided to DOUBLE the amount of sessions and split the older and younger years.

Wednesday Session will now host Years 4 – 6.

Friday Session will now host Years K – 3.

From the same times of 7:20 – 8:20am

Sessions commence Week 2 of Term 1 (Wed, 6 Feb for Seniors; Fri, 8 Feb for Juniors).

Booking link is here → www.findmycoach.com/olod-basketball



Community News

Our Lady of Dolours Primary School					
Term 1 Canteen Roster					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
28 January 2019					Zoey Cortese
4 February 2019	Jen Montealegre Jo Mannering	Selvia Wijaya	Alison Henderson Kate Stipo	Cynthia Lal	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
11 February 2019	Tom Allen Glenn Deserline	Carlyn Linders	Portia Yu	Debbie Liu	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
18 February 2019	Ann Bacsi	Amy Chan Laura Hurrell	Natt Yusathaphom Elaine Lin	Nicole Chow Mikhael Chammaa	Vivian Tang Reena Ma
25 February 2019	Rachel Ullman Ann Bacsi	Eva Martinez Ruby Yang	Ofelia Delosreyes	Debbie Liu	Nicole Woods Tracy Li
4 March 2019	Rachel Menforth Kate Stipo	Selvia Wijaya Rosalie Keledjian	Christine Lee Sally Park	Cynthia Lal	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
11 March 2019	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Jo Mannering	Jackie Fung	Lily Setiawan	Katerina Trani Rachel Ullman
18 March 2019	Tom Allen Glenn Deserline	Amy Chan Laura Hurrell	Ofelia Delosreyes	Melissa Chung Shirley Choi	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
25 March 2019	Ruby Yang Amy Chan	Ruby Yang Zolie Zulle		Debbie Liu	Vivian Tang Reena Ma
1 April 2019	Alison Henderson Alison Guthrie	Selvia Wijaya Rosalie Keledjian		Cynthia Lal	Tina Tian Katie Zhang
8 April 2019	Marilyn King Trish Seeto				Janelle Arena Zoey Cortese

Above is the the canteen roster & we have a few spots to fill this term.

The canteen is open Mon-Fri from 12.40pm till 1.40pm, so just an hour of your time is all thats needed.

Learn *Music* on the Keyboard or Guitar at School

Keyboard (k—y6) Guitar (y2—y6)

Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!



- 🎵 Convenient at-school venue 🎵
- 🎵 Small group - 45 min weekly lesson 🎵
- 🎵 Competitive rate - \$29 per session (GST Incl.) 🎵
- 🎵 Instrument not required initially 🎵

**To enrol, please call 9411 3122 or visit
www.learnmusicatschool.com.au**

Limited vacancy!

Violin Incl. Piano (VIP) Music est. 1984 www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM



1-2-3 Magic Workshop
Building Emotional Intelligence & managing behaviour

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.

Program consists of 3 x 2 hour sessions, working through a parent resource booklet.



This is a FREE workshop

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



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 _____

Commit to your child's **online safety**



Children are exposed to online content in their preschool years. Behaviours like cyberbullying begin at primary school. Peer pressure can cause poor online decisions for many teenagers.

-  Hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on empowering young people, parents and carers to manage online issues.
-  Commit to your child's online safety by attending this presentation from one of Australia's leading online safety experts.

eSafety is important for every child from **ages 1 to 18**

Learn how to:

- Reduce accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Initiate conversations about online stranger danger
- Identify age appropriate apps and websites

1-7



- Deal with online stranger contact
- Have a conversation about online issues including cyberbullying
- Manage apps and privacy settings
- Support your child using online safety resources

8-12



- Report serious cyberbullying and image based abuse
- Manage screen time and excessive use
- Have a conversation with your child about their online brand

13-18



Where: St Pius X College

When: Tuesday, 19 February 2019

Time: 7.00—8.30pm

Bookings: : <https://www.trybooking.com/453005>

School Banking

School Banking Program - 2019

Our Lady of Dolours is excited to again offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday (starting on Tuesday 5 February).

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Calling for parent volunteers – school banking needs your help!

Our students enjoy participating in the school banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

We require volunteers to check that the cash enclosed in a child's deposit envelope matches the amount listed on its deposit slip and distribute rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week (support will be provided). Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact us via drphilip.munro@gmail.com

Term 1 update.

School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money* and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong – the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



Polar Savers Rewards:

Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler
Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144). School Banking Research, conducted by FiftyTwo5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



From the Parish

ISAIAH PROPHET OF ADVENT

The writings of the prophet Isaiah are proclaimed on the Sundays and weekdays of Advent in 2019. Isaiah continued to be read in the synagogues during Jesus' lifetime. Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah at the beginning of his public ministry (Luke 4:16-20). During Advent discover something of the world of Isaiah and his followers and allow his words to nourish an Advent hope and longing within you. (Gail Gill)

Parish Room Two
Mondays 11 - 12pm 2, 9, 16 December
Thursdays 2- 3pm 5, 12, 19 December

PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT WORKSHOPS

As part of the enrolment process for any Catholic primary school, parents are invited to participate in a workshop facilitated by Fr Jim McKeon and Gail Gill. The workshop will provide details of the spiritual support offered in the parish for parents and their children.

Parish Room Two
Saturdays 10 - 11 am
9 March; 11 May; 13 July; 21 September; 9 November

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT WORKSHOPS

As part of the enrolment process for any Catholic secondary school, parents are invited to participate in a workshop facilitated by Fr Jim McKeon and Gail Gill. The workshop will provide details of the spiritual support offered in the parish for parents and their children.

Parish Room Two
Saturdays 10 - 11am
9 February; 10 April; 15 June; 10 August; 12 October



2019 ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Chatswood Catholic Parish
Our Lady of Dolours
www.chatswoodparish.org.au

For further information and bookings please contact Gail Gill
gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au | 9410 9021

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Bishop David Walker will lead these sessions of exploration of the Gospel of Luke. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Gospel that is proclaimed during 2019. Each session will conclude with guided lectio divina of a passage from Luke.

Parish Room Two
Tuesdays 10 - 1130am 12, 19, 26 February & 12, 19, 26 March
Parish Room 3
Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm 14, 21, 28 February & 14, 21, 28 March

WHERE THE HELL IS GOD?

Written by Fr Richard Leonard SJ, the book *Where the Hell is God?* emerged from the experience of family tragedy and explores the question of how to hold on to belief in a loving God in the face of suffering. You're invited to engage in small group shared reading and discussion of *Where the Hell is God?* Cost of the book will be \$20. (Fr Jim McKeon & Gail Gill)

Parish Room Two
Mondays 10.30 am - 12pm 18, 25 February & 4, 11, 18, 25 March
Wednesdays 7 - 8.30 pm 27 February, 6, 13, 20, 27 March & 3 April
Thursdays 1.45 - 3pm 21, 28 February & 7, 14, 21, 28 March

COME FOLLOW ME ENCOUNTERING JESUS

An invitation to deepen your understanding of coming to faith and discovering discipleship with Jesus through four Gospel stories: *The Woman at the Well*, *the Cure of Bartimaeus*, *the Crippled Woman* and *the Rich Man*. The sessions will also draw from Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel* and the writings of Fr Tony Gittins CSSp. (Gail Gill)

Parish Room Two
Mondays 10.30 am - 12pm 6, 13, 20, 27 May
Wednesdays 7 - 8.30pm 15, 22, 29 May & 5 June
Thursdays 1.30 - 3pm 9, 16, 23, 30 May

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Using the creative guide to St Ignatius' First Spiritual Exercises written by Fr Michael Hansen SJ, these sessions offer the experience of a four week retreat in daily life. Cost of the book is \$30. (Fr Jim McKeon & Gail Gill)

Parish Room One: Sundays 6.30 - 8pm 21, 28 July & 4, 11, 18 August
Parish Room Three: Mondays 1.45 - 3pm 22, 29 July, 5, 12, 19 August
Parish Room Two: Thursdays 10.30am - 12pm 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August
Parish Room Two: Saturdays 6.30 - 8pm 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24 August

THE IMITATION OF CHRIST

Bishop David Walker will lead these sessions. For over 500 years this gentle book written by Thomas à Kempis has inspired people with meditations on the life and teachings of Jesus.

Parish Room Two
Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am 20, 27 August & 3, 10 September
Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September

MAKING DISCIPLES SHERRY WEDDELL SEMINAR

Sherry Weddell is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs in the US. She has developed numerous unique adult formation resources that are used around the world. Her book, *Forming Intentional Disciples* continues to be a best seller.

Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills
Friday 13 September 9.30am - 4pm
Saturday 14 September 9.30am - 4pm

REJOICE & BE GLAD

In his apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis writes 'Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. . . . On the contrary. . . . As an experienced spiritual guide, Pope Francis offers a practical reflection on the call to holiness in today's world. These sessions will be guided discussions. (Gail Gill)

Parish Room Two
Mondays 10 - 11.30am 14, 21, 28 October & 4 November
Wednesdays 1.45 - 3pm 16, 23, 30 October & 6 November



Book Club



Hi all,

I hope everyone has had a lovely school break. New parents and students welcome to O.L.D.!

My name is Julie, O.L.D.'s Scholastic Book Club Organiser. I volunteered to help foster the love of reading in our school through Scholastic Book Club. Three times a year you'll receive a catalogue hand-picked by a team of children's publishing experts, so you can trust that books children receive via Clubs will be of the highest quality and always age-appropriate.

Benefits of Book Club:

- Children will love the chance to choose their own books from their Book Club catalogues.
- Parents will love getting quality books at affordable prices to help build their home libraries.
- You can build your classroom selection, library books and teachers' resources with Scholastic Rewards from every order that is placed by students, which then helps you get resources to keep them excited about reading and learning.

A little bit of help with Book Club can make a big difference.

Our school has a wonderful opportunity available through Scholastic Book Club that will not only enable us to boost our libraries, both at home and at school, but also improve children's reading skills and further encourage at-home reading practice.

In line with our resolve to increase literacy and develop lifelong readers, we are seeking one or more volunteers who would be willing to be on the Scholastic Book Club Team in our school to keep it running this year in 2019. This would involve lending a hand to:

help distribute ordered books to students for **1 hour, three times a year.**

If you are able to participate in providing this valuable service to the children and families at our school, please contact oldscholasticbookclub@gmail.com as soon as is convenient. ***Let's raise readers!***

Kind regards,

Julie Roman



SOCCER at O.L.D.

Attention ALL SOCCER PLAYERS...

Would your child like to play soccer this year?

Over the years Our Lady of Dolours soccer has proven to be heaps of fun and a great way for children (and families) to form and establish wonderful friendships.

The 2019 soccer season kicks-off soon and we're looking for players in all age groups for 2019!

For more information, please email expressions of interest
as soon as possible to the school
Football Co-ordinator, James O'Donnell
ourladyofdolourssoccer@gmail.com