

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 2 - 29 July 2019

The Principal's Piece

Reflection on this coming weekend's gospel (Luke 12:13-21) by Sr Hildegard:

"This coming weekend's Gospel is more than an indictment of wanton consumerism; it's a challenge to consider how we use things, the value we place on 'stuff'.

Often a thing's true worth has nothing to do with its monetary value — a particular thing's value is how we can use it to realize and express the love of God in our midst. Jesus calls us to take inventory of our lives and the things that 'clutter' them and refocus on the treasures of God: compassion, mercy, forgiveness, peace.

Jesus's parable of the rich man's barns is an invitation to make 'winnowing' of our possessions not just a practical task as we move from one stage our lives to the next, but a spiritual exercise of 'freeing' ourselves of things in order to centre, with gratitude and humility, on the true things of worth in our lives."

Grandparents' Day 2019:

OLD School commenced having Grandparents' Day last year, and it was very pleasing to set up the hall chairs in 2018 and realise we needed several more rows as our 'visitors' came in great numbers on the day. This year, I worked with students to set the hall again, and I made sure we had plenty of 'extra rows' ... Was it enough? – No, it most certainly wasn't, and we again had to add more rows to accommodate the fabulous number of parents, friends and grandparents.

I sincerely appreciate that Grandparents' Day could well be difficult for OLD parents who have lost a parent, or perhaps a parent may be unwell. Indeed, it is also difficult if grandparents are living over seas. For Grandparents' Day 2020, I respectfully suggest that parents might like to consider having a 'special friend' or relative come to the school to 'represent' grandparents if you think this might be suitable.

Thank you to all classes who assisted with the liturgy; I particularly thank Miss Kirsty Thorpe who led the liturgy co-ordination. Thank you to our Year 4 families who provided and served a spectacular morning tea. Thank you to Mrs Hoy and the school choir ... and finally, I also thank the teachers who welcomed our visitors to the classrooms.

I managed to get a few 'snap' ... All the 'snaps' I took are following:



COMING EVENTS

TERM THREE

AUGUST

Mon 5 Last day to enroll for 1st Holy Communion (contact the Parish for further details)

Fri 2 Sports Taster Day

Fri 9 Athletics Carnival

Sun 18 Year 2 Mass

SEPTEMBER

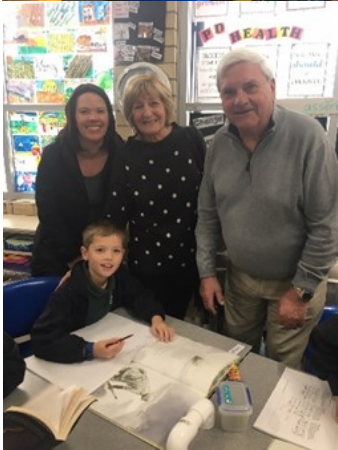
Mon 23 Creative Arts Festival
6.30pm

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

www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

[Our Lady of Dolours](#)

Principal's piece cont.



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Parent Education Sessions offered by The Catholic Schools Office ... "Attendance Initiative" – Free Parent Workshops (K-12)

The "Every Day Counts" campaign is promoting two free Parent Workshops for parents to learn more about the vital importance of strong commitment to school attendance for students.

Date for the Parent Workshops are:

DATE: Tuesday 27 August

VENUE: Sacred Heart Catholic, Pymble

TIMES: 9.30am - 11am and 6.30pm - 8pm

Special message from the Parish ... Weekly Community Dinner at OLD! ... Voting is now open for a special grant:

The Chatswood Parish Community Dinner Project is seeking a government grant of \$22,000 to help set up out and equip our hall to be able to provide the weekly community dinner.

We are asking all members of our church community to vote for our project. To do this, you access the My Community Projects via your Service NSW account. If you don't have one, it is very easy to set up. The project is included under **Willoughby**. The link for voting is as follows: mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au

Our parish community will greatly appreciate it if you could also share 'the word' with your friends and family and ask them to vote as well.

More details in the attached flyer. Thank you.

Sports Taster – this coming Friday 2nd August:

The Annual Sports Taster is this coming Friday 2 August.

Don't forget to wear your team colours!

And ... remember to order your sausage sizzle on Qkr ASAP!

Thank you to the P+F co-ordinators who have been busy for the past weeks securing a vast array of sporting activities and promoters ... I note that they have been busy with all sorts of other organisational matters too!

Thank you to our sponsors:

Chatswood Tennis;

Aussie Gems Cheerleading & Fitness;

NRL League Stars;

North Sydney Junior Basketball;

Northbridge Football;

Willoughby United Netball and

Bears Baseball.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Creative Arts Festival tickets: Don't forget to click on the link below to purchase your tickets to the 2019 Creative Arts Festival. Almost 2/3 of all tickets have already sold and we don't want anyone to miss out, so don't delay – buy your tickets today!

https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=OURLADYD19&fbclid=IwAR2zo_DzHOrHSG5sYHDrQcFI48Cw5Mto0yYkiyitmKTfujvpTMYi9TPxGRk

Kindergarten 100 days of school: Congratulations to all the Kindy students, their teachers and parents who celebrated their 100th day of school last Wednesday. The school community celebrated with a wonderful assembly where we saw some amazing costumes of very, very old 5 year olds. We were able to acknowledge each and every kindergarten by presenting them with a special certificate presented by their Year 5 buddy and Mr Ledlin. The children then spent the day participating in lots of activities about the number 100 and making the most beautiful crowns!



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Grandparent's Day: Thank you to everyone who attended our Grandparent's Day liturgy and morning tea last Friday and a special thanks to those family members who travelled from far and wide to be here for such a wonderful morning.

A special thanks to all the students who helped make the day so special:

- Kindergarten who created beautiful artworks of their Grandparents,
- Year 1 who performed a beautiful song,
- Year 2 who wrote and presented special memories of their Grandparents,
- Year 3 who dramatized the story of Jesus' grandparents,
- Year 4 (and families) who prepared and served the morning tea,
- Year 5 for creating The Welcome Sign and posters in the foyer and setting up the hall
- Year 6 for creating signs in many different languages and leading the liturgy readings.

Sports Taster: This Friday is our whole school event – The Sports Taster. This is a wonderful initiative run by the P&F and is a great opportunity for students to try up to 10 different sports from local providers. The students have been put into 12 different teams created from children from all grades. Each team has their own colour and team name – if you do not know your child's colour please ask your classroom teacher ASAP. Your child is to wear their sports uniform with this special coloured t-shirt (or a touch of this colour if you don't have a t-shirt in this colour eg ribbon, hat, socks). A note was sent home at the end of Term 2 with all necessary information about what the students need to bring and further information about the day (again if you don't have this note please get a spare one from the front office prior to Friday). Fruit break has been provided by Fruit Ezy (Chatswood Chase) and lunch is a sausage sizzle (purchase on QKR before Thursday at 9am) – **there will be no canteen or lunch orders.**

Children are to bring:

- School hat
- Water (in a bottle clearly labelled with your child's name)
- Recess in a disposable bag clearly labelled with your child's name
- If your child is not getting a sausage sizzle, bring lunch in a disposable bag with your child's name clearly labelled (be aware this may sit in the sun throughout the day)

Year 6 Environment Leaders: Next Tuesday our Year 6 Environment Leaders – Nelson, Caleb and Liana – will be attending a special leadership day at Taronga Zoo with their teacher mentor, Mrs McKittrick. This will be a wonderful learning experiences for the students who will attend workshops to learn about possible initiatives that they can then take back to our school to make our environment better and to educate the whole school community about the importance of protecting it.

Sport & Library Changes for Week 3

1G have PE Tuesday

1B have library Tuesday

2G have PE Tuesday

2B have library Tuesday

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week is in Week 4 - 12th August through to the 16th August.

I have a lot of activities planned for the week. Please put Wednesday 14th August in your diary.

Theme: '*Reading is my Super Power*'

Wednesday 14th August



8:45 – Book Parade -K-6 – children come dressed as a character from any book. The children can stay in their costume all day but please make sure your child has comfortable shoes to change into for the rest of the day. You are more than welcome to come along and watch.

Book Fair: After the parade there will be books in the Library which can be donated. The books are all concessioned and covered and can be taken home that day.

All books are \$15 for a hard back and \$10 for a soft cover.

It will be lovely to see engaging new titles added to the Library collection.

The QK^r app will be set up for donations next week. Please feel free to put money on the app and I will collect the children to choose which book they would like to donate.

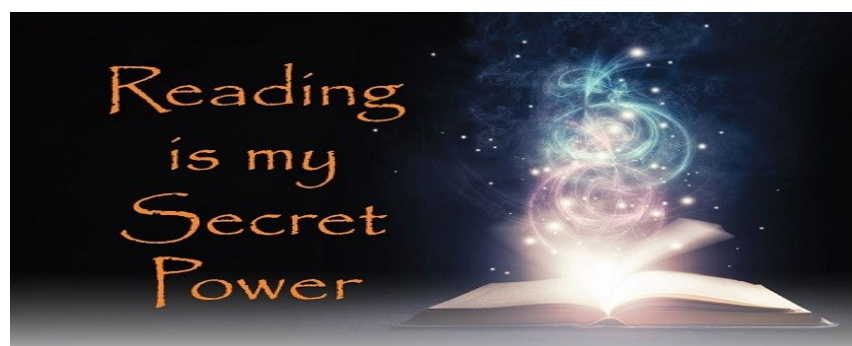
Library Helpers

A huge thankyou to the parents who have come this week to cover books. We have 100's of new books that I would like to put in the classrooms as soon as possible. If you can spare any time on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning please feel free to pop into the Library. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

There will be more news next week.

Mrs Louise Murphy

Teacher/Librarian





Sports *Taster*



**This Friday, 2nd
August!!**

**Wear your team
colours**

and

**remember to order
your sausage sizzle
on Qkr!**

(which closes Thursday @ 9am)

Thank you to our sponsors....



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**SPECIAL THANKS TO BELLA GRILLO
FOR PROVIDING FRUIT BREAK FOR
EVERY CHILD AT THE EVENT!**

If you decide to sign your child up to any of these sports, as a result of the OLD Sports Taster Day, please let them know when registering to encourage the continued support at our future events!

Weekly Community Dinner

To provide a weekly dinner to those struggling or those who are lonely and eat alone.



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We would also appreciate it if you could also share the word with your friends and family and ask them to vote as well.

Why should you vote for this project?

- This will provide healthy food and social engagement to the lonely, those in need and the homeless in our community.
- It will allow people in our church community to share our resources and give back to the wider community.
- The church will cover the labour and operations. The grant will cover the set-up costs and some food staples.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST & FOUND

Has your child recently lost their glasses?

2 pairs of glasses have been handed into the school office, if they are your child's please send them to the office for collection.



MERCY SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SALE

Entire Mercy Catholic College uniform for sale. Worn for one year only (in Year 7).

Dresses, blazer, winter skirt, blouses, backpack and sports bag, sport uniform and track suit, hat etc, text books

Approx size - women's 6-8.

Please call Marise on 0423 037158

Community News

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.



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 21 September; 9 November

MEETING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Saturdays 10 August 10am; 26 October 11am

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



MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

CATHOLIC GIRLS SECONDARY COLLEGE YEARS 7 – 12

- 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.
- Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.
- 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

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, CHATSWOOD

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