

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** Term 4 Week 2 - 21 October 2019

## ACTING PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Throughout the first two weeks of this term I have been extremely fortunate to participate in 4 days of professional learning in Mathematics. These days have been so valuable for me as a learner and as a leader. The Professional Learning days have provided myself and other teachers an opportunity to reflect on our current teaching and leadership strategies and learn more about best practise in Mathematics. There has been a really big shift both, in our Diocese and internationally, to structure Maths lessons so that students not only deepen their conceptual understanding of Maths but also develop the essential life skills of creativity, critical thinking, resilience, perseverance, flexibility and enjoyment of Maths. We want our students to be confident, numerate citizens who can examine and question the world around them, while making connections and challenging themselves. If you would like to learn more about one new teaching strategy that we have been trialling this year (with great success) please come along to the Parent Education session (information below).

### Parent Education Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 trialling 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 gains 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 1<sup>st</sup> November by emailing the school office with the names of those who will be attending (the session will be held in the school library).



### A quick reminder that swimming lessons commence this week for Kinder – Year 4:

Please have all your equipment ready – label EVERY thing 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!! 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

## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

**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

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE  
UNDER 'CALENDAR - FOR POSSIBLE  
CHANGES TO DATES  
[www.olddb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au)

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**PAT tests; Reading and writing (Year 1-6)** Next week all students in Year 1-6 will be sitting two online tests called 'PAT' assessments (Progressive Achievement Assessment). These tests are conducted every year and are created by Australian Council for Educational Research. These tests are assessment tools to help teachers analysis student understanding in Mathematics and English and track their growth from year to year. The teachers use this data to program lessons that cater for the students' needs and triangulate data from other assessments, including NAPLAN, MAIs and in class work. We also use the data to track school trends and patterns. For Year 1 and 2, the tests are a great way for students to practise using the ICLT devices with buddies from an older grade. 'PAT' tests are for the school and teachers usage, therefore parents will not receive any results but if you are ever concerned about your child's progress or leaning you can make appointments to meet with your class teacher.

**School social media:** We invite all our community to 'Like' and 'Follow' our official school Facebook page so you can be kept up to date with what is happening at the school, student learning and to ensure you don't miss out on all the fun the children are having each day at O.L.D. Simply search for 'Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood' on Facebook to find the page – you are also welcome to invite family and friends to also follow the page. Additionally, there is a parent communication page that you can also join to ask questions to other parents about the procedures and routines of school life; search for 'OLD Parents' Communication Group' and request membership to this closed group.

# AWARD WINNERS Week 1



## ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL —Miss Camilla Brown

<http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/>

I encourage you to look at this fantastic resource to help you 'walk the way' in your own faith, and lead your child on their faith journey.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday : A parable to Ponder

The parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee is a well-known story that underlines the importance of coming before God with one's authentic self and a humble heart. The Pharisee is a good man, who sincerely keeps the commandments. Unfortunately his ego gets in the way as he prays, viewing himself as superior to the tax collector, and centred on himself rather than God. Jesus praises the tax collector who comes to God with a repentant and humble heart. How might we engage with our children in pondering this ancient story and its time-honoured wisdom? (See Luke 18:9-14.)

### Faith Steps at Home

**Table topics:** In today's terms, who might be the equivalent of the 'Pharisee' in the story? Who might be the 'tax collector', a well-known 'sinner'? Who is the most humble person you know? What's the difference between humility and poor self-esteem?

**Remember:** *'The Lord hears the cry of the poor' (Psalm 32:7).*

## 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 !







ADHD Support Australia offers support for parents of children/teenagers with ADHD via monthly speaker evenings.

The group provides a safe & supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD.

Suitable for adults with ADHD, professionals working with ADHD/ASD or anyone interested in the topic.

## 2019 Events



### Parenting Children with ADHD - 6-week course - Warriewood

Term 3 - Friday 3 September - 22 October 10am-12.30pm

Term 4 - Wednesday 23 October- 27 November - 10am-12.30pm



Louise Remond, The Kidman Centre, UTS - Collaborative & Proactive Solutions

Tuesday 27th August 2019 @ 6.15pm

followed by FREE bonus screening of

KIDS WE LOSE

a documentary film by Ross Greene

8.00-9.30pm



ADHD Parent Coffee Meet Up Morning

Thursday 5th September 2019 @ 10.30am

The Newport



Helen Padarin, Padarin Health - ADHD & Gut Health

& Hope for Health Fundraiser

Tuesday 24th September 2019 @ 6.45pm



Ian Wallace, Psychologist - Dealing with Uniquely Challenging Children

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 @ 6.45pm



Dr Samantha Hornery - Getting it Done - Organisation & Motivation Strategies

Tuesday 19th November 2019 @ 6.45pm



Australia Day  
Awards 2019



Coordinating  
Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion

Attending talks at ADHD Support Australia will contribute 1 hour 30 minutes  
of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Registered Professional  
Development addressing 6.2.2 from Australian Professional Standards for  
Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW

All speaker events @ Pittwater RSL, Mona Vale

For more info & ticket reservations visit:

[www.adhdsupportaustralia.com.au](http://www.adhdsupportaustralia.com.au)

Email: [vivian@adhdsupportaustralia.com](mailto:vivian@adhdsupportaustralia.com)

Facebook Page: [ADHDSupportAustralia/](https://www.facebook.com/ADHDSupportAustralia/)

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Welcome Back.

Can you believe it, Term 4 has officially commenced! We look forward to celebrating the last quarter of 2019 with you and your school community. We know this can be the busiest time of the year for many, so we want to make sure you know that we are always here to help make your life a little easier.

### What not to miss this term in OSHC

From the 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating **National Recycling Week**. This week is all about creating awareness and teaching the children about sustainable living by bringing recycling to the forefront of their program.

**Yoga is back!** Continuing on from last term, every Wednesday afternoon we will be joined by Yoga Temple to provide the children with a professionally guided Yoga session. Last term showed very positive results in developing and maintaining wellness and mindfulness among the children, and this term looks to be even better! These Yoga sessions are an included part of our program, and are at no extra cost. Remember to register and book in for the session, as bookings are essential to be able to attend OSHC.

### Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it's FREE to register.

To attend our care, you must register your child [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy, visit [www.mygov.com.au](http://www.mygov.com.au) to find out more.

### More Program Details

For more information about our program and fees at your school, visit our service and chat with our qualified Educators. Alternatively, you may visit our website at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

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# School Travel

Stay up to date with Opal and ticketing changes for school travel

**2020 school travel applications now open**



To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address

have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Open this Friday!  
2.45 pm - 3.15 pm



Hi all!

The last issue for the year for O.L.D., Issue 7 is now available. To view catalogues online visit:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Please place order through the Scholastic Loop app or online from the website.

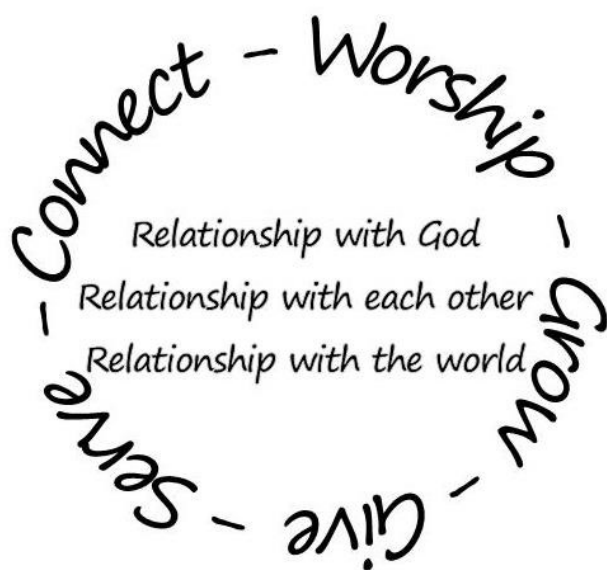
**Orders will be closing on COB Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.** After this date, you can still order but will incur a delivery fee to have the books sent to your home directly.

Kind regards,

Julie Roman – BookClub Organiser  
(Ethan – 1G)

## 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](mailto: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**