

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWS IN BRIEF** Term 1 Week 9 - 25 March 2019

## The Principal's Piece

### Survey for Parents regarding the Kindergarten Debut:

Last week, I hosted a meeting at OLD to present concerns and wishes of all school staff members, the OLD Advisory Team, Fr Jim (Parish Priest) and Mrs Diann Hynes (Schools Consultant) regarding the Kindergarten Debut.

I sincerely thank everyone who attended the meeting or watched it live on-line. I thank all the parents who wrote letters to me supporting a 'transition', and I also thank the parents who presented their thoughts about their desire to maintain the Kindergarten Debut tradition at the Creative Arts Festival (CAF).

Now, in a bid to gauge parents' thoughts more broadly across the school, I respectfully ask parents to fill the very simple survey below by the end of this week (ie Friday 29/3).

<https://goo.gl/forms/HukvvLHBB73758VU2>

### Urgent, 'last minute' reminder regarding enrolment at St Pius in Y7:

#### **St Pius X College Enrolments for Year 7 2023 (for Catholic boys presently in Year 3 at OLoD)**

Parents are reminded about the special 'priority enrolment' privilege the OLoD school enjoys with St Pius X College that allows Catholic students at OLoD entry into Year 7. This privilege gives parents a clear choice to keep their child at OLoD School until the end of Year 6 allowing them to benefit from important leadership opportunities and a myriad of pastoral and educational advantages.

In order to secure this 'priority enrolment' privilege, parents with Catholic boys presently in Year 3 at OLoD School must fill in an enrolment form at St Pius X College during the month of March this year. Details can be found on the St Pius X College website.

#### **St Pius X College Enrolments for Year 7 2021 (for Catholic boys presently in Year 5 at OLoD)**

*Similar to the conditions above, parents can also access the 'priority enrolment' privilege for OLoD families if they enrol their child in the month of March this year. However, because this is effectively a 'later enrolment' parents need to feel confident that St Pius X College will put a priority on their application, but they must also be aware that there is no guarantee of securing a place in Year 7 in 2021.*

**NAPLAN Practice test:** Today Year 3 and 5 students completed a practice NAPLAN test. We do not get any results for this test and we are unable to see how the children went. This test is to purely help the children and teachers get accustomed to the online testing environment. Today's test was a mix of all NAPLAN tests and went for 45 minutes. If you have any questions about the upcoming NAPLAN tests (Week 3, Term 2) please see your classroom teacher.

**Sibling Enrolments:** We strongly encourage all families who wish to enrol siblings into OLD for 2020 to submit their enrolment forms by the end of this week (ie Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March) so interviews can be conducted before the end of this term.

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

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

**Wed 27-Fri 29** Year 5 & 6 Camp

### APRIL

**Fri 5** Staff Development Day  
(Pupil free day)

**Thurs 11** Cross Country

**Fri 12** Last Day Term 1

**Mon 29** First Day Term 2

### MAY

**Wed 1** Whole School Liturgy  
(ANZAC Day) 10.30am

**Thurs 9** Mothers' Day Mass 9am

*KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE  
UNDER 'NEWS & EVENTS - EVENTS FOR  
POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES*

[www.olddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au)

[Our Lady of Dolours](#)



## Assistant Principal

**Little Athletics – Infant Classes:** Kinder-Year 2 will have TWO days of Little Athletics this week...Thursday and Friday. Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students need to wear sports uniforms on Thursday and Friday for this week only. This change of plan is due to a Staff Development Day that staff have next Friday, which means the 5<sup>th</sup> April is a pupil free day. I am still in negotiation with the coaches to find a make-up day for the Primary classes. Year 3 and 4 will still have their Little Athletics session this Friday as planned (Year 5 and 6 are on camp and will have a make-up session later in the term).

## Community News

Dear Parents,

### Calling all Basketballers!

The Northern Suburbs Basketball Association is currently accepting nominations for its second round of competition. Nominations close on 5 April and the competition starts on Saturday 4 May with last matches played on 10 August.

**What will it cost?** Annual player registration is about \$90, plus about \$115 for games fees and team registration for each competition (Total \$920 split between team members, \$865 for U/8 and Kindy). Uniform singlets are \$30.

### Where are the games?

Either:

- Norths Sydney Indoor Sports Centre (Crows Nest)
- St Michael's Catholic Primary School (Lane Cove)
- Marie Bashir Mosman Sports Centre (Mosman)

Dunnet Hall Redlands Junior School (Cremorne)

Please note that it is not recommended that children play both soccer and basketball at the same time as match times may collide making it very hard for team managers.

### Contacts for more information:

**Kindy/Under 8's boys and girls** – Janine Webster at [webster\\_janine@hotmail.com](mailto:webster_janine@hotmail.com) or 0418648840 (children turning 5, 6 or 7 this year)

**U10 boys or girls** – Cris Barancik at [cgb0912@gmail.com](mailto:cgb0912@gmail.com) (children who are turning 8 or 9 this year)

**U12 boys** – Janine Webster at [webster\\_janine@hotmail.com](mailto:webster_janine@hotmail.com) or 0418648840 (children who are turning 10 or 11 this year)

**Other age groups** - If you have a boy or girl interested in playing Janine Webster is happy to assist with information required to register a team and organise uniforms (\$30 per shirt)

## Community News

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)



The Premier's reading Challenge has commenced and students are now able to logon and enter their books. If your child has a logon from previous years, this may still be used. **If your child doesn't know or has forgotten their logon, their class teacher has a copy of them.**

A new feature to the site this year is the PRC Student Site, making it much easier to navigate and search for and add books, <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>  
For further information on the PRC, go to <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Good luck and happy reading!



Open this Friday!  
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm