

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS IN BRIEF Term 1 Week 11 - 8 April 2019

The Principal's Piece

(Following article/invitation by Miss Camilla Brown)

Opening a Conversation about People Seeking Asylum -

Special invitation to ALL OLD Parents, Carers & Year 6 Students

At Our Lady of Dolours, we are passionate about **including** others in the **spirit of Mercy**. On the 28th of April, we are extremely fortunate to be hosting an opportunity for our community to listen to the **real** stories of people seeking asylum here in Australia.

Since 2015, The Sydney Alliance has been running a 'Table Talk' campaign to change the conversation about people seeking asylum. More than 4000 people having already been touched by this meaningful experience.

The main activity is the 'talk' which emphasises a respectful dialogue and mutual sharing of personal stories around values that are important to us. At each gathering, asylum seekers are invited to share their story and listeners are invited to ask questions.

Day: Sunday 28th April

Time: 3pm-5pm

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Parish

Contact: Please RSVP Gail Gill or Camilla Brown

gail.gill@bb.catholic.org.au or camilla.brown@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Invitation to attend Stations of the Cross

Thursday 11th: Trial & Arrest/Stations of the Cross. This will be a solemn experience where each class will walk from station to station lead by Years 5 & 6. The parent Stations of the Cross session will be at 9am starting in the Growers' Corner.

Anzac Ceremony – Chatswood RSL:

Thank you to our OLD school student representatives, school leaders and OLD parents who will attend, and lay a wreath, at the ANZAC Chatswood Dawn Service 25/4/19.

Students attending: Genevieve H, Sara A, Ruby G, Joshua & James B

SAVE THE DATES – TERM 2

ANZAC DAY Whole School Liturgy – Wednesday 1st May at 10:30am on the COLA (or Harrington Hall if wet weather).

MOTHERS' DAY Mass – Thursday 9th May in the Church. All Welcome!

Mothers' Day PowerPoint presentation

Please send in a photo of your child with their mother or 'mother figure' to camilla.brown@dbb.catholic.edu.au by **Friday 12th April**.



COMING EVENTS

APRIL

Thurs 11 Stations of the Cross for Parents at School 9am

Fri 12 Last Day Term 1

Mon 29 First Day Term 2
Students return in full winter uniform

MAY

Wed 1 Whole School Liturgy (ANZAC Day) 10.30am

Mon 6—Fri 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thurs 9 Mother's Day Breakfast 8am

Mothers' Day Mass 9am

Sun 19 Year 1 Mass

JUNE

Mon 10 Public Holiday

Sun 16 Year 2 Mass

Wed 19 Athletics Carnival

JULY

Mon 1 School Photos

Fri 5 Last Day Term 2

Mon 22 Staff Development Day

Tues 23 First Day Term 3

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'CALENDAR - FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES

www.olddbb.catholic.edu.au

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Principal's piece cont.

Kindergarten Debut:

The consultation process to evaluate the viability of the Kindergarten Debut continuing at OLD has concluded.

The Kindergarten Debut, as we have known it for many years, will change to be a more contemporary performance within the Annual Creative Arts Festival (CAF). At last Monday's meeting, Miss Kirsty Thorpe spoke about the exciting and inspiring possibilities that lie ahead for Kindergarten later this year. Parents are assured that there will be a professional photograph of each individual Kindergarten student – (This will most likely be taken during CAF).

Specific Feedback re the Debut Surveys, Meetings and Interviews - Quantitative and Qualitative:

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| • School staff | full support for change | (ie 100% for change) |
| • Stage 2 (ie Years 3 and 4) (103 students) | very strong support change | (ie 75% approx for change) |
| • Stage 3 (ie Years 5 and 6) (60 students) | medium support for change | (ie 40% approx for change) |
| • Parents (103 surveys filled) | medium support for change | (ie 45% approx for change) |

Further to the quantitative data above, the most important feedback to support change evolved from and within discussions/meetings/interviews with all stakeholders. The qualitative data that stemmed from these discussions/meetings/interviews assures me that it is timely and appropriate for OLD to embark on establishing a new tradition for Kindergarten within the Annual CAF.

Scarves for the needy this winter:

During Term 2, students from Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to knit a scarf for a 'friend' from a Nursing Home in Chatswood as a simply act of kindness – (I note that this initiative is specifically directed at all Year 4 students, but it is also open to all students in Years 3, 5 and 6 too).

'Friends' from local Nursing Homes will be asked if they would like a scarf; additionally, they will indicate the colour/s they prefer too. Students will be linked with a specific 'friend' so they will know the colour wool to purchase for this initiative.

Students/parents interested in committing to this initiative are invited to complete the permission form further on in this newsletter by this coming Friday 12 April 9am.

And finally, parents/friends are desperately encouraged to assist the students in the knitting process ... Students' knitting sessions will be on Fridays (12.55pm lunchtime) in Term 2 commencing Friday 10 May

Parent Teacher Interviews Week 2 Term 2:

As per the announcement at last year's P+F AGM, OLD will conduct formal Parent / Teacher meetings in Week 2 of Term 2. The decision to do this is to support parents formally engaging with teachers earlier than the traditional formal meetings after the Semester 1 reports go home (ie late June).

An online facility is available for parents to book an interview – Details will be emailed to families later in the week.

Please note that, for special reasons, 5G is having Parent / Teacher meetings this week, and 3B will have their Parent / Teacher meetings in Week 3 of Term 2.

Winter Uniform:

Students and Parents are reminded that OLD changes over to the winter uniform at the start of Term 2.

Good news story ... OLD and St Pius X College – Reading Programme

Thanks to the initiative and organisation of our OLD staff member Mrs Christine Cook, St Pius X students will join in a reading buddy programme to support students at OLD.

The programme will run for 10 sessions in Term 2. Mrs Cook will be liaising with OLD families who will be engaged in the programme.

MORE GOOD NEWS:

Mrs Cook is also liaising with Mercy College to establish a similar reading buddy programme in Term 3 at OLD ... Stay tuned!

Principal's piece cont.



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Any student who commits to making a scarf needs to source knitting needles and the right colour wool. All scarves need to be completed by the beginning of June (ie ready in time for winter!). It is recommended that students use VERY thick knitting needles and heavy ply wool.

If you are supportive of your child making a scarf, please indicate on the slip below.

Please note that no prior knitting experience is necessary; we'll have a knitting club at school with a few proficient knitters to get beginners 'knitting over purl' (or whatever it's supposed to be) to ensure not too many stitches are 'dropped'!

Kind regards,

Philip Ledlin (on behalf of the Year 4 Teachers and Miss Brown)

PERMISSION NOTE RE A SCARF FOR 'FRIENDS' AT OUR LOCAL NURSING HOMES

Note to be returned by next Friday 12 April 9.00am

I give permission for my child in Year..... to commit to making a scarf for a 'friend' at a local nursing home. I understand that I need to supply wool and knitting needles (and a safe storage bag for safe travel to and from school). I also understand that the scarf must be completed by the beginning of June!

SOS for Dads and 'influential men' in students' lives ... Mothers' Day Breakfast call for help 9.5.19 – 8am:

Dear Dads and 'influential men' in students' lives at OLD – (Particularly Yr2 dads ... ie because Yr2 is hosting this event)

This is an urgent call out for help at the Mothers' Day Breakfast in Week 2 of Term 2 - (Thursday 9 May 8am)

Last year, the gentlemen of OLD did something remarkable for the mothers of the school by rallying to organise and manage a terrific breakfast. This year, again, the gentlemen of OLD are invited to step up, go all out and make things special again in 2019!

Please complete the slip below and return to the school office by the end of Week 1 Term 2 – Thank you!

MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST – Thursday 9 May 8am ... NB, THIS SLIP MUST ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY DADS AND 'INFLUENTIAL MEN' IN STUDENTS' LIVES ☺

NAME: CHILD/REN'S NAMES AND CLASS/ES:.....

I can make a plate of something very special for the breakfast ☐

I can help set up for the breakfast from 7.30am in the COLA area ☐

I can help by serving at the breakfast ☐

Philip Ledlin

Assistant Principal

Term 2 Library and Sport days:

Please note: During Week 3, Term 2, there will be some changes to library and sport days for some classes to cater for the students completing the NAPALN tests (Year 3 and 5). Parents will be informed in the school newsletters next term. These changes will be for Week 3 only.

Library (Teacher: Mrs Murphy returns from her leave)

- Monday: 1G, 4G, 5B, 5G
- Tuesday: KB, 2B, 2G, 6G
- Wednesday: KG, 1B, 3B, 3G, 4B

Sport (Teacher: Mrs Sargent)

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

Friday: All classes (Little Athletics program continues for the first 8 weeks of Term 2, class sport will continue for the remainder of the term on Friday)

AWARD WINNERS Week 10





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Cross Country 2019

April 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

The OLD Cross Country Trial will be held on **Wednesday 1st May, Week 1 of Term 2** to select our school representatives for the Cluster Cross Country at Rofe Park, Hornsby (Tuesday 7th May - Week 2 - Term 2). The Cross Country Trial will be held at Beauchamp Oval from 9.30am to 11.00am for all 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old boys and girls (turning this age this year) who CHOOSE to participate.

The distance for the 8, 9 and 10 year olds is 2000m (approx. 2 complete laps of Beauchamp Oval and Park). The distance for the 11 and 12 year olds is 3000m (approx. 3 complete laps of Beauchamp Oval and Park). As Beauchamp Oval itself is under renovation, we will set up a course running around the outside of the oval, along pathways and around and through the park. These events will begin at approx 9.30am.

Obviously, this trial is a test of stamina and perseverance and will allow us to select students for our school team who are confident in their ability to take part. Students will be stopped after 10 / 15 minutes and the team will be chosen from those who have finished within that time. All students will begin the cross country race in their age groups. Please discuss all of these factors with your child and make a decision whether your child WILL or WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING. It would be a great idea to practise a long distance run during the school holidays to determine whether your child is able to competitively complete this distance in running.

ALL STUDENTS FROM YR 3-6 are to wear their SPORT UNIFORM on the day. Those students not participating in the Cross Country will still go to the park for sport with their class/grade.

Any Year 2 student who turns 8 anytime in 2019 is invited to participate as well. The remaining Year 2 students will remain at school.

It is most important to note - any student who enters this event may qualify for the Cluster Cross Country and would be expected to participate - representing their school, which is an honour.

Parents are most welcome to come along and assist. We will need a number of parents to assist with supervision of Yr 5 and 6 students who will act as markers around the course - they will be the students who are not participating in the event.

Please complete the attached form and return it to your child's classroom teacher this week or on the Monday or Tuesday of Week 1 next term. You may also choose to email the form to joe.martin@dbb.catholic.edu.au. No entries will be accepted on the day of the Cross Country Trial. Please ensure the form is returned before that day.

PLEASE REMEMBER *School Hat *Plenty of water *Sunscreen

Many thanks,

Mr Joe Martin

APPROXIMATE RACE TIMES FOR EACH AGE GROUP

9.30	8 BOYS AND GIRLS
9.40	9 BOYS AND GIRLS
9.50	10 BOYS AND GIRLS
10.05	11 BOYS AND GIRLS
10.25	12/13 BOYS AND GIRLS

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OLD CROSS-COUNTRY TRIAL
Wednesday 1st May (Week 1 – Term 2)
PERMISSION FORM

ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENTS ARE TO RETURN THIS FORM
BEFORE THE DAY OF THE CROSS COUNTRY TRIAL

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Class _____
age they turn in 2019

My child WILL / WILL NOT be taking part in the OLD Cross Country Trials at Beauchamp Oval on
Wednesday 1st May (Week 1 – Term 2).

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MARK ONE BOX ONLY

We have discussed the distance and have made a
decision based on whether they would be capable
of competing with relative ease and in a competitive time.

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YES

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Emergency telephone contact on the day Name: _____ Ph: _____
(Please print)

Parent Assistance

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I am available to assist with supervision around the course on the day.
YES

Parent name _____

Please be at the picnic tables / BBQs in Beauchamp Park by 9.15am to be sent to your position around the course in time to begin at 9.30am.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY Tuesday 30th April (Week 1 Term 2) TO YOUR CHILD'S
CLASS TEACHER

Or

Email it to joe.martin@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Stage 3 Award for Camp





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TERM 2
720AM- 820AM
FRIDAY MORNINGS
LIMITED SPACES
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THE P&F TEAM INVITE **ALL** THE STUDENTS
AT O.L.D. TO PARTICIPATE IN AN....

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, 12 April 2019 - between 8.45am - 3.00pm in the School Playground
(Parents, **no** volunteers needed - Year 6 are running the event on the day!)

