

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** Term 2 Week 9 - 24 June 2019

## REC' s Piece

### PARISH NEWS

#### Sacrament of Confirmation:



Congratulations to all our OLD children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, and to you, their families, who continue to nurture and guide them on their faith and life journey.

Fr Jim explained to the children that '*Jesus wants to be your friend*'. Through this 'friendship,' we can get to know Jesus better.

Drawing upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily life helps us to stay 'on track' to find peace and contentment on our life journey with Christ. The Spirit also gives us the strength and courage we need to be disciples of Jesus, even when we face challenges.

A special thank you to our staff and to our parish catechists, particularly Angela Hague, for all their hard work in supporting families to prepare their children for the Sacrament.

## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

**Sat 29** Launch Meeting for  
Fr Jim's Community Meal  
Initiative 6.30pm Harrington Hall

### JULY

**Mon 1** School Photos

**Fri 5** Last Day Term 2

### TERM THREE

**Mon 22** Staff Development Day  
(Pupil Free Day)

**Tues 23** First Day Term 3

**Fri 26** Grandparents Day

### AUGUST

**Sun 18** Year 2 Mass

### SEPTEMBER

**Mon 23** Creative Arts Festival  
6.30pm

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

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

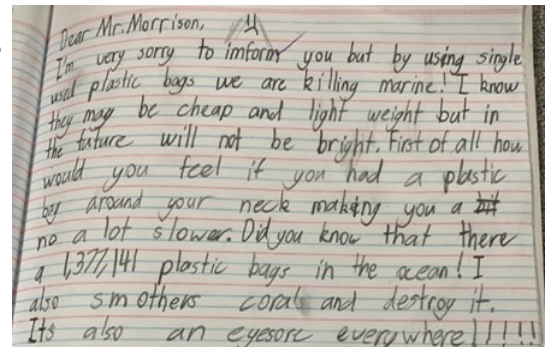
[Our Lady of Dolours](#)



## REC's piece cont.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE – We are called to be caretakers of the earth!

How is your environmental discipleship challenge going? The children across OLD have been inspired to make a difference. Many children are already brainstorming simple ways they can find alternatives to single use plastic. Some children have even wanted to let our politicians know we want to make a change!



#### Our 'SWAP' focus this week is...

Reduce using ....	Swap for....
Plastic/ cling wrap/ foil	Reusable containers OR use 'bees-wax wrap'

## The Principal's Piece

### "Community Meal" – for the 'needy' in our local community and beyond:

I sense that all families will now be aware of the 'outreach' initiative that Fr Jim is proposing for our Chatswood Parish Community. Essentially, he is proposing that we establish a weekly community meal for anyone 'needy' in our local community and beyond.

Fr Jim has set a meeting time to discuss 'possibilities' re how this can be managed and co-ordinated on **Saturday 29 June 6.30pm - Harrington Hall.**

Representatives from Mercy College, St Pius X College, OLD Parish and OLD School will attend this information meeting.

This is an 'open meeting' and you are most warmly invited to attend.

### This coming weekend's second reading (Galatians 5:1, 13-18)

This coming weekend's second reading beautifully encourages us to look beyond ourselves so we fix our intentions purposely on our less fortunate 'neighbours' :

***"... Serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbour as yourself."***

### Well done Porscha

Congratulations to Porscha (Y6) who was busy last week at the Polding (NSW Catholic Schools) Basketball Championships. Her team made it to the semis and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall from the 14 representative teams.



## The Principal's Piece cont.

### Innovation and imagination:

Some students in Year 1 have been engaged in innovative and imaginative creative art that has led to some wonderfully inspiring works.

In the following paintings, students have ignited their thoughts using the school playground stage mural to produce some inspiring pieces of art. I particularly love the way they have melded the rolling hills so creatively with the silhouette insert.



### The third and final mural is now underway!

The third and final mural for the school has just commenced. The photo below shows artist, Hugues, with admiring students as he commences a masterpiece in the Under-croft!

This final mural will be a representation of the third aspect of our School Vision - ie "Inclusion".

NB: our School Vision is, "To Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy".

Over the coming two weeks, Hugues will create a wonderful expose about "Inclusion" at OLD.



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Kirsty Thorpe

**AP Review Survey:** Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the survey for my review process. I appreciate the feedback these surveys will provide and am looking forward to meeting with my review panel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July to develop a way forward for my leadership.



## Assistant Principal cont.

**Cambodia Stall:** Another heartfelt thank you to all those who have been generously and enthusiastically shopping at my Cambodia stall over the past two weeks. And a very special thank you to the students who passionately gave up their lunchtimes to help and run the stall.

I can now confirm that as a school community you have raised over \$1000 which will make such a monumental difference to the lives of children in rural Cambodia. With this money I will be developing a school library with the Principal of the local government school – purchasing fiction and non-fiction books written in their own language and accessible for the students to borrow at school and take home. I will also be contributing to bringing electricity to the school and assisting them to install fans in each classroom (I will be doing the shopping.....not installing!!).



### **Funday Friday on Facebook:**

I know that many of you have discovered our new Friday evening feature on the school's Facebook page! Each Friday a different teacher or member of staff will be reading a special picture book for your child's bedtime story. So far we have had a story read by Miss Smith and Mr Ledlin. If you would like to view these videos you can scroll back through the school's Facebook page.

To find the school's Facebook page simply search: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood

### **Grandparents' Day**

On 26<sup>th</sup> July (Friday, week 1, Term 3) we will be celebrating Grandparents' Day between 9-10.30am. We extend a warm invitation to all our special grandparents to come along and visit school. We will begin the day with a whole school liturgy in the hall at 9am, followed by tea and coffee served by some of our students and a visit the classrooms. Formal invitations will be sent out by the students within the next week but please save the date and inform all the special grandparents in your lives





## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL cont.

### ICAS Assessments Years 3-6

Parents can now go onto the ICAS website and purchase and pay for the ICAS exams directly on this website (no payments or registrations will go through the school anymore).

Please follow the instructions below to find out about dates, prices and the tests the school will hold for families (Please note: not all assessments are being offered by the school). All assessments will be held in September.

Below are instructions on how to access this payment method:

- *The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.*
- *Closing dates for payment and prices are all available on the website: <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/>*

*(Please note: not all assessments will be available to be sat at the school)*

- *Parents can access this service by typing [unsw.global/parentpay](https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/parentpay) into a browser.*
- *Parents will require a unique access code to purchase assessments that were registered by the school.*
- *OLOD Primary school's unique access code is: **30ff8edc7e***
- *If parents have any questions. please visit <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/contact-us/> for details on how to contact UNSWglobal by email or telephone*

### St Pius X College Reading Programme

During Term 2, some very lucky students from Year 3 to Year 6 at our Lady of Dolours Primary School were selected to participate in a reading programme run in conjunction with a group of Year 10 St Pius X College students.

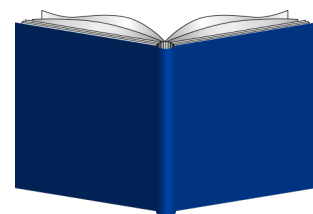
The five week programme was held twice weekly before school and consisted of 25 minute sessions where each student was teamed up with a Pius “buddy” or two.

The main goals of the programme was to foster self-esteem, to develop a positive attitude towards reading and to form a bond with our neighbouring school, St Pius X.

The Year 10 St Pius X students were very encouraging, patient and respectful and it was wonderful to witness the bond growing between the “buddies” and how very quickly they became comfortable and at ease with each other.

Our students really enjoyed the programme and had many students ,and their parents , asking for it could be continued next year.

**Mrs Christine Cook**



# AWARD WINNERS

## Week 8



**Congratulation to the children who  
made their Confirmation on Saturday 22 June**







### To Parents of Kindergarten and Year 1

In this colder weather, it is always useful to pack a change of underwear and tights or trousers in the school bag for our younger students who may not always be quite as quick as they need to be getting to the toilets. The Office does not hold many spare clothes and it can be embarrassing and uncomfortable after such an “accident” to have to wear wet clothing or have Mum or Dad called to the school with a change of clothes.

Thank you!



Open this Friday!  
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm



## 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](mailto: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.

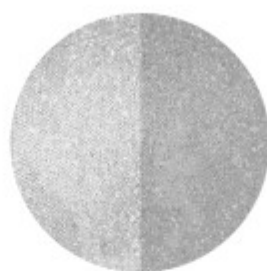
**Magnificat Room Tuesdays 10 .30- 12pm 20, 27 August & 3, 10 September Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September**

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

[gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au) OR 9410 9021



*A Night You'll  
Never Forget*



## **Come to the 2019 School Disco!**

Times:

Kindy and Yr 1: 3:15  
- 4:30

Yr 2 and Yr 3:  
4:30 - 6:00

Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6:  
6:00 - 7:30

Theme:

**Futuristic!**



Tickets are available via  
QKR - \$10.00 for Pizza and a  
Water Bottle (additional  
slices cost \$2.00)

Location:  
Harrington Hall



### Catholic Schools Office invites parents on a mini-pilgrimage

## Walking the Way



### Winter Walkabout: 4 July. 9.30am-2pm

Parents are invited to recharge, physically and spiritually, with a winter walkabout through stunning national parkland on the Central Coast, known for its hiking trails and Aboriginal engravings. We will have an Aboriginal educator as a guide, and our Catholic reflections will be inspired by the land and Australia's first peoples.

Meet 9.30am, Thursday 4 July, at Girrakool Picnic Area. Flexible departure time: 2pm. The day includes guided walk and reflection, sausage sizzle lunch and time for individual quiet time in a bush setting. This is a free event. **Bring your walking shoes and a water bottle.**

Enquiries & RSVP: Jo Spek  
[jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

More about CSO parent formation



# Learning Every Day Counts



## Absences add up!

Being **10 minutes** late per day can lead to **6 days missed** per year.



Missing **2 days** of school a month means over **1 entire year** of missed learning in a child's school life.



## Each day missed:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up.
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy.
- Can lead to gaps in learning and impact on social and emotional skills.



**ATTEND MORE.  
LEARN MORE.  
BE MORE...**

## Good habits begin early

Be on time each and every day.



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets your child up for success in school life.

## What parents can do

- **Be firm.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time
- Limit screen time

## Schools are there to help

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.



### Additional resources

[www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance](http://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance)



**JBA JUNIOR BASKETBALL ACADEMY**

# JULY BASKETBALL CAMPS

**REGISTER NOW!**

BONDI (15-18 July)  
REDFERN (8-11 & 15-19 July)  
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