

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 8 – 15 June 2020

ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Have you booked your Parent /Teacher interview yet? Don't forget to log onto Compass to book your Semester 1 interview with your classroom teacher. Please refer to the Compass message sent on Monday 15th June for specific information regarding the mode of communication that your teacher will be using (phone calls or zoom meetings).

Please note: *If you require two interviews for individual parents in a split family situation, please contact Miss Thorpe (via the school's email address) as Compass does not have the ability to book an interview for the same child more than once. We would be more than happy to arrange this with you manually.*

To book your meeting please use the Compass 'conference' feature:

1. Log into Compass
2. Go to your news feed and there will be a link to make a booking called 'Semester 1 Parent teacher interview'
3. Click your child's name
4. Click your teacher's name
5. All classes with two teachers will need to book their time with the teacher who works on Monday (ie KG- Sarah Croall, 1G – Mary-Anne FitzGerald, 4B- Bernadette Antico, 5/6G-Jane Baker)
6. Choose a day and time you would like to have your meeting with your classroom teacher/s
7. Click on one of the timeslots
8. Once the time slot has been selected in the step before, a confirmation box will appear. In this box will be the reason, staff member involved, student and the selected time for the meeting. Press OK if all the details are correct. Press Cancel if you wish to go back and amend some details.
9. Once you have clicked 'OK' the box will turn green, confirming your booking
10. In the event that you need to change your booking, repeat the whole process. Once you click on your new preferred time slot / day, your former timeslot will have your name removed.

Don't forget the last day of Term 2 for students is Thursday 2nd July. We are currently organising for Camp Australia to stay open for full day bookings for the 3rd July - confirmation of this arrangement and booking details will be communicated soon.

Promotional Videos: We have just received the latest edition of our promotional video for 2020 and we are all so proud of how it shines a light on OLD. We thank Shaun Groves for creating this video. Here are the links to the videos of different lengths. Please share it with your family and friends and on social media!

<https://vimeo.com/430235626> (full length video)

<https://vimeo.com/430235869> (shorter version for social media)



COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Every Wednesday School Assembly via Zoom 8.50am

JULY

Thursday 2 July Last day of Term 2

Friday 3 July Staff Development Day

Monday 20 July Students return for Term 3

Keep checking the school website under 'calendar' for possible changes to dates

old@dbb.catholic.edu.au



ACTING Principal – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

Communication with your teachers: Please remember the protocol for emailing staff at OLD is to send all emails to the school email address old@dbb.catholic.edu.au

It will then get sent onto the classroom teachers. This ensures teachers are given the opportunity to rest and recover from the busy work day after school hours. Reading work emails that are sent late in the evening is not beneficial for a teacher's wellbeing and their readiness for the following work day. Thank you for your understanding with this school procedure.

COVID tests and communication with the school: Thank you so much to all the families who have already informed the school (email sent to Miss Thorpe via the school office) if someone in your immediate family (those that you reside with) is tested for Coronavirus. Please remember to also inform us of the results of the test. This is important information for our records in case anything happens in the future with COVID and NSW Health needs to trace close contacts. This information will remain confidential.

We would appreciate that you follow NSW Health guidelines that all your family isolates at home until results are received. Thank you for your understanding with this procedure.

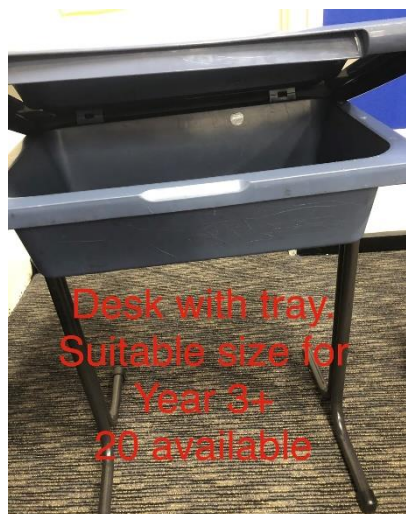
Uniform reminders: Students are reminded to only wear school jumpers and sports pants (available at Lowes) and only school colour hair accessories. Thank you.

Year 5 boy's leadership project: The Year 5 boys are starting a new leadership project this week that they have formulated themselves. The boys have been meeting with myself or Mrs Healey brainstorming ideas to make the school an even better place for everyone. Each week they will be planning and running fun lunchtime activities for a different class. They will include team building activities, problem solving games, games from different countries and other fun activities.

We are so proud of the group of boys that have stayed on at OLD for their senior years and the leadership these boys have shown so far. We are excited to watch as they continue to develop into the Year 6 leaders of 2021.

Let's keep an eye out for the leadership ideas from the Year 5 girls later in the year too!

Free furniture available: We still have numerous pieces of furniture available for families to pick up and use at home or at their workplace. Please email the school if you would like to take some free of charge.



Book your school tour & enrolment interview today!



CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE
SCHOOL TOURS DAILY @ 3.30PM
ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS: ONLINE DAILY



ACTING REC – Miss Camilla Brown

A Prayer for World Refugee Day (20th June)



*Loving God,
We pray for the world's refugees,
They have experienced trauma beyond our imagining.
God of healing, bring them healing.
They endure the most trying of circumstances.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They face an uncertain future.
God of hope, bring them hope.*

*We pray for the countries from which refugees come,
They are experiencing conflict.
God of healing, bring them healing.
Their people are torn apart by violence & other types of persecution.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They face a difficult future.
God of hope, bring them hope.*

*God of hope, bring them hope.
We pray for refugees who have resettled in Australia.
They have experienced great loss.
God of healing, bring them healing.
They are building new lives in a foreign land.
God of strength, bring them strength.
They are courageously carving out a future.
God of hope, bring them hope.*

Jesuit Refugee Service - Thank you!

Thank you to all our students, families and friends who donated household items to the Jesuit Refugee Service. Thank you to our Year 6 Mercy Action Team & Year 6 leaders who collected the items from each classroom and boxed them up to be collected. On Monday, the donations were picked up by our parish social justice coordinator Trish Wilson and taken directly to the JRS. The JRS will distribute the items directly to families in need struggling during these trying times.

If you would like to learn more or donate directly to the JRS, please call 9356388 or go to www.jrs.org.au

Thank you for contributing to this worthy cause!



ACTING REC – Miss Camilla Brown

First Holy Communion - Enrolments open NEXT MONDAY!

Enrolments for First Holy Communion will open NEXT Monday 22 June and close on Friday 3 July.

Please read the below information from Angela Hague, our Sacramental Program coordinator:

1. **We are not asking you to commit to a particular Mass as yet**, as we expect changes to restrictions which will affect the celebration of the sacrament. We hope that in August when we are attending sessions, we will have a better picture of what we can offer and will ask you then for which Mass day and time. At this stage we are expecting to offer every parish Mass during September for children to receive their First Communion.
2. **As for the child-parent meetings** – in the enrolment process, there will be a question on preference for Zoom gathering or face to face. Please be assured we will be working to adhere to all current safety protocols with face to face gatherings. We will leave this to you to decide what is best for your family, but be aware, the dynamic is very different in each setting and online option might be harder for the facilitator to lead.
My personal preference is face-to-face as I like to be with the children, but having said that, I have been running a few sessions this week with children and have been very happy with their engagement. Your kids are amazing!
3. **And the parent meetings** – As per Reconciliation we have moved to a new format of smaller groups and have given you 5 day/time options. Again we hope to run these face to face in the largest Parish Meeting Room, but if any people have a real preference for doing this online, please email me and we may decide (depending on numbers) to make one or more of the meeting times a ZOOM option (perhaps the evening ones).

To enrol: please go to our parish website or click the link below. Please note it will not go live to enrol until next Monday morning. <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/sacraments/children-s-sacramental-program/enrolments>

If you have any questions or concerns about enrolling or participating in the program, please contact Angela Hague: Phone: (02) 9410 9033 Email: Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au



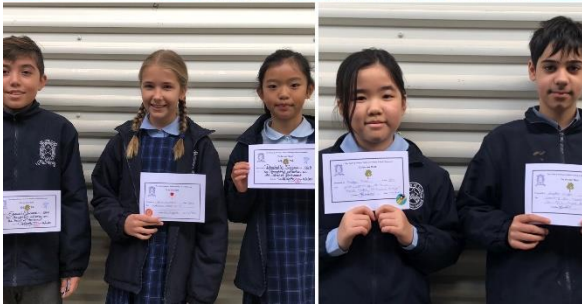
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AWARD WINNERS

Week 8





OSHC is full of fun and enriching activities.

Whilst Term 2 may have started off a little different to normal, in OSHC we've continued our focus on learning, creativity and having fun, whilst making sure that health and safety is always top of mind.

So, what have we been up to in OSHC this term?

The children at our service have enjoyed games and activities such as Basketball, Dance, Science Experiments based on a range of topics such as static electricity, as well as Painting and Cooking. One of the most popular activities last week involved children working together to build the tallest tower they could!



Plus, as always, there was also plenty of time for homework, mindfulness and reading.

Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care. For families who require care, childcare will be provided free of charge until 30th June as per the Federal Government's announcement on the 2nd April. Whilst care is free, we still need to know if you are coming. We ask that you get your bookings in as soon as you can.

It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit our blog for helpful information and fun activities.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. This month we are focusing on all things COVID-19. We talk about how to adjust to the changes you've made in your household, including fun activity ideas to entertain your child at home.

Visit the blog here: <https://campaustalia.com.au/blog>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for a fun way to get your kids fit after COVID?

Then Chatswood Junior Rugby's GET INTO RUGBY! is for you!

\$50 for 5 one hour, non-contact, COVID-safe activity sessions

Join boys and girls in all age groups training strictly in compliance with COVID safety orders. Professionally facilitated, age-appropriate activity program run by Try Time Rugby – Trytime Rugby Camps

All new members receive a free Training T-shirt and a discounted membership if they choose to join for the competitions in Term 3.

Location:

Beauchamp Park, Chatswood

Dates:

2 program start dates on Wed/Fri 10th/12th June or Wed/Fri 17th/19th June (and then every Wednesday/Friday for 4 more weeks)

Ages:

Wednesday from 5pm for School years 4-6

Friday from 4pm for School years K-3

Register now:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=630914&>

For more information: Call: Al Walker 0411 032 699 or Email: vpminis@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au



Junior
SCIENCE ACADEMY

**BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF
STEM at MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**

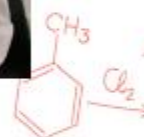
Join our exciting science, technology, engineering and maths programs for Years K- 7 during the July school holidays.

- Class topics include robotics, learning about dinosaurs, astronomy, DNA, and many, many more.
- Our classes are designed to teach concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.
- Procedures for COVID-19 are in place and arrangements made for full refunds in the case of illness so parents don't lose money. Book with confidence.

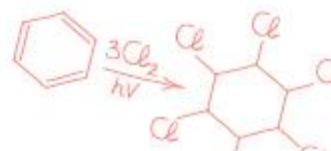
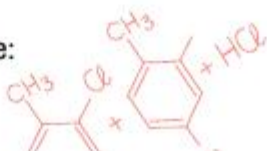


Creative Kids vouchers (value \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher.

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50



Want more information? Visit our website:
mq.edu.au/about/holidays





Junior Program

Tennis Lessons at Chatswood Tennis Club are open for enrolments.

Lessons are available every weekday afternoon as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Active Kids Vouchers can be used for this program.

A FREE bus service runs on a Monday & Friday afternoon for Our Lady of Dolours students.



**Free bus service on
Mondays & Friday from
Our Lady of Dolours PS**

Please call 9411 1500 for more details or visit

<https://chatswoodtennis.com.au/kids-coaching/hot-shots-coaching/>



**HOLIDAY
CAMP**

Our holiday camp programs are designed for children ages 5-14 years old. Each day is action packed with professional tennis coaching, outdoor sports and games, and fun challenges with friends. Our camps are perfect for all levels and abilities.

ABOUT THE CAMPS

Our holiday camps provide a dedicated program for every level and age group. Modified equipment is used, enabling everyone to play and enjoy their progress. Varied activities ensure an engaging, fun and active holiday program experience.

BOOK ONLINE
www.chatswoodtennis.com.au/camps

**CAMP 1
29-3 JULY**

**CAMP 2
6-10 JULY**

**CAMP 3
13-17 JULY**

**CAMP 4
20 JULY**

WE OFFER

- PROFESSIONAL COACHING
- ACTIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- COMPETITIONS
- BUS PICK UP & DROP OFF
- BEFORE & AFTER CARE

Keeping Our School Safe!



Student hygiene practices



1. Use of non-contact greeting methods
2. Clean hands with soap when entering the school and regularly during the day

3. Do not share personal items (school supplies or toys brought in)

4. Games where students touch each other directly or indirectly (through a ball) will be discouraged.



5. Avoid touching your face and cover your coughs and sneezes - use hand sanitiser after sneezing or coughing.

6. Students will not mix with students in other grades - we will have staggered break times and dismissal times. There are also designated areas of the school for each grade during break time and dismissal times.

7. Students must use drink bottles that can be refilled rather than bubblers.

Whole school practices

1. A hygienist has been employed to be at the school during the day (additional to our regular cleaners) to:

- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, desks, chairs, and railings regularly.
- Clean highly touched surfaces in the toilets after each break time.



2. Increase ventilation in classrooms by opening doors and scheduling outdoor lessons throughout the day



3. There will not be whole school events until further notice (such as assemblies or sporting events) where students from different grades mix.

4. At this point in time the canteen & 2nd hand clothing stall remain closed.

Keeping our parents safe: We must still restrict parents entering the school grounds. Please adhere to social distancing measures at all times, as well as the dismissal arrangements. There are marks on the floor that we recommend you use for social distancing when picking up your children. Please follow the signs on our gates so we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

All students and teachers must stay at home if...



- they have symptoms of COVID-19, a cold or flu (students will be sent home if they exhibit any of these symptoms)
- they have a sick family member at home
- an additional sick bay has been created for students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
- temperature checks will occur for any child exhibiting illness at school



Take care of your emotional and mental well-being

Outbreaks are a stressful and anxious time for everyone. We're here to support you! Reach out to old@dbb.catholic.edu.au if you need any support.

Please visit our website for information about financial support or fee relief.

We appreciate your support with these health and safety measures.