

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 2 – 27 July 2020

ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe



Kindy's 100 days at school: A huge congratulations to our beautiful kindergarten students for celebrating their 100th day at school on Tuesday. What a great achievement! I think we must also say another huge congratulations to our Kindy teaching team - Mrs Sarah Croall, Mrs Trudy Pidcock and Miss Olivia Smith for such a highly successful first 100 days of school for these students - both online and face-to-face.



Exciting events for our 2021 Kindy students: Even though our current Kindy class have only just celebrated 100 days at school, we are starting to prepare for our 2021 Kindy students and have some special events coming up for them (please share if you know someone with a child starting school in 2021):

1. **Virtual open days:** I will be holding 2 virtual open days on Monday 10th (6-7pm) and Thursday 13th (10-11am) August. Please register via the school website.
2. **School Readiness zoom session:** The Kindy teachers and I will be holding an evening zoom session (12th August; 6.30-7.30pm) for parents, filled with lots of hints and tips on how to get your child ready for school (more information later in the newsletter).
3. **LEAP into Learning playgroups:** We invite all families with a child starting school in 2021 to join us for our 5 special LEAP into Learning playgroups. Please check out our website for more information and to register for one or more of these sessions:

<https://www.olddb.catholic.edu.au/is-your-child-ready-for-kindy-in-2021/>



LEAP INTO LEARNING
UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S
LEARNING POTENTIAL
BEFORE THEY START
SCHOOL

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Monday 10 Public speaking finals K, 2, 4, 6 (audience via zoom)

Tuesday 11 Public speaking finals 1, 3, 5 (audience via zoom)

Wednesday 12 Getting ready for Kindergarten 2021 (virtual session 6.30-7.30pm)
Book via school office

SEPTEMBER

Friday 25 Last day for term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 12 Students return for term 4

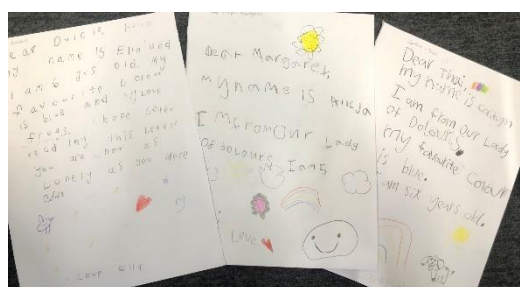
Monday 12 School photos

DECEMBER

Wednesday 16 Students last day term 4

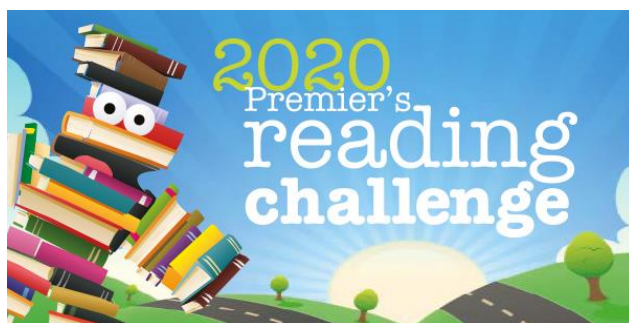
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Letter writing club: This week our Year 5 girls launched their leadership program and ran the first letter writing club. We received the names of 30 people living in nursing homes that are unable to have visitors. So students from Kindy-Year 6 spent their lunch writing beautiful letters that will be sent off. Each week children are invited to come along and write to more people in our community. Thank you to the Year 5 girls for their leadership when helping the younger students!



QUICK REMINDERS:

- **Library Bags:** All students are to bring library bags each week on their designated borrowing day so they are able to borrow some of our school library books. Without these bags, children are not able to borrow anything. Please ensure your child's name is on this bag.
- **Raincoats / umbrellas:** When the forecast is for rain please ensure your child has either a raincoat or umbrella at school. We now dismiss our students outside, which means they are standing for periods of time without protection from the rain.
- **Lost property:** Every day after lunch I walk around and collect at least 10 items that children have left lying around the playground. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on all items (especially hats and jackets). This way they can be quickly returned to the children (however, we would ideally like all children to take responsibility for their belongings!).
- **Band members:** Can all band members please enter the school via Kirk street gate on a Wednesday morning, Thank you.



Premier's Reading Challenge: Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020. There are still 85 students that have registered but haven't completed the challenge yet...so don't forget to keep reading!!!

Special challenge for Year 6 students - it's your last chance Year 6...can we get the whole grade completing the PRC???

Benjamin	Louise	Chloe
Sarita	Nicholas	Austin
Pieux	Lana	Cooper
Isaiah	Thea	Yvaine
Anthony		

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Student achievements:

Congratulations to Euna (Year 3) and Elena (Year 4) who entered a poster into the '2020 Harmony Day poster competition' and were awarded a certificate of participation.

Congratulations to Cordelia (Year 5) who has been selected to join the SXL International Squad. She has worked very hard - including countless hours of Zoom training sessions when the gym was unavailable. The appointment places her at the elite end of acrobatic gymnastics, with opportunities to compete both Nationally and internationally. She is now training almost 20 hours a week!



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AWARD WINNERS

Week 2



Book your school tour &
enrolment interview
today!



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



GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

IS YOUR
CHILD
STARTING
SCHOOL IN
2021?

JOIN OUR
ZOOM
SESSION
FULL OF
HINTS & TIPS
TO HELP
PREPARE YOU
& YOUR
CHILD FOR
SCHOOL

TO
REGISTER
CALL:

9419 2645

OR EMAIL:

old@dbb.catholic.edu.au

WEDNESDAY
12TH
AUGUST
6.30-7.30 PM



HEAR
FROM OUR
ACTING
PRINCIPAL
AND
KINDY
TEACHERS



IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDY IN 2021?



LEAP

into our free 1 hour play-based morning sessions designed and run by teachers to help your child be school ready.

LEARNING EXPLORING ACTIVE PLAY SESSIONS

LEARN



Is your child curious and creative? LEAP sessions make every day play a fun and exciting learning experience.

EXPLORE



Every session begins with an adventure through story. Then together take part in hands-on activities to develop new skills.

ACTIVE



LEAP into learning is an exciting and busy place for children and families to enjoy quality time together whilst making new friends.

PLAY



Play is a natural way for children to explore, so get messy and go where your child's imaginations can roam!

DON'T MISS OUT, LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE BY SESSION – VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER!

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School Promotions & Marketing Coordinator

Are you one of our "Raving Fans" and have marketing/promotions experience?
Looking for a challenging work environment that's family friendly?

Do you have these skills?

- A marketing background
- Sound knowledge of Social Media, WordPress, Canva or Adobe creative suite
- Outstanding written and oral communication skills
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of the local area
- The ability to be tenacious, flexible and adaptable
- Demonstrated initiative
- Able to work in a team
- Exceptional organisational skills

Would you like to put them to work for your school?

What you could be doing:

- Liaising with the CSO Marketing team on system initiatives
- Promoting the school within the local community
- Building relationships with local organisations and businesses to raise our brand awareness
- Creating local marketing initiatives and events and evaluating their success
- Creating and developing new innovative ways to communicate the school message to the community and our existing parents
- Planning, organising and overseeing open day and open evening initiatives
- Designing, implementing and monitoring social media campaigns
- Creating partnership programmes with local preschools
- Organising school readiness presentations in preschools
- Organising school transition programmes
- Seeking out and following up all enrolment enquires made to the school
- Supporting the Principal to market the school effectively

The Diocese of Broken Bay school system has opportunities for passionate and experienced parents to work two days per week for the remainder of the school year to build up the promotions and community communications of your school.

If this opportunity is of interest, please send a brief 2-page EOI to hr@dbb.catholic.edu.au by Friday 7th August. And include your availability in regard to what days of the week are best for you.

Camp Australia Newsletter

Trying to get back into Routine? Tips on Transitioning Back.

Visit the Camp Australia blog for some inspiration, advice and fun activities for children. New articles are added each week to provide ideas and tips to families.

Go to the blog: www.campaustralia.com.au/blog

We have a collection of articles that may assist you with transitioning children back into routine, whether they're returning from school holidays or they have been learning from home due to COVID-19.



Blog Pick #1

Giving Children the Confidence to Nurture their Social Skills when Back at School

There's excitement and apprehension, combined with a little nervousness associated with reconnecting with friends who haven't been seen for a lengthy period of time. Being equipped with the confidence, however, is where it all starts.

[Read more...](#)



Blog Pick #2

Tips on Transitioning Back into the School Classroom after COVID-19

As learning from home required some adjustment for families, the return back to school will be a welcome change. This post includes some tips that will help ease children back to a more familiar environment.

[Read more...](#)

Enhanced safety and hygiene.

With updated policies and measures, we commit to providing a safe and hygienic environment for your children to enjoy.

FREE to Register.

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now free](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
20 July 2020		Ann Perez	Melissa Cheung	Janelle Johnson	Cris Barancik
27 July 2020	Kate Stipo	Yoyo Yau	Debbie Lui	Rosalie Keledjian	Alison Henderson
3 August 2020	Sonya Purches	Ann Perez	Amy Chan	Debbie Liu	Nerinda Welch
10 August 2020	Ann Bacsi	Seda Gulesserian	Sheryl Maynard	Nicole Woods	Ani Wibisono
17 August 2020	Nerinda Welch	Sonya Purches	Amy Chan	Sheryl Maynard	Alison Henderson
24 August 2020	Nancy Lo	Yoyo Yau	Portia Yu	Nicole Woods	Cris Barancik
31 August 2020	Nerinda Welch	Ann Perez	Amy Chan	Rosalie Keledjian	
7 September 2020		Yoyo Yau	Nerida Welch	Carlyn Linders	Katie Zhang
14 September 2020	Nancy Lo	Ann Perez	Amy Chan	Kate Stipo	Alison Henderson
21 September 2020		Yoyo Yau	Nerida Welch	Carlyn Linders	Selvia Wijaya
28 September 2020	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays

Above is the canteen roster. **Until further notice, it's one person per shift.**

Please let us know if you can fill in for the empty slots.

If you are listed on, please let us know if you are unavailable ASAP.

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

Please unpack boxes of stock (if any) and refill fridge/freezer, etc. .

The kids thank you for your assistance !

2 DAYS ONLY - 6TH - 7TH AUGUST
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
& EVERYTHING ELSE!



SHOP IN-STORE & ONLINE

On the day of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Thank you for your support. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing, Marshalls wearing hi-vis vests will be on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.

*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 7/8/2020. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Savings off original prices.

2nd HAND UNIFORM

Emergency orders available for 2nd hand winter uniforms.

As you would be aware parents and carers are currently unable to come onto the school grounds and as such our 2nd hand uniform stall is unable to operate as normal. In light of this if you have an emergency situation and are in need of a 2nd hand uniform if you could please email Reena Ma on reenaleema@yahoo.com.au by 3pm Thursday 6 August with items you are in need of. If these items are available the office will then contact you the week of Monday 10 August advising of amount owing for items, you will then pay via Qkr! and then once payment is received items will be sent home with your child.

Please only order if it is an emergency and understand we will be unable to accept refunds or exchanges."

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Learn Music on Keyboard or Guitar
at School
Enrolment for Term 3**

*Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!*

- Keyboard: kindy - Y6, Guitar: Y2—Y6
- Convenient at-school venue with additional health & safety measures in place
- Small group, 45- min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



**To enrol: www.learnmusicatschool.com.au
(02) 9411 3122**

VIP Music est. 1984

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.