

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 1 - 22 July 2019

The Principal's Piece

A wow of excitement confronted the students on Tuesday morning!

Tuesday morning (today) was a hive of excitement as the students marvelled at, and played on, the new additions around the school.

Thank you to the bevy of workers on site for most of the holiday break, and thank you to Mr David Gale (OLD's maintenance man) for overseeing the myriad of work. I also note that David was the one who championed the design and construction of "Steve's Creek".

Students (and staff) are now enjoying:

- A new mini basketball/volleyball court area
- Shade sails over the new basketball/volleyball area
- Repair in a couple of areas of the existing main playground shade sails
- Synthetic grass over/on the new basketball/volleyball area - (including line marking)
- Synthetic grass (off-cuts only) in the Growers' Garden
- New bubblers throughout the playground - (and yes, there's now a bubbler system in the infants' area!)
- Misting system – as per Steve's idea - (to be used when the weather gets warmer)
- Pump and small 'stream' – "Steve's Creek" - (includes a water recycling system for the pump, and a rainwater collection tank) - to be completed over the next week
- Substantial painting inside the school and also parts of the school exterior – (the school entrance foyer is now looking fresh and smart too)
- Completion of the 'doors' mural in the undercroft

As per my note in a previous newsletter, the majority of the work above was made possible by three of our OLD parents - Holly Treder, Michelle Stanley and Katie Crichton – ie they essentially successfully secured the State Government grant to make most of the work possible. Again, I also remind parents that over 20K of the works listed above was funded by the 2019 P+F family levy that is in place of fundraising this year ... Thank you, one and all!

COMING EVENTS

TERM THREE

JULY

Wed 24 Kindergarten 100 days
at school 9am

Fri 26 Grandparents' Day
9-10.30am

Mon 29 Library Working Bee
9-11am

AUGUST

Fri 2 Sports Taster Day

Fri 9 Athletics Carnival

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**

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Principal's piece cont.

I draw parents and friends attention to the important safety matter following:

Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash

Public awareness campaign – Communications toolkit

About

NSW has one of the largest bus fleets in Australia. More than 3850 buses operate in the Sydney area, while another 1000 buses service the Newcastle, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas. In addition, more than 3000 bus services operate in rural and regional NSW.

The NSW Government is committed to working with industry and the community to improve safety around buses and is implementing a campaign targeting motorists to highlight the laws around bus flashing lights.

The issue

Research commissioned by the Centre for Road Safety highlighted a need to improve motorists' awareness of, and compliance with, road rules around bus flashing lights. Lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children. By law you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash.

Research and scientific analysis shows that a pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 40km/h has twice the chance of surviving the collision than if the car was travelling at 50km/h. Speeds higher than 40km/h greatly increases the risk of injury and death to pedestrians in the event of a crash.

The campaign

Since July 2018, the schools zones public awareness campaign, run by Transport for NSW at the start of each school term, has been extended to include additional messaging around bus flashing lights.

The campaign runs for a week from **Sunday 21 July – Friday 26 July 2019** for the start of Term 3 and comprises:

- Radio and social media advertising
- Promotion on screens in all 101 Service NSW centres across the State
- Variable Message Signs (VMS) on certain roads
- Content for partners to use and share.

Principal's piece cont.

(Answers are highlighted in yellow)

- 1) Lights flash on the back of buses to:
 - a) Warn drivers the speed limit is 40km/h when passing the bus
 - b) To warn drivers the bus is picking up or setting down children
 - c) Both a and b

 - 2) If a bus is pulling out of a kerb, you must:
 - a) Slow down and overtake the bus
 - b) Give way to the bus
 - c) Increase your speed to get past the bus before it has pulled out

 - 3) It is legal to cross the road within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing
 - a) True
 - b) False

 - 4) It is recommended that parents hold their child's hand when crossing the road until they are at least:
 - a) 5 years of age
 - b) 7 years of age
 - c) 10 years of age

 - 5) Lights flash on the front *and* back of buses
 - a) True
 - b) False
- True. When wig wag lights flash on the front of buses it is to warn drivers going in the opposite direction that children are about around the bus. When they flash on the back of the bus by law drivers must slow down to 40km/h.
- 6) Wig wag lights are:
 - a) Decorative lights for the home
 - b) Street lights
 - c) Lights which flash on the back of buses to warn motorists that the bus is picking up or setting down children and that they must slow down to 40km/h.

 - 7) When wig wag lights flash on the back of a bus you can drive at:
 - a) 40km/h
 - b) 50km/h
 - c) 60km/h.

Principal's piece cont.

Something astonishing happened in the holidays for Adrian – Year 6:

Dear Mr Ledlin,

Here is what I did in the holidays at the Rubik's Cube World Championship.

This Competition was called Rubik's Presents WCA World Championship. The WCA or the World Cube Association is a non-profit organisation in charge of all the cubing competitions.

On the 10th of July my family and I flew to Melbourne for the Rubik's Cube World Championships, starting on the 11th of July and ending on the 14th. Of the 18 WCA events, I competed in five which were 2x2 Cube, 3x3 Cube, 3x3 Cube using one-hand, Pyraminx and Skewb.

In Cubing Competitions you do five solves and your best and worst are taken out, and the middle three solves are averaged - (results following are in seconds):

In 2x2, in times (seconds), I achieved were 4.32, 4.84, 7.81, 3.88 which was the personal best and a 6.28 which was a 5.15 average, a personal best average for me too!

For 3x3, the solves I achieved were a 15.53, a DNF which stands for did not finish, a 16.02, a 10.72 and a 13.33 which is a 14.96 average.

For 3x3 one-handed the solves, I achieved were 23.63, 29.80, 35.94, 23.46, 20.84 which is a personal best leading to a personal best average of 25.63.

For Pyraminx, I didn't achieve my best times – I achieved a 13.52 and a 10.53 and only did two solves because none of the first two solves were under ten seconds.

For Skewb, I didn't make the cut-off of ten seconds which the times I achieved were 10.38 and 14.53

To conclude, I felt that this competition was amazing, and I am extremely happy with my times for most off my events. I reached most of my goals for all events and I definitely want to go to the World Championship again in 2020.

Kind regards,

Adrian

AWARD WINNERS Week 10



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Term 3: Term 3 is gearing up to be a really exciting and fun-filled term! There are already quite a lot of events that are occurring and we would love to have as many parents join us for these special days. Please see below some of the events coming up in the next couple of weeks:



Wednesday 24th July (9am)

Kindergarten 100 Days of School: This is such an exciting day not only for the students but also the teachers and parents! We invite the whole school community to come along to our Wednesday morning assembly to congratulate our Kindy students for their 100 days of school. Each child will be acknowledged in a special ceremony and then have an amazing day filled with activities about 100 (I wonder if the teachers have jammed in 100 activities??). If weather permits we will hold the assembly in the COLA area, however, in the case of wet weather we will move the assembly to the school hall. We hope to see many community members coming along to congratulate our Kindy students (and teachers) for an outstanding first 100 days of school.

Thursday 25th July (10am)

Creative Arts Festival Ticket on sale: From 10am on this date you are able to purchase tickets for the 2019 Creative Arts Festival which is being held at 6.30pm on the 23rd September at the Concourse Chatswood. We are really happy to announce that we have been able to decrease the ticket prices from past years thanks to our on-going relationship with The Concourse. This year's Creative Arts Festival's theme is our school vision 'To Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy'.

Friday 26th July (9-10.30am)

Grandparents' Day: We hope to see many Grandparents or special friends of our students come along to our morning liturgy (in the school hall), join us for a cup of tea and biscuits and then visit classrooms. This is a great day in our school calendar and every child in the school has contributed to this wonderful event.



Monday 29th July (9-11am)

Library Working Bee: Mrs Murphy is setting up a working bee for as many people to come and help out in the library. Mrs Murphy has recently purchased many, many, MANY new books which will be greatly loved by all our students. These books will become part of the school library, classroom libraries or part of guided reading lessons. A morning tea and hot beverages will be supplied for those who are able to come along and help. Please email Mrs Murphy through the school email address if you are able to assist.

Friday 2nd August (All Day)

Sports Taster Every child in the school received a personalised note in the last week of Term 2. This note informed the students of their colour teams for the sports taster (this may be different to their colour house). Each child is to wear their sports uniform with either a t-shirt in their 'Sports Taster' team colour or a touch of this colour with their sports uniform (eg ribbons, hat, socks). Please refer to this note for information about what to bring for this amazing whole school day. We thank the P&F for organising this event, all the volunteers for making the day happen and all the providers for giving up their time to ensure our students get to try out so many different sports!

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Cambodia update: Thank you to everyone who so generously shopped at my 'Cambodia stall' during the last couple of weeks in Term 2. Over the holidays I got the really fun job of spending the money!! I was able to buy 22 high quality and durable ceiling fans for the school, which means each classroom will now have one and over 100 new picture books for the school library. Over the past 6 months the school library has had such a dramatic transformation thanks to the generosity and compassion of our school community – overall, over 300 new books have been purchased, more than tripling the library's size. The fans were a really important purchase as the school did not previously have electricity and students all ride their bikes a long distance to school. So after a long bike ride, the children then sit in a classroom with 50 other students without any electricity in over 40 degree heat. Each morning I walk to school and visit the classrooms and I still cannot imagine what it must be like to try and teach or learn in this stifling and exhaustive heat. So, I hope you all know how very much you are appreciated and loved by the entire village of Krang Lovea, in rural Cambodia!

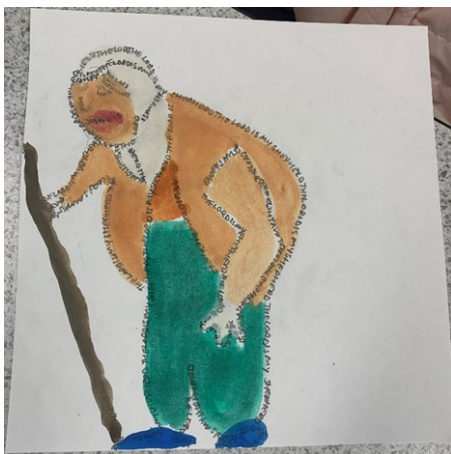
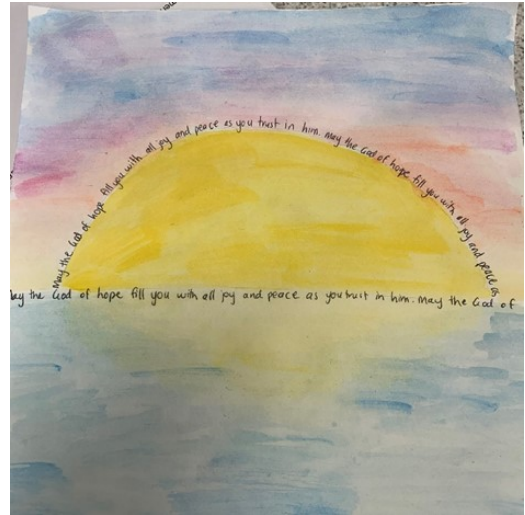
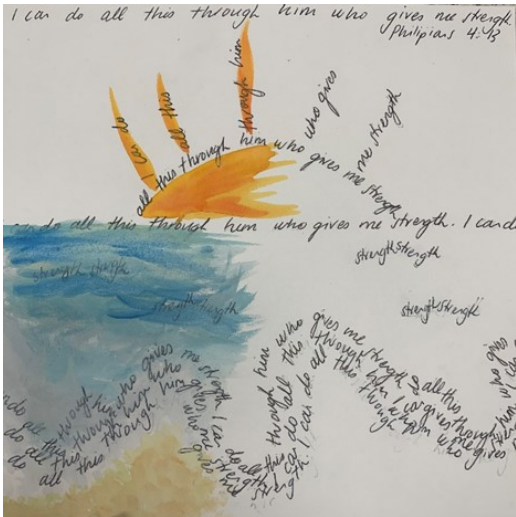


REC— Miss Camilla Brown

Welcome back to Term 3! As the students enjoyed an extra day of holidays, our staff came together for a beautiful staff spirituality day. In life we can all be guilty of trying to fit too much in, too quickly. This spirituality day allowed us to take a moment to relax, reflect and *breathe*.

Mr Ledlin, Fr Jim, Gail Gill and myself invited the staff to explore the scriptures in a multitude of ways – through meditation, art and reading & listening to the Word. As a staff, we left feeling spiritually refreshed and in tune with what calls us to be not only educators in a Catholic school, but what calls us as disciples of Jesus.

Please enjoy the below where the staff were invited to use 'biblical micrography' to pray their favourite scripture passages.



NEWS FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

Tuesday July 30th, Pittwater RSL 6:45-9



SPEAKER EVENING: Sharon Bramble, Alert Learning Demystifying Reading – for Parents and Teachers of Children with ADHD and Associated Learning Difficulties Is reading a struggle for your child or student with ADHD? Are you concerned that the reading approach being taught in your school community is confusing them? Is it confusing you? This parent/teacher-friendly talk will demystify current reading practices taught in schools. It will look at what science tells us about how to teach reading and what you can do.

If you would like additional information please see Mrs Bertinshaw — Learning Support

COMMUNITY NEWS—SPORTS TASTER VOLUNTEERS

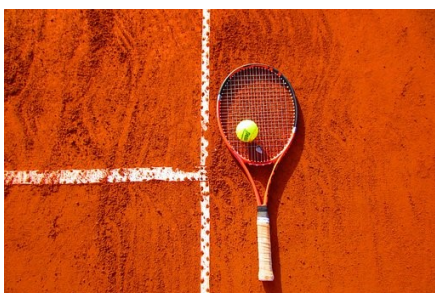


SPORTS TASTER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers helping will receive a coffee and sausage sizzle for their efforts. Lock it in for Friday 2nd of August!

Sign up on the school notice board so we can get your coffee order ready ☺

Also available online at <https://signup.zone/B4dgWvc4XWmhpsDH6>





Our Lady of Dolour's students descended upon Canberra during the first week of holidays to compete in the Kanga Cup Football Tournament.

Kanga Cup is the largest International Youth Football Tournament in the Southern Hemisphere. Each of the OLD students has made their way into representative teams competing through the Northbridge Football Club pathway supported by our school.

OLD students who participated this year included: Niall (U8 Mariners), Farid (U9s Academy), Mikayla (U10s Mariners), Jacob (U10s Mariners) and Madden, Liam, Marcus and Callum (U10s Northbridge Academy).

And.... Northbridge Under10s Academy Team won the Shield!!! Congratulations to Madden, Liam, Marcus and Callum in Year 4!!!!

The final was a nail biter - extra time could not split the grand final teams, Northbridge and Active SG from Singapore. Neither could the initial 5 penalty shots. On the sixth penalty shot, Singapore faulted and the Northbridge boys sealed the game and the competition knocking one in the back of the net!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Marcus received the Most Valuable Player award for the U10 competition despite bowing out to injury after putting his body on the line in the semis!

Mikayla's team, the U10s North Shore Mariners were the runners up in their competition.



Although Niall, Farid and Jacob's teams did not make the finals, they each had a great time in Canberra competing in their respective teams.



How to get involved:

Northbridge is currently offering up to four free training sessions to girls who might be interested in trying out for the Northbridge Academy or North Shore Mariners Teams. You can sign up at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduSmq8V4G2plhnU77nhJVxl8HwBnlmmjIG0eTHHdCwusdBUw/viewform>

Information about the Academy program can be found at: <https://northbridgefc.com.au/why-choose-the-northbridge-academy/>



Open this Friday!
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm

Our Lady of Dolours Primary School					
Term 3 Canteen Roster					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
22 July 2019	PUPIL FREE DAY	Jungme Kim Laura Hurrell	Ofelia Delosreyes Portia Wong	Vivien Tu Xi Yu	Louise Jin Nicole Chow
29 July 2019	Jen Montealegre	Amy Chan Sia Macree	Sally Librilla Trisha Vallejos	Cynthia Lai Debbie Liu	Katie Zhang Louise Jin
5 August 2019	Marilyn King Trish Seeto	Carlyn Linders	Daniel Musumeci Tom Allen	Melissa Manning	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
12 August 2019	Amy Chan Yini Peng	Selvia Wijaya Rachel Ng	Natt Yusathaphorn Elaine Lin	Mikhael Chammaa	Vivian Tang Nicole Chow
19 August 2019	Suzanne Chu Claire Choi	Eva Martinez	Ofelia Delosreyes Portia Wong	Vivien Tu Xi Yu	Nicole Woods Louise Jin
26 August 2019	Ann Bacsi	Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulesserian	Josephine Kwon	Cynthia Lai Debbie Liu	Katie Zhang Wei Li
2 September 2019		Jungme Kim Laura Hurrell	Jackie Fung Yeun Yeun Yip	Lily Setiawan	Katerina Trani Rachel Ullman
9 September 2019	Tom Allen Glenn Desertine	Selvia Wijaya Rachel Ng	Josephine Kwon	Melissa Chung Shirley Choi	Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton
16 September 2019	Amy Chan Yini Peng	Zolie Zulie Branka Posa	Sally Librilla Trisha Vallejos	Kath Element Kate Stipo	Vivian Tang Melissa Surjan
23 September 2019	Alison Henderson Alison Guthrie	Jolanta Willetts Ji-Yun Yi	Yeun Yeun Yip Portia Wong	Vivien Tu Xi Yu	Zoey Cortese



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) is held on Thursdays from 12:40pm to 1:40pm, starting on 25 July 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part please email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au. For all enquiries please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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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- Providing excellence in teaching and learning since 1890.
- Recognising our students needs are diverse, we constantly aim to develop courses and apply teaching strategies that accommodate different learning styles.
- Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
- Achieved outstanding results in the Higher School Certificate.
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- Based on a framework of positive psychology the College's well developed pastoral care structure supports student wellbeing. With specialised staff including the Director of Student Wellbeing and the Youth Minister who work with students on a variety of projects including faith development, social justice and wellbeing.
- The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.
- Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses and trains.

OPEN MORNING
TUESDAY 13th AUGUST
9:00am - 11:00am

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