

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 3 - 28 October 2019

PRINCIPAL—Mr Philip Ledlin

Dear Parents,

I sincerely thank Miss Kirsty Thorpe for leading OLD School during the 2 weeks of leave that I'm just now returning from. There are indeed quite a few exciting events in this final term of 2019. Some of the important happenings we are readying for are:

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 2 November

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation sessions x3

Community Celebration to say "Thank you" for the wonderful additions to our school this year - (including the recently installed ANZAC Memorial; yet another project championed by Katie, Holly and Michelle) ... Friday 8 November 9am-10am

P+F Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 12 November – 6.30pm

Year 6 2020 Student Leadership Programme

Swimming Programme - Years K-4

Surf Ed – Years 5 and 6

Public Speaking Competition K-5

Yr 6 Graduation

Christmas Carols – Friday 13 December 5pm

Congratulations to our Year 1 teaching team and Miss Kirsty Thorpe:

Congratulations to our Year 1 teaching team (Miss Olivia Smith, Mrs Mary-Anne Fitzgerald and Mrs Cassie Cook) who have been part of a remarkable, innovative and effective Catholic Schools Office Mathematics programme all year (ie EPMC – "Encouraging Persistence Maintaining Challenge").

I note that our Year 1 team has been guided and professionally developed by our Assistant Principal, Miss Kirsty Thorpe.

Last week, the team presented brilliantly at a conference at the Catholic Schools Office ... Following is part of a note I received after their presentation:

Dear Kirsty, Olivia, Mary-Anne and Cassie,

THANK YOU for your presentation today! You presented your learning journey so professionally with passion and commitment.

You demonstrated such reflective practice! ... and it was very clear that you jumped on board and came along for the EPMC ride this year with abounding commitment.

Your insights and reflections about your own learning and the impact on your students' learning were wonderful to hear!

We look forward to continuing the 'journey' with OLD in 2020.

Thanks again.

Great job.

Erin Brady and Elizabeth Calabria - (Educational Consultants - Catholic Schools Office)

I am now very pleased to note that EPMC will be a vital part of our strategic learning journey across all classes K-6 2020.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Bunnings BBQ managed by
OLD

Tues 12 P & F AGM Meeting

Fri 29 Year 6 Graduation Liturgy
10am

"Thank you afternoon Tea" for all
parent and friend 'helpers'
2.30pm

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.olddbb.catholic.edu.au**

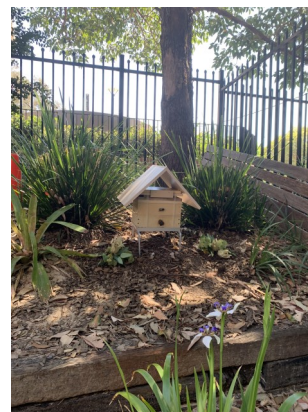
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe



Bees! Bees! Bees! Last week we welcomed some new members to the OLD family...a hive of native, stingless bees! These gorgeous little bees (that look like flying ants or a mini fly) are completely harmless and do not sting or bite. They will fly around their new home (in the Grower's corner) hunting for food from surrounding flowers and then make honey. It may take over a year for them to make enough honey for us to crack open the hive and retrieve it, but the students are already loving observing the bees in their new home. Classes will be learning about the impact bees have on our environment and the important role they play in delicate ecosystems.



Reading and Maths programs with Mercy and Pius We are so fortunate here at OLD that we have two high schools so close to us. High schools have such amazing resources that we are able to often share (and vice versa), which include their students and teachers! This term we have two wonderful initiatives – a Pius maths club for Years 3-6 and a Mercy reading program For Kinder-Year 2. These programs are a great opportunity for students to have a lot of fun developing some skills while creating beautiful bonds with older role models.



Swimming lessons has started!! Our swimming program for Kinder- Year 4 started last week with great success! Even the most nervous and apprehensive students had such a great time and started to develop their skills and confidence in the water. The program at Fitness First is run by Ms Jess MacDonald and she spends each lesson observing the students and conducting on-the-spot assessments of the students to ensure they are in the correct levelled group. Thank you to everyone who spent the time to write names on every item of clothing, unfortunately some names rubbed off in the water and will need to be re-written. And for those who have not yet labelled all items, please do so before this week's lessons so items don't go missing or end up in lost property.

International Teacher's Day 2019 On behalf of all the teachers and support staff at OLD I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the parents who made International Teachers Day so special last Friday. Thank you especially to the P&F for organising such a special day for our staff. The teachers were all so surprised with the barrage of cards and well wishes that greeted them in the morning from all the students. They also felt very special being served the most delicious lunch (Thank you Rita Enar) and the amazingly moreish cakes for dessert (Thank you Lauren Koura). It's so rare for teachers to have time to sit and enjoy their lunch but last Friday we were spoilt with a home cooked lunch and a table set so beautifully (Thank you Kate Stipo for your amazing organisation) – every detail of the day was appreciated by us all. So we thank our whole community, parents, students and friends for making OLD such an amazing place to work.



AWARD WINNERS

Week 2



Congratulations

Congratulations to Yvaine (1G). During the last school holidays Yvaine joined the Willoughby Flag Festival Competition and her entry has been chosen as one of the winners. The winning flag designs will be featured throughout Chatswood CBD during the holiday season. Well done to Yvaine and we look forward to seeing her design on display .

From the Environment Team



Did you know that on average, Australians use 130 kg of plastic per person each year? Only 12% of that's recycled! More frightening still, up to 130,000 tonnes of plastic will find its way into our waterways and into the ocean. The rest will go to landfill.

This week, the Environment Team are launching their campaign to get rid of single use plastic spoons and forks at Our Lady of Dolours! Staff and students will be using metal spoons and forks that are returned at the end of each lunchtime, then washed and ready to be reused the following day.

On Wednesday, at our School Assembly, they will tell you all about how the new system will work, so please make sure you are there!

Mrs McKittrick & Mrs Cook (Environment Team Support Teachers)

FROM THE OFFICE

Exciting news – an office kiosk and a new parent portal!

Over the next couple of weeks you will see a change in the school office – the installation of a Compass Kiosk. The Kiosk looks like a large iPad and is to be used by parents who pick up their child/ren early and for late arrivals.

Also, shortly you will receive details about a Compass 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 communications
- Update your contact details

Please keep a look out for an email with login information and instructions over the coming weeks.



Leaving Students—end 2019

If your family is moving from OLD school at the end of 2019 (except Yr 6 families), please be sure to alert OLD via the form attached in this newsletter.



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STUDENT LEAVING SCHOOL FORM

Parents are asked to complete the form below, and attach a letter advising us of the reason their child/ren are leaving Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School. Return this form to the school. If you are leaving Australia you need to provide documents to prove your child will be studying overseas.

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE FORM FOR EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

PARENTS NAMES: _____

LAST DAY AT SCHOOL WILL BE: _____

NAME OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS IF NEW: _____

NEW CONTACT TEL: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ **DATED:** _____

IS LETTER OF ADVISE ATTACHED: Y ☐ N ☐

HAVE DOCUMENTS BEEN SUPPLIED TO SCHOOL IF NEW SCHOOL IS OVERSEAS: Y ☐ N ☐

SCHOOL USE ONLY

FAMILY CODE: _____ **STUDENT CODE:** _____

STUDENT LEFT: _____ **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: YES / NO**

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

PRINCIPAL: _____ **CLASS TEACHER:** _____



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
Community Engagement

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

Email: vivian@adhdsupportaustralia.com

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

www.instagram.com/gutfulofadhd



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DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY SPORTS COUNCIL SUMMER SPORTS SELECTION TRIALS 2019/20 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Selection trials for students to represent Broken Bay at the NSWCPSS Polding Team Sport Selection Trials for basketball and tennis in Lismore (7 Feb 2020) will be held during term 4 this year (2019 – details below). Note that Broken Bay cricket and softball trials will be held in 2020.

Any students wishing to be considered to attend a sport trial must return the 'Player Profile' to school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 8 November. Please direct all enquiries to your school sport coordinator.

- Each school will then determine the students to be invited to attend the trial according to their experience/ability and in keeping with the entry limits and will confirm a student's permission to attend a sports trial by returning the 'Invitation to attend Broken Bay Sport Trial' to the student.
 - **A \$10 entry fee applies to all trials. This payment must be made using Qkr (Instructions for payment process included with 'Invitation to attend') no later than the day prior to the trial.**
 - Each student attending a trial must bring the 'Invitation to Attend' and give it to the Trial Convener upon arrival. The school will also have notified the convener of endorsed entries.
 - **Students are required to wear their school sport shirt to all trials.**
- **Parents are responsible for transport and supervision of their children at all Broken Bay trials. Parents are required to remain with their child for the duration of the trial and to abide by the Broken Bay Diocese Code of Conduct.**
 - **No Dogs are permitted to be at school sport events.**
 - The selectors' decisions are final. Any enquiries must be directed to your school sport coordinator.
- For **tennis**, only children of a competent standard, who participate in regular competition may attend. Yellow balls will be used; no low bounce. Players are expected to be able to score and 'self-umpire' competently. A school may not nominate more than 3 boys and 3 girls.
 - For boys and girls **basketball** only children who are highly competent may attend.
 - In the case of wet weather schools will be advised by email of any postponement. There will be a recorded message on the Primary Sport Information Line 82507976
- *The aim of the NSWCPSS Polding Area trial in Lismore is to select a primary school team to compete in the NSW PSSA State Carnival and to give individuals who display outstanding ability (ie 'rep' players) the opportunity to be considered for selection in the NSW PSSA state team. For information re PSSA events go to: <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/NSWPSSA>*
 - **A student who is not available to compete at the Polding trials in Lismore or the particular state carnival should not attend a Broken Bay trial.**
 - *Parents must make their own **transport and accommodation** arrangements for their child if selected to represent Broken Bay at the Polding trials in Lismore.*
 - *All teams are open age (8-13yrs) and it is expected that most children selected will be in year 6 or year 5 in 2020. Students turning 13 in the year of competition will be eligible for selection in a Polding team but **will not be eligible for selection in a state team.***

SPORT	DATE	VENUE	TIME	CO-ORDINATOR	To be Selected
TENNIS BOYS/GIRLS	Tuesday 19 November	Pennant Hills Park Brittania St Pennant Hills	Boys 12.00-4.00 Girls 1.00-3.00	Libby Adler St Mary's Manly	3 boys 3 girls
BASKETBALL GIRLS	Thursday 22 November	Northern Beaches Indoor Sports	1.00-3.00pm	Chris Petry OLGC Forestville	8
BASKETBALL BOYS	Thursday 22 November	Jacksons Rd Warriewood	1.00 -3.00 pm	Luke Spencer St Agatha's Pennant Hills	8

**DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY TEAM SPORT TRIALS
PLAYER PROFILE-NOMINATION****RETURN TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER****SPORT:** _____**STUDENT DETAILS- Name:** _____

Year group this year: _____ Class: _____ Date of birth: _____

Name of school and suburb: _____

Emergency contact details: Parent/guardian _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Please list any known allergies or medical conditions:
_____**PLAYING HISTORY**

Present club / association: _____

Age group /div: _____

List any previous competition/representative experience in this sport:

Preferred positions played: 1 _____ 2 _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

- ☐ I give permission for my child to attend the Broken Bay Team Sport Trial for the abovementioned sport *if selected by the school*.
- ☐ I understand that I am responsible for my child's transport to and from the event and supervision for the duration of the event.
- ☐ I understand that if my child is selected by the school to attend the particular sports trial I am required to pay the trial entry fee (\$10) via Qkr prior to participation in the trial. This fee is non-refundable.
- ☐ I am familiar with the Diocese of Broken Bay 'Code of Conduct'.
- ☐ I understand that dogs are not permitted at Broken Bay trials or school events.
- ☐ I give permission for my child's name and school to be listed on the Diocese of Broken Bay Primary Sports Council website if selected in the team.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Your school sport coordinator will give you an 'Invitation to Attend' if you have permission from the school to attend the trials. You MUST bring this to the trial with you and give to the convener on arrival. Your school will also have submitted a list of students with permission to attend to the convener.

The 'Invitation to Attend' also contains information re payment of the \$10 trial entry fee using Qkr by Mastercard.

YOU'RE INVITED.....
BROKEN BAY DIOCESE
PARENT SPIRITUALITY DAY

**WE ARE ALL CALLED
TO BE LEADERS**

**BE INSPIRED, EXCITED AND
ENCOURAGED**

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2019

9AM - 2.30PM

**St Joseph's Spirituality Centre
Kincumber**

**8 Humphreys road Kincumber
South 2251**

**"If we can develop a truly humble attitude,
we can change the world"
-Pope Francis**

**Key Note Speaker
Philomena Billington**

Philomena has over 40 years' experience at all levels of Catholic Education, it is her passion – particularly in the area of Parent Engagement and inspiring Lay Leadership.

Phil is insightful, entertaining and an inspirational speaker.



**9.00
Key Note –
Philomena Billington**

**10.30
Morning tea
11.00
Parent led workshops
Conversation with Phil**

**12.30
Lunch
1.30
Walk the Labyrinth
Stations of the Cross
Time to walk the grounds
2.30
close**

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.



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 30th 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)