

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 4 - 20 May 2019

The Principal's Piece

Year 1 Parish Mass:

Last weekend on Sunday, there was a wonderful turn-out at the Y1 Parish Mass.

A message that is still ringing in my mind from Deacon Kevin's sermon is one that's reminding me to love everyone sincerely, including people who might challenge my patience and wellbeing ... Indeed, I am desperately hoping I am loved by people whose patience and wellbeing I may challenge!

It's pretty easy to love people whom we 'click with'; the challenge that Jesus sets takes us out of our comfort zone.

And finally, the turn-out at morning tea after Mass in the school grounds was rather remarkable ... The jumping castle was pretty cool too.

Following is the Gospel reading that inspired Deacon Kevin's sermon:

Gospel, John 13:31-33, 34-35

When he had gone, Jesus said: Now has the Son of man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

Little children, I shall be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and, as I told the Jews, where I am going, you cannot come.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you.

It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples.

St Pius X Reading Programme with OLD:

The St Pius Reading Programme with OLD students Stages 2 and 3 commenced with wonderful success yesterday (Monday).

Put simply, having high school boys championing reading so powerfully leads to emulation by our students at OLD.

Congratulations to Mrs Christine Cook who is co-ordinating and driving the programme.

Aside is a snap of Christine (right) with St Pius students and St Pius teachers, Annabelle and Meredith, at a 'training' session last week.

Later this year, we can look forward to high school girls from Mercy College championing reading for OLD too!



COMING EVENTS

MAY

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

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UNDER 'CALENDAR - FOR POSSIBLE
CHANGES TO DATES

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

[Our Lady of Dolours](#)



Principal's piece cont.

Lego Grand Master Martin:

Congratulations to Mr Martin for initiating a fabulous 'Lego Masters' lunchtime programme that has an extraordinary groundswell of enthusiasm! (Photo below is one of several Lego displays last week)



Mr Mac Boat:

Last week on playground duty before school, I spotted 9 students fully seated and seemingly comfortable in the new Mr Mac boat. It's proving to be a very popular addition to the playground!

And thank you to Mr Matt Rowland and Miss Camilla Brown too:

Thank you to Miss Camilla Brown who is leading a very popular lunchtime Drama programme ... and thank you to Mr Matt Rowland for leading the lunchtime running programme again in 2019.

Parent Retreat Day – Messy Parenting: (Catholic Conversations About Raising a Family)

An engaging married couple, Mike & Alicia Hernon, founders of the Messy Parenting Project (USA), are guest presenters at this CSO Parent Retreat Day on Thursday 23 May, 9:30am - 2pm at Canisius Centre, Pymble. The Hernons will present from 10am - 12.30pm. Cost is \$20 payable on the day. RSVP to Jo Spek 9847 0304 jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

Maths Study Tour: Thank you everyone for the warm welcome back – it does seem like I was away a lot longer than 5 weeks! But I had the most amazing time during my study tour. I was able to visit schools in Singapore, Cambodia, New York, Palo Alto and San Francisco. One of the schools I was able to spend a couple of days in was with one of OLD's great teachers from the past, Lucy Gentle's, school in the Bronx, New York. The best part of the trip was the realisation that our school and entire dioceses are really on the right track when it comes to developing mathematicians that are creative, critical thinkers, and flexible problem solving. I was so privileged to listen to and meet some leaders in education at the World EduLead Conference in Singapore including Dr Michael Fullan from Ontario University and Dr Pasi Sahlberg, a leading Finnish educator. I also attended a workshop at Stanford University (yes I bought the merchandise to prove it too!!) led by Jo Boaler, who is a leading academic in positive Mathematical mindset and the founder of an amazing resource /website 'YouCubed'.

I am now in a process of writing a report to summarise my research findings for both my scholarship sponsors and the Catholic School's Office. So I'm really excited to start implementing some of my learnings in the classrooms at OLD now! If you would like to discover what I did or learnt while I was travelling and visiting schools please visit my blog which I will continue to add to throughout this year:

<https://creativemathsdotblog.wordpress.com>



NAPLAN Congratulations to the students and teachers for a really successful NAPLAN week last week. It was the first time we completed the assessments online and everything went really well. There were some major issues across the state on the first day but the students at OLD were fortunate not to be impacted and were able to complete their tests with great confidence. These tests are used by the school to identify trends and patterns, as well as, monitoring student growth. However, teachers have a very deep knowledge of where each student is at through their day-to-day assessments and observations in class, we don't put pressure on students for an external, standardised assessment, such as NAPLAN, as this is just one snap shot of their achievement levels on this particular day. We are unaware of when feedback from the assessments will be returned to us as this is the first year of online testing. When the tests were completed on paper we would receive feedback around September / October, so we are hoping this year's computerised feedback is returned sooner than in the past. We will keep families updated through the school newsletter.

New Digital Sign Have you checked out our gorgeous new sign at the front of the school? We are still learning how to maximise the impact but we are able to include photos and images as well as words on the new digital sign. We hope our local community enjoys learning more about our school community through this means of communication.

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.

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We are excited to be back working within your school community for another Term. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, so that is why we are here to help! We take care of children in the crucial times before school, after school – and between terms too.

Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it is free to register.

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login.

Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy to help you with the cost of child care, visit www.mygov.com.au to find out more.

Program Details

Last week, we had a visit from Constable Dennis from the Chatswood Police Station; he spoke to the After School Care group about the duties and tools of the police force, as well as road safety and stranger danger. He even let the children explore his car and turned on the siren and lights for us.

This week we have a Sustainability Officer from Willoughby Council visiting the service to talk to the children about local wildlife and responsible waste management.

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with your OLD OSHC Team.



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Parent Retreat Day. Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay
Thursday 23 May 2019. 9.30am -2.00pm at Canisius Spirituality Centre Pymble

Messy Parenting

Catholic conversations about raising a family

Mike & Alicia Hernon, founders of Messy Parenting Project (Ohio, USA) share their wisdom and experience as Catholic parents.



Day includes:

- Talk by guest speakers Mike & Alicia Hernon
- Individual and group reflection time
- A beautiful lunch
- A closing liturgy

To register [click this link](#).

Or contact jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Cost: \$20 payable on the day

More info: walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org

Mike & Alicia Hernon are marriage educators and leaders in family ministry from Ohio, USA. At the request of family and friends, they began sharing their experiences of raising their children through podcasts and radio interviews, which grew into The Messy Parenting Project (messyparenting.org). They look forward to sharing with us their best tips from the highs and lows of Catholic parenting!

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Community News



Thanks for ordering! **Orders are now closed.** You can still order online but will incur a delivery fee of \$4.95 to have the books sent to your home directly.

The next issue to be available is Issue 7 in Term 4. There are only 3 issues that are distributed in the school year from Scholastic Book Club. If you'd like to order any books from other issues please feel free to order from: http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/bc_parents.asp

Kind regards,

Julie Roman

(Ethan – 1G)

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ASC 3-DAY CAMPS

AFL Football 8, 9 & 10 July SA AFL Football Camp, Marion	Basketball 8, 9 & 10 July SA Basketball Camp, Marion
AFLW Football Girls 8, 9 & 10 July AFLW Football Camp, Marion	Netball 8, 9 & 10 July SA Netball Camp, Marion
Soccer 8, 9 & 10 July SA Soccer Camp, Marion	

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ASC have teamed up with some amazing and reputable partner companies to offer a wider variety of sports in your area! Duration and pricing for these programs differ depending on the program, please visit our website for all the details and choices!

Horse Riding 8,9,10,11 & 12 July Horse Riding Program, Kirby Park #1
15,16,17,18 & 19 July Horse Riding Program, Kirby Park #2

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From the Parish

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

RSVP to Bernadette Ho bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au

Magnificat Room

Corner of Kirk and Archer Sts

Saturdays 10 - 11 am 13 July; 21 September; 9 November

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. Each group will be limited to 12 participants. (Fr Jim McKeon, Sam French & Gail Gill)

St Peter Room Sundays 6.30 - 8pm 11, 18, 25 August, 1, 8 September

St Peter Room Mondays 1.30 - 2.45pm 5, 12, 19, 26 August, 2 September

St Peter Room Thursdays 10.30am - 12pm 8, 15, 22, 29 August, 5 September

St Peter Room Saturdays 6.30 - 8pm 3, 10, 24, 31 August, 7 September

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Bishop David Walker will lead these sessions on the companion volume to the Gospel of Luke. The Acts of the Apostles describes the life and work of the early church as it continues the mission of Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit and witnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Magnificat Room Tuesdays 10 .30- 12pm 20, 27 August & 3, 10 September Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September

For further information and bookings for all programs (except the school enrolment workshops) please contact Gail Gill

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