

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 10 - 2 July 2019

The Principal's Piece

Substantial work to be completed over the coming school holiday break – (weather permitting):

In the coming school holidays, substantial work is booked in for completion. Please note that much of the work below was made possible via a very generous State Government Grant for OLD. On behalf of the school community, I acknowledge and thank parents Holly Treder, Michelle Stanley and Katie Crichton for their initiative and efforts that effectively secured the grant.

All Parents and Friends need to be aware that \$25,000 of the works below is funded by the generous P+F levy that parents have contributed to via school fees for 2019 ... Thank you!

So, what work will be completed?:

- * Shade sails over the new mini court play area (ie near Kirk St exit gate)
- * High protective net behind the western basketball pole to stop balls hitting St Pius classroom block
- * Full replacement of old shade sails over the main playground equipment
- * Repair work on the main shade sails already existing
- * Basketball posts and volleyball net installed on new mini court area
- * Synthetic grass installed over the new mini court area. There will also be marked lines in this grass similar to the lines on our existing 'soccer area' – (NB the present playground surface needs considerable 'surface repair' prior to 'grassing')
- * Synthetic grass installed in the Growers' Garden (NB 'off-cuts' will be used to grass this area)
- * 3 new bubbler systems installed (includes removal of the 2 old trough style bubbler areas). The new bubbler locations are:
 1. Outside the canteen
 2. Adjacent to the library (NB not outside the main student toilet area where there is presently a bubbler trough)
 3. Near the Kindergarten and Yr1 grass area - Yes, a bubbler system in the infants' area 😊

Thank you to the Yr6 students (particularly the environment team) who have assisted regarding 'the bubbler project'

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COMING EVENTS

JULY

Thu 4 Disco

Fri 5 Last Day Term 2

TERM THREE

JULY

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

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UNDER 'CALENDAR - FOR POSSIBLE
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Principal's piece cont.

- Misting system near the hall eastern stairs (ie a treat for hot summer days!) – as per Steve MacDonald's plan
- Pump and small 'stream' – "Steve's Creek" (includes a water recycling system for the pump water) – ie as per Steve MacDonald's plan. We are not sure if this task will be fully completed in the holidays
- Substantial painting inside the school and also parts of the school exterior (*Please note that this painting work is funded via the school maintenance budget*)

Pupil Free Day – First day of Term 3

Parents are reminded that the first day of Term 3, Monday 22 July, is a Pupil Free Day.

This means that no students are to come to school on Monday 22/7.

On this Pupil Free Day, all staff will engage in a Spirituality Staff Development Day led by Fr Jim and Gail Gill. Please also note that no staff will be on site at OLD School on this day.

Community Meal – Update after the Parish Meeting last weekend:

Thank you to all the OLD School parents who were able to attend the Community Meal meeting last Saturday evening. Following are some important notes from the meeting:

40+ parishioners/parents attended

A meal will be provided for the 'needy' in our Chatswood area every Saturday evening commencing Saturday 14 September 6.30pm - Harrington Hall

The gathering split into 4 groups of 10 and planned how we can make it work re meal planning etc ... group leaders were elected too

Having 4 groups effectively means each group manages one meal each month

Meals are provided by the team members ... Group leaders manage what needs to be cooked and other logistics

Parents keen to join a group are encouraged to contact the parish office and put your name down to assist. Parents need to know that you can either:

volunteer to be a helper (ie setup, serve, mingle and pickup)

Volunteer to be a meal provider (eg prepare a meal tray and deliver to the hall)

Or do both of the above on any given evening

Fr Jim made it clear that our OLD students are welcome to assist on the nights if parents know that their child/ren will be responsible to setup, serve and generally assist (NB students must, of course, be accompanied/supervised by a parent)

Parents are most welcome to come to see me if they would like to know more about the initiative.

Finally, as a school staff, we will be keenly thinking of ideas to get the students involved in some of the planning and preparation for at least some of the weekly meals. This might simply be making welcome placemats, stocking a box with toiletry bags/clothes and maybe even a box of hand-made scarves/beanies.

The Principal's Piece - Cont.

Semester 1 Student Reports went home last Friday 28/6

Semester 1 Student Reports went home last Friday 28/6 via email. Any family who didn't receive their child's report must please contact the school office ASAP.

Parents wishing to discuss their child's progress simply need to contact their child's teacher and arrange an interview ... This is best done via an email to the teacher via the school office email old@dbb.org.au

It is important that all school reports, including Naplan results, are kept in a safe place at home as they will be needed for high school applications

Protective Behaviours' Presentation in Chatswood:

I draw parents' attention to the invitation below. I note that there are only 9 spaces available; if you are interested, the OLD school office will book in the first 9 parents to respond via email. (Please note that I do not yet have a 'start time', but the letter below does indicate it's in the evening of 14 August).

North Shore Police are holding an information night for parents of young children at the Chatswood Dougherty Centre on 14 August. The session will run for one hour with a 30 minute presentation from the Office of the Children's Guardian about speaking to young children about protective behaviours, and a 30 minute presentation from Police about preventing online grooming.



The Assistant Principal's Piece

Happy Holidays: I wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday. May you have a relaxing, enjoyable and safe time with your families.



Grandparent's' Day: A reminder that on Friday 26th July we invite all Grandparents to our school for a special celebration between 9am -10.30am, including a liturgy, tea and biscuits and classroom visits.

SPIRIT-FILLED MISSION

Recently celebrating Pentecost Sunday and the Sacrament of Confirmation has reminded us about the power of the Holy Spirit. In Luke's Gospel (Lk 10:1-20), there is a story about Jesus sending out seventy-two of his follows to spread Christ's message to the world around them. This story reminds **us** to be one of these followers.

Every Christian has a ***spirit-filled mission to share Christ's love*** not only within our home and school, but extend this love to our community.

This year at OLD, you are invited to embark on your spirit-filled mission by:

Joining our 'Parish Community Meal' community

Participating in social justice initiatives

THANK YOU to all who contributed to our 'HOUSE OF WELCOME' donations to help Refugees and Asylum seekers.

Promoting environmental stewardship

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

Are you ready to take on the discipleship challenge to BAN the plastic bag!? Many children in our OLD community already brainstorming simple ways they can find alternatives to single use plastic.

Check out the inspiring work Year 4 have done to encourage us to make a change!



Q & A – Year 6 and Hugues Sineux (Door Mural Artist)

What other places around the world have you painted?

"I have painted mostly in my home town of Paris and other countries including...

Australia

Greece

America

And other places around Europe



Why did you become an Artist?

"I never chose to become an artist. I just liked it when I went to school (at an art school) and I enjoyed it."

Do you have any tips for us when we are doing art?

"When you are doing art, make sure to sketch and don't try to make it beautiful just sketch the basics. Also don't use millions of colours, just use a few and mix as you go along."

What was your inspiration?

"I got my inspiration from my brother when I used to draw with him."

How do you do your art so perfectly?

"I went to a very prestigious art school in Paris: *'Ecole Des Beaux Arts De Paris'*."

How long did it take you to become as good as you are now at art?

"It took me around thirty years."

What was the first professional thing you painted?

"I painted decorations on a bridge. It was dangerous but fun."

What type of brushes and paints do you use?

"I use brushes with long handles because I am short. They allow me to stand further away and observe my art while still painting. I use finer thin brushes to draw details after using larger ones for the main colours. I also like to mix primary colours together to make secondary colours instead of buying them."

Q & A – Year 6 and Hugues Sineux (Door Mural Artist) cont.

Where did you learn these techniques?

"I learnt these techniques at an international school in Paris called '*Ecole Des Beaux Arts De Paris*'."

How long have you been a professional artist?

"For thirty-one years"

Do you have a colour preference?

"I do not use too many colours when I paint. I mainly like to use reds and blues and some other colours and mix them together."

Where do you usually paint?

"Usually, I paint murals in schools, buildings or sometimes people houses."

What was the favourite thing that you have painted?

I have painted many things but when I am working on a project, my concentration is on that and not what I drew in the past. So my favourite right now is the doors.

How is our final mural progressing?

Many students have been engaged this week in conversation and observation with our resident mural artist, Hugues Sineux. It is suffice for me to say that Hugues' work is nothing short of extraordinary; more importantly, the way he has so generously engaged with the staff and students is indeed a gift for OLD too.

To thank Hugues in a special way, students are invited to wear a touch of 'France' on this coming Friday to thank Hugues (who is from France) in a quirky way. What might a touch of France be? ... Perhaps:

Wear a beret

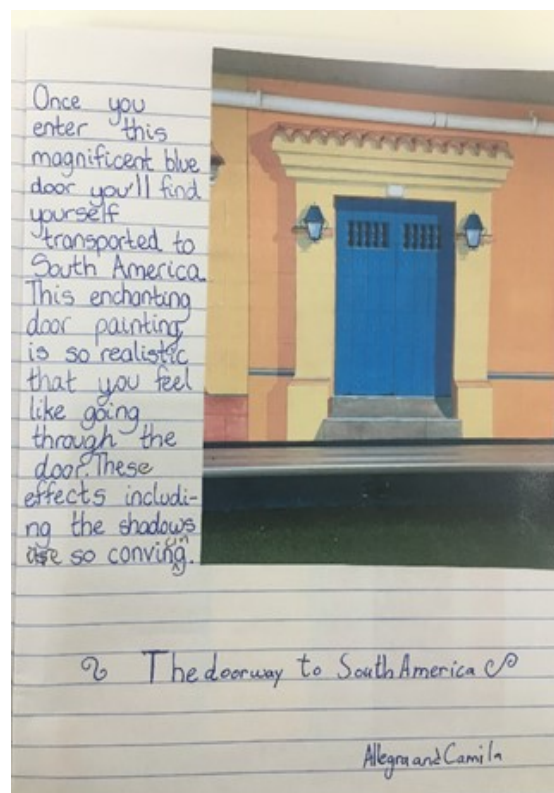
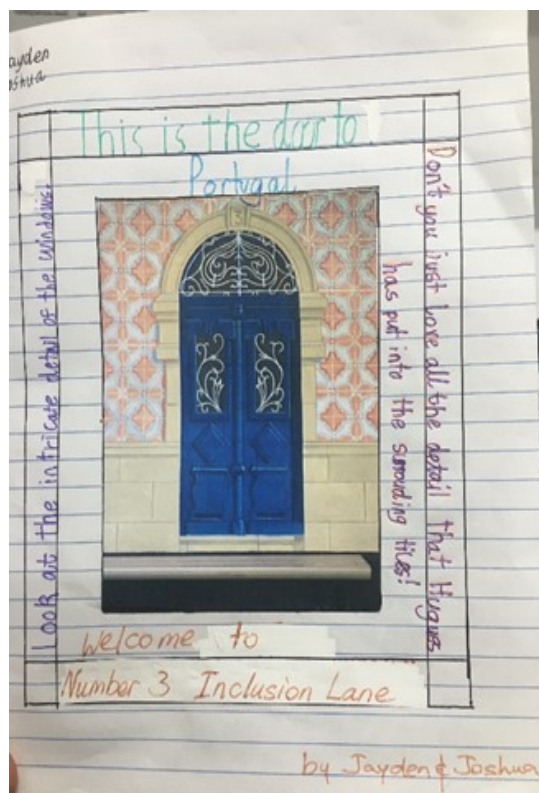
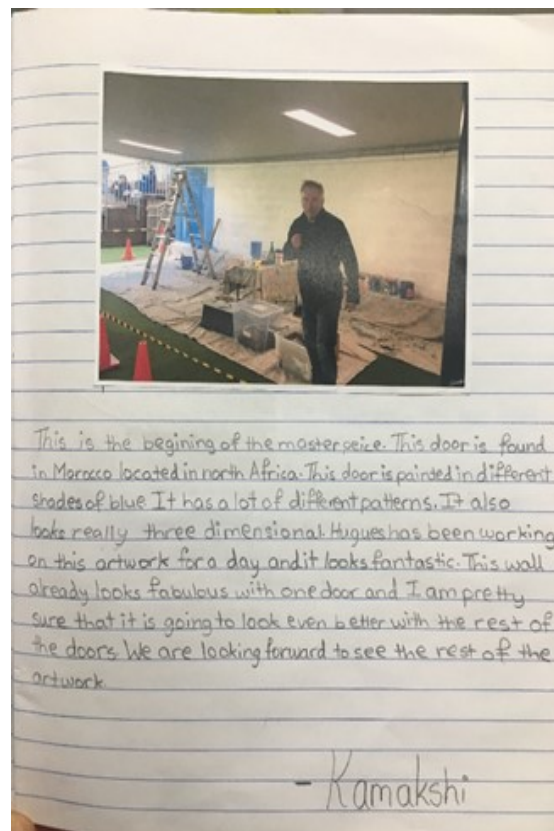
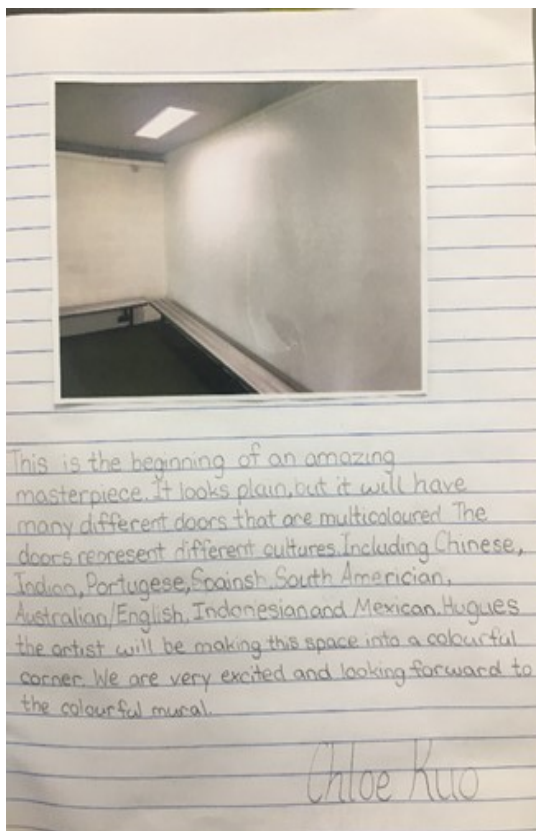
French braids

French colours (blue, white, red)



Check out Hugues website: <http://www.huguessineux.com/>

Some Writing from Year 5:



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.

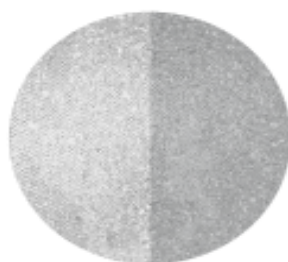
Magnificat Room Tuesdays 10 .30- 12pm 20, 27 August & 3, 10 September Thursdays 7 - 8.30pm 22, 29 August & 5, 12 September

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

gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au OR 9410 9021



*A Night You'll
Never Forget*



Come to the 2019 School Disco!

Thursday, 4th of July

Times:

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3:15 - 4:30

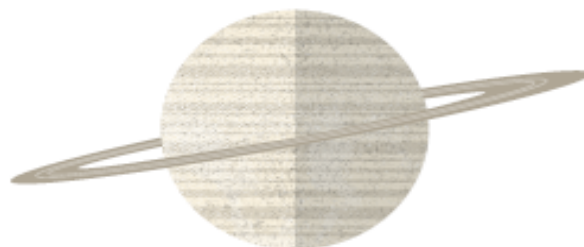
Yr 2 and Yr 3:

4:30 - 6:00

Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6:

6:00 - 7:30

Futuristic!



Location:

Harrington Hall

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



Qkr payments for the disco will close Wed 3 July at 9am. Unfortunately if you have paid for entry and your child is then unable to attend, there will be no refunds available

AFL is coming to Our Lady of Dolours first week in Term 3!

As part of our "FOOTY FRENZY" sports unit. We have been very fortunate, to have AFL coaches come into the school and teach the children the skills of AFL.

This will be during the student's Physical Education classes held on Tuesday



A promotional banner for Lowes. At the top is the Lowes logo in a red box. Below it, on a blue background, the text 'UP TO' is in small white letters, followed by a large '25%' in white. Below the percentage, the word 'OFF' is in white. Underneath, the word 'SELECTED' is in a smaller white font, followed by 'SCHOOL SHOES' in large, bold, white capital letters. At the bottom, a dark blue bar contains the text 'AT SELECTED STORES & ONLINE - SHOP NOW' in white capital letters.

SALES ENDS JULY 31ST 2019.

*T&Cs apply. Savings off original prices. While stocks last. Cannot be used with any other offer.



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PROGRAM DETAILS

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| Dates | (Albury) - Sundays 28th July - 1st September (6 week program) |
| Locations | Programs conducted in your local area |
| Times | 1.30pm - 3.30pm |
| Cost | FREE |
| Ages | Girls & Boys 7-12, Ideal for kids new to the game! |

HOW TO REGISTER

Online via www.usmankhawajafoundation.org.au/programs
Complete the expression of interest form and return to your school admin office

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:
programs@usmankhawajafoundation.org.au

*Please note, this expression interest does not guarantee a place in the program.
An assessment will be made and you will be notified of the outcome.*

PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Played Club Cricket Before: Yes or No (please circle)

Given Name(s): _____ Surname: _____

Date Of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____ Email Address: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____