

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 1 - 14 October 2019

ACTING PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Welcome back to Term 4

I extend a very warm welcome back to all our families to Term 4 – can you believe we have already flown through 3 /4 of 2019...and what a year it has been! This Term is an extremely exciting and special term for our Year 6 students and their families as they start to reflect on their time here at OLD and prepare for the transition to high school. The next 10 weeks are going to be really special for our Year 6 students and their teachers, as they organise their graduation and start to reminisce on all the amazing times they have had with their classmates and teachers over the past 7 years (and their super cute Kindergarten photos!). At the other end of the school, we also have our transition to school program for our 2020 Kindergarten class starting in a few weeks.

During the holidays a beautiful Parish initiative commenced with the Saturday night community dinners. A number of teachers and parents were able to attend and work at the community dinner this past weekend and I think everyone would agree what a rewarding experience this was. We extend our thanks to Fr Jim for introducing this initiative to our school community and Parish because so many of us want to help those in our community in need, but often don't know how or don't have an avenue to do so. These community dinners are such a wonderful way to make a difference in another person's life.



During the holidays it was also announced that the Broken Bay Diocese has been appointed our fourth Bishop; Bishop Anthony Randozza. Below are some words about this appointment by the Acting Director, Dr Tony Bracken:

The announcement this week by Pope Francis of the appointment of the Fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randozza, I am sure, has been a source of joy for the people of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony was greeted warmly by staff within the Caroline Chisholm Centre the morning after the announcement - his desire to be among the people clearly evident. The date for the installation of Bishop Anthony has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be in November. Until that time Father David Ranson remains in the role of Diocesan Administrator. The words of gratitude expressed by Bishop Anthony to Father David for his interim leadership of the Diocese would, I am sure, echo our own sense of gratitude.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Sun 20 Yr 4 Mass

Fri 25 International Teachers' Day

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Bunnings BBQ managed by OLD

Tues 12 P & F AGM Meeting

Fri 29 Year 6 Graduation Liturgy
10am

DECEMBER

Wed 4 Swimming Carnival

Sun 8 Year 6 Mass

Fri 13 Community Christmas Carols

Tues 17 Stage 3 Beach Safety Day

Wed 18 Last Day Term 4

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CHANGES TO DATES

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A Letter to the People of Broken Bay

Tuesday 8 October 2019

My dear brothers and sisters,

To our great joy, our waiting is over! The Holy Father, Pope Francis has appointed us a new Shepherd to guide us into the future. How extraordinary, too, that this would occur on 7 October – the patronal feastday of our Cathedral, Our Lady of the Rosary.

With open arms and hearts, we welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo to our diocesan family! I am confident that you will receive him enthusiastically and warmly. We are enormously blessed by his appointment. Bishop Anthony is young and energetic. In fact, on the day of his appointment he turned just 53. Yet, he brings remarkable experience of leadership already – from his pastoral experience in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, his studies in Canon Law, his service in Rome at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, his time as a Seminary Rector in Queensland, and more recently his term as an Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney during which he has enjoyed significant involvement in youth, education and clergy. I have known him personally for many years and have enjoyed his very personable, engaging and humorous personality on many occasions, most recently during the Ad Limina pilgrimage in Rome. On behalf of our Diocese, I express our profound gratitude to Pope Francis for gifting us with a leader of such calibre and stature. We can be confident in the future that opens before us.

For my part, I will serve our new Bishop to the very best of my ability. As Bishop Anthony assumes the complex task of leadership, he knows he has my complete support and friendship and I look forward to working with him in continued service to our Diocese.

At the end of my term as Administrator of our Diocese, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. To serve in this role for you over the last 15 months has been, unmistakably, the greatest privilege of my life. I want to thank you for the trust and the confidence that you have placed in me, for your affection, and for the many, many ways you have encouraged me. On your behalf, I thank especially our clergy and our Diocesan staff, all of whom have been indefatigable in their support which has enabled me to provide our wonderful new Bishop with good account of our Diocese. I also want to record my deepest appreciation to my beloved Parish Family of Holy Name Wahroonga who have been so patient with my absence

Very Rev Dr David Ranson

Diocesan Administrator



over this time. I thank, especially, Fr Anselam Lakra HGN and our Parish Secretary, Jackie Thornton for their generous commitment to the Parish over this time which has been a gift to the whole Diocese.

It has been a remarkable time as, together, we have faced the various challenges that have presented, seeking always the opportunities given us by the Spirit of God. I have learnt so much over these months and what I have learnt has only made me love the people and priests of our Diocese so much more. I am privileged to be a member of our local Church of Broken Bay. And with this love, I commit myself to you in new ways, now through my dedication to our new Bishop.

With my immense gratitude and affection, and with renewed hope in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'David Ranson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson
Diocesan Administrator

ACTING PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

ANZAC memorial

For those who have been able to visit the school playground you would have noticed the most amazing new instalment – our ANZAC memorial wall (just outside the office facing the COLA). This beautiful memorial has been in the works for many months and I thank all those involved and extend a special thanks to the Grants team (Holly Treder, Michelle Stanley and Katie Crichton) and some students who helped set up the feature and plant the special Gallipoli Rosemary (Jasmine (Yr 4), Frankie (Yr 5), Ben (Yr 2) and Kristof (Yr 2)).



To ensure we all have a successful term here are a few reminders and upcoming events for the term:

Punctuality: As we begin our fourth and final term of 2019 we must reiterate the importance of children arriving on-time, at or before the 8.45am bell. Every day we have about 10% of our students arriving after assembly has started or when students have returned to class – this is over 30 students every day. Please ensure you establish structures and routines to help your children arrive to school on time. Some ideas might be: packing school bags the night before, limited (or no) screen time in the morning, laying out uniforms the night before, having a family timetable available for students to know what days they have sport, library, swimming or band so they can get prepared. Arriving before the bell, ensures students have a calm and settled start to the day.

Uniforms: Students have now transitioned into their summer uniforms. A reminder to ensure all hair touching shoulders is tied back with a school colour ribbon, scrunchie or elastic. Shoes are to be regularly cleaned and polished and as the weather heats up hats must be worn at all times when students are outside. Please encourage your students to wear their hats to and from school and put sunscreen on each morning. Students are permitted to bring sunscreen to school but they must re-apply it themselves.

Sport and library days for Term 4

Library days

Monday: 1G, 4B, 5B, 6G

Tuesday: KB, 2G, 3G, 3B, 4G,

Wednesday: KG, 1B, 2B, 5G

Sport uniform days

Tuesday: KG, 1B, 2B, 3B, 3G, 4G, 6G

Wednesday: KB, 1G, 2G, 4B, 5B, 5G

Thursday: KB, 2B, 2G, 3B

Friday: KG, 1B, 1G, 3G, 4B, 4G, 5B, 5G, 6G

ACTING PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Swimming lessons Weeks 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

NB: There is no swimming lesson in Week 4...a reminder will go in the Week 3 newsletter

Swimming lessons commence next week for Kindergarten - Year 4 (Year 5 and 6 participate in a Beach safety / surfing day at the end of the year in place of swimming lessons).

Please spend this week getting equipment ready – label EVERYTHING your child wears to school...each sock, each shoe, underwear, sports uniform, towels, goggles, swimming cap, swimming costume, each sandal / thong... teachers have up to 60 socks and 60 shoes to deal with when children get changed!!

Please re-read the information sheet handed out last term (and attached to this newsletter) for all information about what children need to bring.

Classroom teachers will be contacting parents about organising parent helpers that are needed to help walk students to and from the swimming lessons.

Swimming lesson days (students wear sports uniform on their swimming lesson day)

- Thursday: KB, 2B, 2G, 3B
- Friday: KG, 1B, 1G, 3G, 4B, 4G

2nd November: Bunnings BBQ Save the date for this fun school fundraiser! Please see Catherine Moores (P&F President) if you are able to assist with either the BBQ or Cake stall at all throughout the day.

Public Speaking competition Kindergarten – Year 5 Last term we held the Year 6 Public Speaking competition which led to Alyssa taking out the entire Diocesan competition. This term we will be holding the Kindergarten – Year 5 Public speaking competition. This long-standing OLD traditional will include a prepared speech which the students will present to their class and teacher. Three students from each class will then be chosen to present their speech at a final, where the whole school community is invited. Classroom teachers will communicate with their students topics and a timeline for this competition.

Parent Education Monday 4th November 6.30 – 7.30pm – Numeracy and the EPMC Project

I would like to invite all parents to attend a special Parent Education session about a new project we have been doing in Maths this year called EPMC – Encouraging Persistence Maintaining Challenge. During the 1 hour session myself and the Year 1 teachers will be telling you about the program, demonstrating the lesson style and describing the amazing impact it has had on the Year 1 students (who have been the focus of this year's project). We are currently trialing the teaching style of EPMC in other classes but are hoping to implement it in all classrooms in 2020. This program is not just about increasing academic achievement but also developing the essential learning skills of creative problem solving, resilience, independence, persistence, deep and critical thinking, flexibility and reasoning and justification. So come along and learn about a new way that Maths is being explored by the students!

Please RSVP by Friday 1st November by emailing the school office with the names of those who will be attending (the session will be held in the school library).



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Cambodian Teacher Conference: As you know I spent the holidays over in Cambodia, during which I led a two day teacher conference, with another teacher from the Diocese. There was around 40 teachers from all over Cambodia attending – some travelled up to 10 hours from the most remote villages to make it to the annual conference. These teachers really reminded me how lucky we are here at OLD to have the most amazing resources at our finger tips, the most rewarding Professional Learning for our teachers and a really strong partnership with parents – none of which these teachers have. The dedication these teachers have to their students (of which they have up to 60 in one class) and how much they try to teach them with nothing but an old blackboard and one or two lightbulbs hanging from the roof, was so inspiring. We included lots of fun games that didn't need any equipment and even challenged the teachers to complete 4 different STEM activities...so now we eagerly wait to see what has been taken back to their students!



ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL —Miss Camilla Brown

POPE FRANCIS' APPOINTMENT FOR THE BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

We are excited to announce Pope Francis' appointment of the Fourth Bishop the Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Andazzo. We are extremely blessed to have been sent a Shepherd to unite us in faith and lead the Broken Bay Diocese. As we await for the official installation date for Bishop Anthony, Very Rev Fr David Ranson remains the role of Diocesan administrator.

We are eternally grateful for the leadership of Very Rev Fr David Ranson. He has lead our Dioceses with courage and compassion, and brought us hope in times of doubt.

YEAR 4 FAMILY MASS

A warm welcome to all Year 4 students and families to come along to our Year 4 special Mass this Sunday the 20th of October. We extend this invitation to all families to join us at the 9am family Mass every Sunday.

DRAMA CLUB

Congratulations to our Drama Club for their fabulous performance at our Wednesday assembly last term! Each Group performed a self-devised script to teach us a message about what IGNITE, INNOVATE, & INCLUDE IN MERCY would look like in the school community. Congratulations to *Airley, Serena, Hannah, Abi, Anya, Ojaswi, Elena, Vana, Tatiana, Ava & Stephanie*. You are Hollywood actresses in the making! Thank you to our Year 6 Creative Arts Leaders *Emily & Grace* for helping organise our Drama Club and assist our Yr 3 & 4 students.

Drama Club for Year 3-6 will continue in Term 4 on Mondays if your child would like to be involved.





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TERM 4 2019 SWIMMING PROGRAM AT FITNESS FIRST CHATSWOOD PLATINUM

Dear Parents,

Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will participate in a Swimming Program at Fitness First Chatswood Platinum once a week for the Weeks 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 of Term 4. Each class will have 5 lessons (class timetables will be sent out at the beginning of Term 4). This program leads to our School Swimming Carnival where selections are made for the Cluster Swimming Carnival early in 2020. Students can be selected for the Cluster Carnival in 50m and longer races, if they turn 8 or older during 2020.

Students will walk to the swimming pool from school, wearing their swimming costume under their school sport top and shorts or other clothing which covers their swimming costume. They may wear thongs or sandals to and from the pool. As there are NO change rooms dedicated to Swimming Program participants, all students will wear their swimming costume back to school and change in a more appropriate setting than the adult change rooms at Fitness First.

Every student needs to wear their swimming costume to school under their School Sport Uniform on swimming days. They should bring with them -

- ❖ a towel, goggles and swimming cap (can be purchased for \$5 from the QKR app) carried in a small light bag
- ❖ alternate clothing and thongs or sandals to wear to and from the pool
- ❖ underwear to change into back at school

Some classes will be walking to swimming and or returning to school during our regular morning tea or lunch times. Teachers will give their class plenty time to eat and play either before or after their swimming session.

In order to assist the instructors to grade the students on the first day, would you kindly complete the questions on the attached permission form and return it TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER by Wednesday 25th September. If students will not be attending lessons due to a medical reason, please send a letter of explanation, accompanied by a doctor's certificate, to Mr Ledlin. All medications, which are kept at school, will be taken to the pool by each class teacher.

Many thanks,

Kirsty Thorpe
Assistant Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

A new student information system, Compass, is on the way ...

I am excited to let you know that our school community will shortly start using a new student information system called Compass. It is expected that Compass will be rolled out to all systemic Catholic schools in our diocese over the next six months.

What is Compass?

Compass is a whole school administration system. It will streamline many school operations such as attendance, reporting and communication.

How will this impact you?

Later this term you will receive details about a Parent Portal and App which will enable you to access information online about your child/ren, anytime, anywhere, from any modern web-enabled device.

Initially you will be able to –

- View information on your child/ren's attendance
- Enter explanations for absences
- Receive school communications
- Update your contact details

More functionality will become available over time – we will keep you updated !



AWARD WINNERS

Week 10



COMMUNITY NEWS

A stylized yellow illustration of a BBQ grill on a tripod stand, with smoke rising from it. The background is dark brown with a yellow and white bunting banner at the top.

**WE NEED YOUR
HELP!!**

SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2019

**O.L.D. P&F ARE RUNNING THE
BBQ AND CAKE STALL AT
CHATSWOOD BUNNINGS!!**

CAN YOU HELP?

**USE THE SIGNUP SHEET AND
PUT YOUR NAME DOWN TO
EITHER BBQ, SERVE OR RUN
THE CAKE STALL....WE ALSO
NEED DONATIONS FOR OUR
CAKE STALL!!**

THANKS, O.L.D. P&F TEAM

Sign up link to volunteer: <https://signup.zone/abN8M5kuRY4qARTHc>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Northbridge Football Academy Trials

Invitations are open for both girls and boys to trial for the Northbridge Football Academy for 2020. The Academy program provides for:

- Training twice a week, February – August 2020
- Qualified club coaches for both training and games
- Full playing and training kit, including track suit, rain jacket and bag

Opportunity to play in Kanga Cup during July school holidays

Anyone interested in attending the trials can access further information from:

<https://northbridgefc.com.au/nfc-academy-trials-information/>



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Saturday 26th
October 2019
9am - 4pm

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October 2019
9am - 3pm

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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 17 October 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, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



OLOD SUMMER BASKETBALL IS BACK!

FRIDAY MORNINGS
STARTING 25th OCTOBER
7:20am - 8:20am

With Manly Basketball U12 Representative Coach Toni Tait

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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 Streets

Saturdays 10 - 11 am 9 November

MEETING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Saturday 26 October 11am

COMMUNITY NEWS

| Our Lady of Dolours Primary School | | | | | |
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| Term 4 Canteen Roster | | | | | |
| | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
| 14 October 2019 | Rachel Ullman | Jungme Kim Laura Humell | Portia Wong | Vivien Tu Xi Yu | Louise Jin Nicole Chow |
| 21 October 2019 | Jen Montealegre Yini Peng | Amy Chan Rosalie Keledjian | Sally Librilla Trisha Vallejos | Debbie Liu | Rachel Ullman Ofelia De Los Reyes |
| 28 October 2019 | Marilyn King Trish Seeto | Jo Mannering | Daniel Musumeci Tom Allen | Cynthia Lai | Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton |
| 4 November 2019 | Amy Chan Yini Peng | Selvia Wijaya Rachel Ng | Nat Yusathaphom Elaine Lin | Mikhael Chammas Melissa Chung | Nicole Chow Chris Baranick |
| 11 November 2019 | Claire Choi | Sia Macree Branka Posa | Portia Wong | Vivien Tu Xi Yu | Nicole Woods Louise Jin |
| 18 November 2019 | Ann Bacsi | Rosalie Keledjian Seda Gulesserian | Alison Henderson | Debbie Liu Nicole Chow | Katie Zhang Wei Li |
| 25 November 2019 | Amy Chan Ann Bacsi | Jungme Kim Laura Humell | Jackie Fung Yuen Yuen Yip | Lily Setiawan Ani Wibisono | Rachel Ullman Chris Baranick |
| 2 December 2019 | Tom Allen Glenn Deserline | Rachel Ng | Jungme Alison Henderson | Shirley Choi | Michelle Stanley Katie Crichton |
| 9 December 2019 | Amy Chan Yini Peng | Sylvia Wijaya Branka Posa | Sally Librilla Trisha Vallejos | Kath Element Kate Stipo | Melissa Surjan Zolie Zulle |
| 16 December 2019 | Rachel Ullman Xavier Bernard | Ji-Yun Yi Jungme Kim | Yuen Yuen Yip Portia Wong | NO MORE SCHOOL | NO MORE SCHOOL |

Above is the canteen roster & we have a few spots to fill this term.

The canteen is open Mon-Fri from 12.40pm till 1.40pm, so just an hour of your time is all that's needed.

If you are available to fill any of the orange highlighted spots, please write your name in on that day.

The kids thank you for your assistance!