OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Term 1 Week 6 - 2 March 2020

ACTING PRINCIPAL—Miss Kirsty Thorpe

On the weekend, Fr Jim wrote about the topic of penance in the 21st century, in the OLD Parish bulletin. His words really resonated with me as I often feel I need guidance with my Lenten promise to be more meaningful and purposeful (rather than just giving up chocolate every year...and often failing). Fr Jim's words encouraged us to follow St Teresa's advice that the best penance we can do during Lent, is to "do the ordinary ways of prayer well" - This may be, being fully present the whole hour of Mass, singing the hymns wholeheartedly as joyful prayer, taking time out of your day to dedicate to prayer or even just turning your phone off while you pray or are in Mass. I hope these words from St Teresa also ignite your passion for penance during this season of Lent.

Our Surprise Ash Wednesday visitor: Last Wednesday we had a wonderful surprise visit from Mr Ledlin, who popped into the school with his wife to say hello to everyone. The Kindy students were so beautiful and thought it was Jesus visiting us for Ash Wednesday (they had just participated in their class liturgy). The children absolutely loved seeing Phil and rushed to bombard him with questions and well wishes. Phil is hoping to return to school one or two days per week later in the term in preparation for transitioning back to his role as Principal in Term 2...fingers crossed all the Doctors sign off on this plan too - we will keep you updated when more definite plans are made.







Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Chatswood @ourladyofdolourschatsw <u>Communication from the school;</u> This year the school will be communicating events and messages three ways: school newsletter, Compass and the school Facebook page. Please make sure you are checking these forms of communication so you don't miss important information or events.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Tues 3, 10 & 16 6.30-7.30pm Parent Education Mathematics

Wed 4 9-10.30am and 6.30-7.30pm OPEN DAY & EVENING

Wed 18 & 25 9-11am 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Workshop

Fri 27 Parents Night Out

APRIL

Thurs 9 Last day of Term 1

Mon 27 Staff Development Day

Tues 28 Students return for Term 2

KEEP CHECKING THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER 'CALENDAR - FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DATES www.olddbb.catholic.edu.au

Our Lady of Dolours

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<u>Cluster Swimming Carnival:</u> Today we have a group of students from Year 2-6, attending the cluster swimming carnival and we wish them all the very best of luck!

Open Classrooms: We had a great morning yesterday where parents were invited into the classrooms to observe a portion of the English block. I wish to thank the teachers who graciously opened their doors to allow parents to learn more about the teaching and learning at OLD.



<u>Parent Education starts tonight!</u> I am really looking forward to welcoming our 2020 cohort of parents registered for the Parent education sessions. We will have a great time learning games that you can take home and use and learning vital information about the teaching and learning of Mathematics.

VERY Important safety reminders:

1. <u>Morning supervision</u>: School supervision does not start until_8.15am. Students should not arrive at school before 8.15am unless they attend Before School Care, or parents stay to supervise their own child. We consistently have over 20 students at school before 8.15am and this is not safe for students to be in the school without an adult present. We understand this may be difficult for parents who start work early and that is why we have Before School Care on-site. We appreciate your support with this important issue to ensure our students stay safe at all times.

2. <u>Kirk Street Pick Up</u>: To ensure the safety of all children using Kirk Street pick up, it is vital that the children are able to get into the car unaided. Kirk Street is a very busy street in the afternoons and to ensure we can smoothly and safely get all our students picked up, we require all the children to get into the car by themselves. If this is not possible you will need to either practise on the weekend or wait to use this pick up area until they are older or a bit stronger. Thank you for your cooperation with this safety measure.

Coding at OLD: We are so excited to be partnering with CODE4FUN (www.code4fun.com.au)Sydney Programming School for a

term of amazing coding lessons for all students at OLD. Years 2-6 will have their lessons in Term 2 and Kindy and Year 1 will have their coding lessons later in the year. The students will all have an hour each week to work on projects using different coding programs, initially starting with Scratch (scratch.mit.edu) and progressing to more advanced programs as their skills develop. Following on from this we will be working with Code4Fun to organise co-curricular lessons before or after school for Term 3 and 4 (more information about these additional lessons and costs will be provided next term).





<u>Harmony Day – 23rd March</u>: A very important and special day in the school calendar is Harmony Day (Held at OLD on 23rd March). This is a day when we can celebrate the amazing cultural diversity we have at OLD. We invite everyone to come dressed in their traditional clothes and come along to our whole school assembly in the hall 9-10am. We will join together as a school community to live out our school vision 'Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy'. Parents are also welcome to come dressed in their traditional clothing – we would love to see and learn about some amazing traditions and clothing .

Open Day and Evening: Tomorrow we have yet another exciting day at OLD with our Open Morning and Evening where all prospective families are welcomed into the school. Our Year 6 leaders are setting up a trade show in the COLA area where they will demonstrate, discuss and show all the different elements of the school through their leadership groups. If you are available in the morning before school to help set up the tables, your help would be very much appreciated.



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Numeracy Parent Education



In the spirit of our vision '*Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy*' I wish to invite all parents to participate in a three part education program for Mathematics and Nu-

meracy. I will be running these sessions with the assistance of some classroom teachers. In these sessions you will learn about the educational philosophy behind how we teach maths (not only at OLD but in every diocesan school) and how this may have differed from your school years. By participating in Parent Education you can become an empowered, informed and active partner in your child's education. Through the Parent Education sessions you will be able to learn how to assist your child at home, understand how the teachers at OLD teach maths and you may even become a more confident mathematician yourself.

Please note these sessions are the same as the 2019 Parent education sessions. –we added a third session last year (not compulsory) where we learnt and played games for all ages and ability levels that you can then play at home.

Each session will include many hands on games and activities that you can use at home, plus all participants will be given some fun maths equipment to take home and use with their children.

I highly recommend that you sign up to first two sessions to gain a comprehensive understanding and get the 'whole picture', the third session is optional.

When I have run this course in the past some of the participants have said:

"I finished school in '84 and I realise now that I never understood the concepts of what I was being taught and I'm thrilled teaching has changed."

"Some things I'll take away from the Parent Education sessions are some great learning tools and games. I now know that Maths can be FUN!!"

"You should do it! It's important to understand how our children are being taught so we're best able to help them produce and enhance their skills."

"If there is only one education course you can do, do your children a favour and go!"

Please return the form or email the school by Thursday 27th February.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Kirsty Thorpe (Acting Principal and Numeracy Co-ordinator)

Name:

Child's class:

I understand that by registering for this Parent Education, I am committing to the first two sessions (3rd session optional).



Session 1: Tuesday 3rd March, 6.30-7.30pm



Session 2: Tuesday 10th March, 6.30-7.30pm

Session 3: Monday 16th March, 6.30-7.30pm

Signature:

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL — Miss Camilla Brown

Open Morning

Thank you to Miss Kirsty Thorpe for providing a detailed parent education session about Literacy at OLD. Thank you to all our staff who open their doors to our families and provide a 'snapshot' of the fabulous literacy that happens in our classrooms. Parents were welcomed into their child's classroom to observe a range of literacy learning ranging from shared reading to writing and literacy groups!

Shrove Tuesday – Thank you!

Thank you to our Kindergarten parent helpers who turned up to support our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake event. Thank you to the event organiser Debbie (& friends!) who ensured it was a terrific event for the students. Gold coin donations will be directed to the Project Compassion initiative that we are promoting throughout Lent.

Projection Compassion- Go Further Together!

How are you going on your Lenten journey? During the time of Lent each year, our school proudly participates in Project Compassion to raise funds for the world's poor. The theme for Project Compassion 2020 is to 'go further together'. This year we are encouraged to stand TOGETHER in solidarity with our global community. We aim to shape a better future for our brothers and sisters around the world. Please return your individual project compassion boxes to your class teacher by Monday the 6th of April, 2020.

Kindergarten Blessing Mass - 15th of March

The Catholic community of Chatswood invites **ALL** Kindy children and their families to our 'Kindy Blessing Mass' on **Sunday the 15th of March at 9am**. This Family Mass is a family-friendly celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church. During this Mass we will celebrate their starting school with a special liturgical blessing. **All welcome!**

Friday Maths Club

Our first week of Maths Club was a huge success! Both the Pius boys and OLD children had to use their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division knowledge to play the game 'Combo'. Mr Rowland and I loved observing multiple ages groups mixing with each other and enjoying the fun of maths!







Enrolling your child in a Catholic School this year?

Throughout the year people contact the parish seeking a parish priest's reference for enrolment into a Catholic School. In 2020, Fr Jim invites parents seeking a reference to attend a Parent Connect Gathering which will develop the partnership of parish, family and school in the project of teaching Catholic faith to both primary school and high school.

We will host several gatherings throughout 2020 with the first one being held on 7th March 2020, 10 - 11 am in the Magnificat Room (Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets).

To RSVP, please book online through the parish website www.bbcatholic/ chatswood under the school's tab.

For more information, email Bernadette bernadette.ho@bbatholic.org.au

2020 PARENT CONNECT GATHERING DATES

Time	Day	Date
10 - 11 am	Saturday	7th March
10 - 11 am	Saturday	4th April
10 - 11 am	Saturday	16th May
10 - 11 am	Saturday	13th June
10 - 11 am	Saturday	8th August
10 - 11 am	Saturday	12th September

Kindy Blessing



The Catholic community of Chatswood *invites all* the Kindy children and their families to our:

'Kindy Blessing Mass' On Sunday 15 March 2020 At our 9am Family Mass

A family-friendly celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church 94 Archer St. Chatswood

After Mass please join us at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School playground where we will have **morning tea** and **a** jumping castle!

Please bring a plate to share!

All welcome!

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Parent Education Program

Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay – Parent Education Team

1-2-3 Magic Workshop, 2020

Building Emotional Intelligence & managing behaviour Program consists of 2, <u>2 hour</u> sessions, working through a parent resource booklet

The program supports parents and caregivers with effective strategies to help their children self-regulate and manage their emotions and behaviour. Children who have developed social and emotional skills find it easier to manage themselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about the world around them.



Date: 18th and 25th March, 2020

Time:9-11am

Venue:Our Lady of Dolours

Parent workbooks are available for purchase on the day for \$10

RSVP: Please return the slip to the office or email by February 21st 2020 old@dbb.catholic.edu.au

YES I will be attending the 1-2-3 Magic Workshop 18th and 25th March 2020

Name(<u>s)</u>

Child's Class

Community News



Our Lady of Dolours Parents Night Out

The Events Committee has organised this year's Parents Night Out and we'd love for you to join us. So book the babysitter and have a night out on Friday 27 March from 6.30pm at The Avenue in Chatswood (465 Victoria Avenue). There will be food, music and lucky door prizes. The cost is \$25 per person and can be paid via Qkr!

Community News

St Pius X College, Chatswood

OPEN DAY Saturday March 14

Chatswood Campus 10 am - 2 pm and Oxford Falls Sporting Fields 8 am - 12 noon

- Meet the Principal, staff and students
- Principal's Welcome 12 noon at Chatswood

ALL WELCOME



ST PIUS X COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 14 MARCH • 10am – 2pm



Chatswood Campus 35 Anderson Street, Chatswood 9411 4733

Our sporting fields at Oxford Falls will be open 8am – 12noon



www.spx.nsw.edu.au

A CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS IN YEAR 5 - 12 IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION

COMMUNITY NEWS



What will you code and create these school holidays?

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Calling for Canteen Volunteers!

The Canteen is open 12:40pm – 1:40pm Monday to Friday. Just an hour of your time is all that's needed.

Please email us your availability to olodcanteen@yahoo.com.au or cgb0912@gmail.com.

Send the following information:

Full name: Mobile number: Email address: Grade (which grades are your children in): Requested days: Frequency (eg. Once a week, once a fortnight, once a month, once a term)

Please feel free to email us for any questions or clarifications.

The kids thank you! Rosalie Keledjian & Cris Barancik

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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
27 January 2020	Holidays	Holidays	Holidaya	Rosalie Keledjian	Cris Barancik
3 February 2020	Sonys Purches Amy Chan	Selvia Wjaya	Melissa Chung	Alison Henderson Janelle Johnson	Ani Wibisono
10 February 2020	Sonys Purches Amy Chan	Xi Yu	Portie Yu	Sis Macree	Cris Barancik Ani Wbisono
17 February 2020	Amy Chan Ann Bacel	Branka Posa Seda Gulesserian	Ports Yu Sheryi Maynard	Nicole Woods Olivis Ma	Ani Wibisono
24 February 2020	Trishs Seeto Cluff Marilyn King	Olivis Ma Anna Karolina Mata	Portis Yu Nerida Welch	Sheryl Maynard	Cris Barancik Ani Wibisono
2 Maroh 2020	Amy Chan	Branka Posa Noelle Wilkin-Smith	Portis Yu Yoyo Yau	Sonya Purches	Sally Park Christine Lee
9 Maroh 2020	Amy Chan	Debby Liu	Portie Yu	Rosalle Keledjian	Cris Barancik
18 Maroh 2020	Trishs Seeto Cluff Marilyn King	Yini Perg Li Wei	Portis Yu Nerida Welch	Cartyn Linders	Kate Zhang
23 Maroh 2020	Amy Chan	Anna Karolina Mata	Portie Yu	Kate Stipo	Cris Barancik
30 Maroh 2020	Amy Chan	Jungma Hyun Jung	Portis Yu Neida Welch	Cartyn Linders	Selvis Wjays
8 April 2020	Amy Chan	Branka Posa Anna Karolina Mata	Portis Yu Olivis Ma	Rosalie Keledjian Olivia Ma	Cris Barancik

Above is the 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 thats needed. If you are available to fill any of the orange highlighted spots, please write your name in on that day. Please unpack boxes of stock (if any) and refill fridge/freezer, etc. . The kids thank you for your assistance !

COMMUNITY NEWS



Dear Parents,

O.L.D.'s Scholastic Book Club will start with **Issue 2** in **Term 1**. The catalogue will be arriving soon. You can still purchase books from Issue $\underline{1}$ and have it home delivered.

To keep book club running, I am currently looking for parents to help distribute books 3 times this year. Issue 2 (term 1), Issue 3 (term 2) and Issue 7 (term 4).

Please contact me at oldscholastisbookclub@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Julie Roman



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 13 February 2020.

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 <u>enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</u> for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Community News



BUILDING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS 建立家庭关系 PARENTING WORKSHOP 育儿工作坊

For parents and grandparents 适用于父母和祖父母



Wednesday 12th March 2020 12:30am – 2pm



Chatswood Youth Centre Albert Ave &, Victor St, Chatswood NSW 2067



FREE

A workshop for parents and grandparents to build healthy strategies on how to build positive relationships with their children. For families with children 2-12years.

本工作坊适用于家有2-12岁的父母和祖父母,工作坊旨于探讨如何建立积极亲子关系的健康策略

工作坊有会说中文的社区义工提供翻译服务 Community Volunteer Chinese speaking interpreter available for workshop presentation

需要预定位置 BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Naremburn Family Centres P: (02) 8425 8700 E: intakefs@catholiccaredbb.org.au Note: Childcare is not available

catholiccaredbb.org.au



The 2020 NRL Footy season gets underway on Thursday 12th March and you're invited to join the official O.L.D. Footy Tipping Competition.

We'd love you to join in the fun.

Entry is \$10 and the competition is run online by iTipFooty.com.au, where you can see all the stats and monitor where you are sitting on the ladder.

If you'd like to join, please follow the instructions below and get your \$10 to Mrs. Greenwood (2B) as soon as possible.

To join the O.L.D. Footy Tip Competition:

- 1) Go to https://www.iTipFooty.com.au
- 2) Click the 'REGISTER' button if you don't already have an account with
- iTipFooty.com.au
- 3) Once you have successfully registered login and, click the JOIN COMP button.
- 4) Enter Comp # 100872 and Comp Password thunderbird.
- 5) Click join comp.....DONE!

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Greenwood: jill.greenwood@dbb.catholic.edu.au

SOCCER at O.L.D. Attention ALL SOCCER PLAYERS...

Would your child like to play soccer this year?

Over the years Our Lady of Dolours soccer has proven to be heaps of fun and a great way for children (and families) to form and establish wonderful friendships.

The 2020 soccer season kicks-off soon and we're looking for players in all age groups for 2020!

For more information, please email expressions of interest as soon as possible to the school Football Co-ordinator, James O'Donnell

ourladyofdolourssoccer@gmail.com