

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 4 - 12 August 2019

The Principal's Piece

15 August: Feast of the Assumption

"On the 15th August each year, we Catholics celebrate an important Marian feast: the Assumption. Our Church teaches that at the end of her life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. This is a powerful affirmation of our humanity and of our faith in the resurrection. It reminds us that God's healing and liberating love embraces the whole of one's humanity, one's personal existence. This 'fullness' of salvation is what we see in Mary and celebrate on the Assumption. It is a feast day that fills us with hope; for even as we struggle with sin and the reality of death, we too are on a Spirit-led journey of becoming fully redeemed (made whole) in Christ and being drawn into the life of our loving Father. Mary goes ahead of us, and accompanies us on this journey. More . . ."

Parents and friends are most welcome to join with the school at our Parish Mass on Thursday 15 August 9am

Strange weather patterns:

Some parents may recall the relative obsession I had with agapanthus plants flowering at the end of last year. Just in case you missed it, I wrote in a newsletter last year in the season of Advent that I was looking forward to seeing the agapanthus plants at the main school entrance area flowering. I was keenly waiting (as you do in the season of Advent) for the flowering because many people refer to the agapanthus flower as "The Star of Bethlehem". Sadly, for some unknown reason, the office entrance area agapanthus didn't flower in 2018 ... But, look at the snap below that shows a white flowering agapanthus up against the school's retaining wall in Ferguson Lane. It's five months early!



COMING EVENTS

TERM THREE

AUGUST

Wed 14 Book Week Parade
8.45am

Thurs 15

Sun 18 Year 2 Mass

Tues 20 P & F General Meeting
6.30pm

Thurs 29 Fathers Day stall

Fri 30 Fathers' Day Mass 9am

SEPTEMBER

Sun 15 Our Lady of Dolours Feast
Day

Mon 23 Creative Arts Festival
6.30pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Bunnings BBQ managed by
OLD

**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.

Thank you students and thank you David:

Thank you to all the students who worked with Mr David Stephenson (Luke Y2) to produce a wonderful gift for St Lucy's School. The photo below shows the 'nearly complete' superhero cut-out that St Lucy's will use during Book Week. I note that the theme for Book Week this year is, "Reading is my secret power". If you look closely at the left side of the photo, you will see that OLD School also has a superhero cut-out that we will enjoy during Book Week too.

The snap below shows David with some of the students who worked on the project.



P+F General Meeting:

Parents and Friends are reminded about next week's P+F General Meeting, Tuesday 20 August 6.30pm in the school library. Everyone is warmly invited.

At this P+F General Meeting, I will present to the gathering the special Learning Support structures and strategies we are implementing at OLD. Indeed, I will also discuss the successes we are having with the resources at our disposal.

Class Notices Sport & Library changes for Week 5

Due to Year 1 excursion in Week 5, there will be a slight change to sport and library.

1G have PE Tuesday Week 5 2:20-3pm

3G have PE Wednesday Week 5 2:20-3:00

1B have Library Tuesday Week 5 2:20-3pm

3B have library Wednesday week 5 2:20-3:00pm

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

ICAS Assessments Years 3-6: A reminder for parents who want their children to sit the ICAS exams, you need to 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.

The closing date for ICAS payment is August 14th.

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 our school.
- Our school's unique access code is: **30ff8edc7e**

We are happy to help you with any questions. For details on how to contact us by email or telephone please visit <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/contact-us/>

Harmony Day Poster Competition: Emma (Year 1) has been recognised for outstanding creativity from among hundreds of entrants across NSW and the ACT in the 2019 Harmony Day Poster Competition. Emma has been awarded Highly Commended for her entry under the theme, 'Harmony It's Up to Us'. The Harmony Day Poster Competition is an annual initiative open to all primary and secondary students across NSW and ACT and aims to encourage an inclusive and harmonious society. It is organised by the Moving Forward Together Association.



Year 6 Public Speaking Finals: This Friday 10 students from Year 6 will be presenting their prepared speech in order to award a first and second place winner who proceeds onto the Lower North Shore Public Speaking competition. In the past OLD has had great success at these competitions and we wish all our speakers the best of luck. If you would like to attend the finals, everyone is most welcome to come along to Harrington Hall; 9-10am Friday 16th August to see our speakers: Caitlin, Aaron,

Porscha, Natalie, Beatrice, Aneliese, Nelson, Olivia, Chloe and Alyssa.

Please note that our traditional public speaking program is going ahead for the rest of the school in Term 4. There has been a change of terms due to the Creative Arts Festival and we want to make sure we dedicate sufficient time to the public speaking that it deserves. A new exciting feature of the 2019 program will be that we will be acknowledging and awarding children in their grade rather than the stage – this means there will be a first and second place awarded for every grade and all other speakers at the finals will be awarded a special certificate.

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

AWARD WINNERS

Week 3



HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS



Harmony Day Poster competition: congratulations to Alex, Emma and Euna who received a certificate of participation for entering the Harmony Day Poster design competition.

Creative Arts Festival à Program Design Competition!

Last year our students were invited to enter a program design competition for our Creative Arts Festival. This was a wonderful opportunity for all students to get involved and display their creative talents!

This year we will continue the tradition and invite our students to design a program for the Creative Arts Festival. The top ten designs (judged by the teachers) will be printed and distributed on the evening to our audience.

If your child would like to enter they must follow the following criteria:

Design a front and back cover on A4 paper (portrait or landscape)

It can be drawn, painted, designed on the computer

The front cover must include:

'Welcome to the 2019 Creative Arts Festival'

'Our Lady of Dolours Primary School, Chatswood'

'Ignite, Innovate & Include, In Mercy'

'23rd September 2019'

'The Concourse, Chatswood'

Please be mindful to use the correct spelling, capitalisation and punctuation. For example *23rd September 2019* needs to have a capital letter for the word 'September'.

You can design the back of the program in any way you wish but please be aware we will be adding a text box somewhere on the page (you can include a space for this in your design). Entries are due on paper or via email to **Miss Brown by Friday 30**

August. Thank you and good luck!

Parish News

Important Parish dates for the diary:

*Thursday 15th of August – **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary** (Holy Day of Obligation) – 9am whole school Mass*

*Sunday 18th of August – **Year 2 Family Mass***

*Friday 30th of August – **Fathers' Day Mass** – 9am whole school Mass*

*Sunday 15th of September – **Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day** (Sunday Mass)*

Parish Morning Mass

A warm invitation for ALL to join our parish weekly 8am Tuesday morning Mass. We alternate between the Mercy chapel and Pius chapel. **Next week will be at Pius.**

OLD MINI ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BY KAMAKSHI G 5B

The OLD Mini Athletics Carnival took place on Friday 9 August at Beauchamp Oval. Finally we could run in our races since the carnival had been postponed twice last term because of the rain.

There were 60m races for Kindy, Yr 1 and the Yr 2 students turning 7 this year and every student ran in a race. They then went back to school for morning tea. Next the 8 to 12 year olds ran 100m and 200m races.

All the children from OLD were permitted to take part in the carnival. The smile on every child's face showed that they had so much fun.

SOCCER GALA DAY 2019 BY AUDREY F 5B

Last week on the 7 August we took part in the Cluster Soccer Gala Day. There were 47 students from Yr 4, 5 and 6. We caught the bus to Hornsby Heights and within a few minutes of arriving, we were on the field for our first game. The games and the whole day went so quickly. When they announced the winners, we were so excited because the Junior boy/girls team and the Senior Girls Team B came first!!! After a long 40 minute bus trip we arrived back at school. The day was amazing and all the students loved it.

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*'

Program for WEEK 4

Wednesday 14th August – Book Parade and Book Fair. (in the Library) Children will view the books in their lessons this week.



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 QKr! 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.

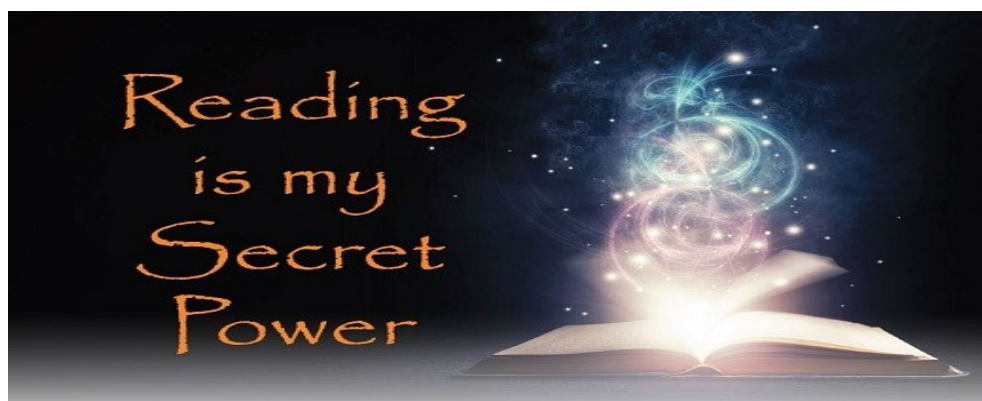
Week 5

Monday – 19th August Year 1 will visit Willoughby Library

Tuesday- 20th August Kindy will visit Willoughby Library

Mrs Louise Murphy

Teacher/Librarian



Online Safety Masterclass

HOSTED BY



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY



Keynote speaker: Kellie Britnell -
Office of the eSafety Commissioner
Date: 5 September 2019
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre,
Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Building 2,
423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

FREE MASTERCLASS for parents
and carers interested in understanding
more about keeping children and young
people safe online.

An initiative of Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Month
and National Child Protection Week.

STAY TUNED
FOR LIVE
STREAMING.
FOR MORE
INFORMATION
VISIT
BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

RSVP BY
31 AUG 2019
TRYBOOKING.COM/BEBWX

PARKING
ONSITE

LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED

SUPPORTED BY

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay



AUSTRALIAN
CATHOLIC
SACRAMENTAL
RETIREMENT FUND

Did you know?

Missing **2 days** of school a month is equivalent to **1 entire year** of missed learning in a student's school life.

Learning Every Day Counts



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

For families interested in:

- ✓ Developing positive routines for school
- ✓ Encouraging a child's 'can-do' attitude
- ✓ Establishing life-long skills and good habits

TUE 27TH AUGUST 2019 – ALL WELCOME

Sacred Heart Catholic School, Pymble

Morning **9.30 – 11am** Evening **6.30 – 8pm**

Brought to you by North Shore Catholic Schools, working with families to help improve student attendance and achievement.

Contact your local Catholic school for more details.

Workshops presented by:



Carmel Hewitt

Carmel has extensive experience working with families in the health, welfare and education sectors. In her current role as Education Officer, Parent Engagement in the Broken Bay Diocese, Carmel leads and develops family support services, parent education programs and parent partnerships in student learning and wellbeing. Carmel is passionate about building parental skills, knowledge and capabilities so that they can engage collaboratively in their child's learning at school.



Jo Spek

Jo works with families across a range of areas through parent education programs offered by the parent education team at the Catholic Schools Office. Jo is passionate about developing a growth mindset in young people to combat life's challenges, learn how to develop a growth mindset and the power of the phrase, 'Naf Yef'. Jo has a background in counselling and has worked in Catholic schools for 15 years.



Anne Nicol



Anne Nicol has worked in the Welfare and Education sectors throughout her career. Her current role is Education Officer, Student Wellbeing and Attendance in the Broken Bay Diocese, where she collaboratively works with schools, students and families to promote attendance and engagement in learning at school.

ATTEND MORE, LEARN MORE, BE MORE...



Community of Catholic Schools
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Community News

<div>  <div>Our Lady of Dolours Primary School</div> <div>Term 3 Canteen Roster</div>  </div>					
	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



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

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