

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS IN BRIEF Term 2 Week 3 - 13 May 2019

The Principal's Piece

Mr Steve MacDonald:

Mrs Kathryn Gray (Acting AP) and I recently visited Mr Steve MacDonald's wife, Sue, and in our meeting we chatted about a suitable suggestion to 'remember' Steve.

Just prior to Steve's death, he was investigating the installation of an old-fashioned hand water pump to be operated by the students. Steve also came up with plans for the water to trickle down a short 'river-bed'. I am pleased to announce that Sue is happy and keen for us to go about planning and installing this exciting new addition for the playground.

Importantly too, Sue got a laugh out of the photo below. The construction of this boat was on Steve's 'to do' list before he got sick. This cute little boat will be 'launched' at tomorrow's whole school assembly (Wednesday) ... and it will be named, "Mr Mac". The boat has had a good test-run in the staffroom this week, and I am confident it is very sea-worthy.

I thank Ms Jenny Tygh who has been instrumental in the overall management/purchase of the myriad of exciting new activities (including the boat) that have been introduced to the playground this year.



COMING EVENTS

MAY

Thurs 16

P & F Leadership Team Meeting
6.30pm

Sun 19 Year 1 Mass

Tues 21

School Advisory Team Meeting
6.30pm

Tues 28

P & F General Meeting 6.30pm

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

TERM THREE

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.olddb.catholic.edu.au

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Principal's piece cont.

Mothers' Day Stall – Thank you!

Thank you to the bevy of parents who assisted at the Mothers' Day Stall on Friday last week.

Importantly too, thank you to the parents who managed the massive preparation and co-ordination to make the stall happen so successfully again in 2019.

Did you know that this is the 7th year that Mrs Zoey Cortese has co-ordinated the event. Interestingly, her daughter, Grace, commenced in Kindergarten 7 years ago too. Thanks Zoey!

The photo to the right shows the team in action with excited Year 3 students ... Thank you: Katie C, Lily S, Zoey C, Glenda C, Janelle A, Debbie L, Kath E, Kate S and Mark W - (absent from the photo is Laura H).



Mothers' Day Breakfast:

Thank you to everyone who assisted to make last week's Mothers' Day breakfast very special indeed. Thank you to the organising Y2 team of parents who did so much in the background; and thank you to the men in pink aprons who prepared food and keenly served the mums.

Thank you to Jimmy Kim, our mothers' breakfast photographer; Jimmy has prepared a stunning PhotoStory of the breakfast, and I'll show this at our up and coming P+F General Meeting (Tuesday 28/5 in 2 weeks' time). There is also a superb array of family portraits available. If you had a portrait taken on the day please contact the school direct for digital access!



Important Upcoming meetings:

<u>P+F Leadership Team Meeting</u>	Thursday 16 May	6.30pm
<u>School Advisory Team Meeting</u>	Tuesday 21 May	6.30pm
<u>P+F General Meeting</u> (ie open meeting for all Parents and Friends)	Tuesday 28 May	6.30pm

P & F



A big 'Thank you' from our P & F to all those who helped out with both our Mothers' Day Breakfast celebration and our Mothers' Day stall.

P & F Meeting clarification

The P & F General Meeting is open to everyone but if anyone has anything they would like to raise with the P & F or have added as an action point to the agenda of the General meeting then please email Catherine@peopleintelligence.com.au or speak directly to any of the P & F Executive Team.

REC—Miss Camilla Brown

MOTHERS' DAY- Thank you!

Thank you to all our mothers, friends and families that were able to share a lovely morning breakfast and beautiful Mass last Thursday.

A few words from our Mothers' Day Mass...

...we celebrate our mothers; those in heaven, those with us today; and mothers all around the world. May their example of love, discipleship and service, helps us to build the Kingdom of God. We thank our mothers for shaping who we are today!

The everydayness of motherhood is sacred. As your children, we are blessed by the day to day actions of our mothers: Hanging out the washing...Going to work....Cooking dinner...Reading with me....giving me hugsMaking me smile.

These are examples of our Mothers' devotion to service. Just like Mary the Mother of God cared and loved our Lord Jesus.'

Happy Mother's day to ALL mothers, grandmothers, aunts and mother figure in our lives. We hope you had a wonderful and restful Sunday!



AWARD WINNERS Week 2



Year One Class Mass



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites
Year One children and their families to a special Mass
for Year One at the

9am Family Mass
Sunday 19 May 2019

A family-friendly celebration at
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer St Chatswood

After Mass please join us at Our Lady of Dolours Primary
School playground where we will have **morning tea** and a
jumping castle!

Please bring a plate to share!

All welcome!

SPORTS NEWS—Cross Country



Last Tuesday, we had 47 students participate in the Cluster Cross-Country event held in Hornsby.

We were so proud of the students determination to run their best, and we most certainly looked the part in our slick tops!

Congratulations to all students in completing the course. A special mention to Samuel (5G) coming 2nd and Genevieve (5G) coming 3rd in their races.

Mrs. Lisa Sargent

Woolies 'Earn and Learn'



This year OLD will participate in the Woolies 'earn and learn' in order to donate our sticker collection to St Lucy's School. St Lucy's is a Catholic school for students with disabilities.

Collecting the stickers for St Lucy's will hopefully raise awareness of issues of disability in the OLD community and ultimately support this important educational setting and their students.



Sending out a HUGE THANK YOU to our wonderful P&F for purchasing our new play equipment!

Last term the instalment of the sandpits and arrival of the new play equipment caused a lot of excitement on the playgrounds. As well as having fun, the students have been totally engaged, exploring, creating and working together.

Developing Social and Emotional Skills

Taking turns and sharing with other children helps children to control their emotions and sort out problems in a kind way.

Outdoor play is important as it helps children to **develop** socially, emotionally, cognitively and imaginatively. All of these **skills** are very **important** as they enable children to understand and enjoy the world around them. **Emotional development** is particularly **important** as it enables children to understand how their actions affect others.



PBL—Ms Jennifer Tygh



Even the teachers got into the swing of things. They thoroughly enjoyed spending their lunch break playing in the new boat (which will be put onto the playground once they've had their fun!)

In honour of Mr MacDonald, we are naming the boat "Mr Mac", in appreciation for his years of service and friendship at OLD.



Jennifer Tygh - PBL Coordinator

A Note from Learning Support

Information for parents and carers for school Students with a disability:

Please click onto the link below to access information about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/fact%20sheet%20for%20parents%20guardians%20and%20carers.pdf>

A printed copy is also available from the office.

Many Thanks

Jane Bertinshaw

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Community News

National Catholic Education Commission Newsletter:

Below is the National Catholic Education Commission's weekly federal election newsletter.

This week, the newsletter highlights the importance of understanding the main parties' positions on key education issues such as funding, school choice and early childhood learning.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NSW

THIS WEEK IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION ELECTION 2019 EDITION



Choice is a valued feature of Australian schooling

One of the most valuable features of Australia's education system is the wide-ranging availability of genuine, affordable school choice.

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Battleground states

Catholic schools make a significant contribution to the vitality of South Australia, educating close to 20% of the state's students. Catholic Education South Australia has a network of 101 Catholic schools with more than 6,000 staff teaching and supporting over 45,000 students.

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Understanding where the parties stand on school choice

At this election, it's vital that Catholic school families know where the parties stand on school funding.

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How Catholic schools are funded (Part 2)

Last week, we looked at how governments calculated recurrent funding for

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Community News

Capital funding falls short of demand for Catholic education

Demand for Catholic education continues to grow across Australia with 14 new schools opening in the past two years, and more expected to open in 2020.

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Three year old preschool a stark difference

The key difference between the Coalition and Labor policies on education is early childhood education or, as most of us know it, preschool or kinder.

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News: Labor's investment in youth mental health should extend to children

Australia's peak psychology body, the Australian Psychological Society (APS), said Labor's promise to invest in youth mental health should extend to children.

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News: Here's where the major parties stand on education

Following is an [ABC News](#) summary of the major party policies on

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Reflection for Mother's Day

"... a good mother not only accompanies her children in their growth, without avoiding the problems and challenges of life; a good mother also helps them *to make definitive decisions with freedom*. This is not easy, but a mother knows how to do it. But what does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window. No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good decisions in life! Mary as a good mother teaches us to be, like her, capable of making definitive decisions; definitive choices, at this moment in a time controlled by, so to speak, a philosophy of the provisional. It is very difficult to make a lifetime commitment. And she helps us to make those definitive decisions in the full freedom with which she said "yes" to the plan God had for her life (cf. Lk 1:38). – [Pope Francis](#)

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