

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** Term 3 Week 7 – 31 August 2020

**ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe**

## Father's Day

TODAY WE HONOUR AND THINK OF  
THE SEASONED VETERAN DADS

**THE NEW DADS**

THE MEN WHO ARE WAITING TO BECOME DADS  
THE STEPDADS AND FOSTER DADS  
THE AMAZING SINGLE DADS  
THE DADS WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN  
**THE DADS WE HAVE LOST**

THE MEN WHO WILL ONE DAY BECOME DADS  
THE AMAZING WOMEN THAT PLAY BOTH MUM AND DAD

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Father's Day liturgy. We had around 120 people participating in the zoom on Friday morning, which was so wonderful to be a part of. I hope all the Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and other special men in our lives have a beautiful day on Sunday. Even though Dad's are so important to us every day, on Sunday we get to spoil you all rotten! I hope there is lots of backyard cricket games, new socks and Bunnings vouchers for you all to enjoy (or is that just what's install for my Dad?).

### COMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

**Friday 4** Virtual Disco  
3:30 – 4:30pm

**Monday 7** OLD Principal  
Survey Due

**Friday 25** Last day for term 3

#### OCTOBER

**Monday 12** Students return  
for term 4

**Monday 12** School photos  
(Summer Uniform)

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# SEL-TEMBER 2020

**What is SEL?** Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.



## Self-awareness and self-management

This week our students have been learning about the skills associated with ‘Self-Awareness’ and ‘Self-Management’ (<https://casel.org/what-is-sel/>)

**Self-awareness:** The ability to accurately recognise one’s emotions and thoughts and their influence on behaviours. This includes accurately assessing one’s strengths and limitations and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism.

**Self-management:** The ability to regulate one’s emotions, thoughts, and behaviour’s effectively in different situations. This includes managing stress, controlling impulses, motivating oneself, and setting and working toward achieving personal and academic goals.

*Here is a great website to assist you to learn more about self-awareness and self-management:*

<https://qgie.berkeley.edu/student-well-being/sel-for-students-self-awareness-and-self-management/>

**Hats! Hats! Hats!** Now we have started Spring our ‘No Hat, no play, sit in the shade today’ rule has come into action. We started the week with 17 children sitting out during break times and by today (Friday) we have less than 5.

It is so important our children always wear their hats outside (even in the mornings) to protect themselves from the harmful sun and to wear the full school uniform.

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### **OLD Principal 2021 - Have your say!!!**

Dear Parents and Staff,

Recruitment processes for the new school principal at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic School are in progress. An important part of the selection process is to consult with members of the school community. This consultation and the feedback received is taken very seriously in the selection of a new Principal. To ensure all members of the community have the opportunity to be involved we have prepared a simple form for feedback to be collected. All comments are completely confidential.

Please could you complete [this form](#) by close of business on Monday 7 September so we can ensure your feedback is available for the shortlisting panel.

We look forward to hearing from you and will be in touch again as the selection process progresses.  
Kind regards

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**Introducing our new Promotions / Marketing Team:** OLD was so fortunate to be one of a dozen schools to be chosen to have a new role introduced into the school for promotions and marketing. You may remember this role was advertised in our parent community and our successful applicant is actually a team! Holly Treder, Michelle Stanley and Katie Crichton will be our promotions team for the remainder of 2020. This team of mothers successfully secured over \$100 000 in grants over the past couple of years. I am very excited to start working with the team next week on developing strategies to ensure our local community hears all about our great school.





**'Towards 2025' Diocesan strategic plan:** On Thursday night a group of parents joined me to hear about the new Diocesan strategic plan. At this point in time the Broken Bay Diocese staff are in the exploring and discovering stage - thinking about 'blue sky' ideas of future innovations and improvements across the diocese. So far the new strategic plan has only impacted OLD with the new promotions role and the new recruitment process - which includes getting your input for the future OLD Principal. However, watch this space and I will keep you updated with any more changes or new initiatives. The one page summary of the strategy has been attached to this newsletter.



**Not returning in 2021?** If you already know that your child will not be returning to Our Lady of Dolours in 2021 can you please contact the school office for a leavers form and to book your exit interview. Year 6 families will receive a leaving form closer to graduation.

**COVID Fee relief:** for those families still requiring fee relief please refer to the website (<https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/parenthub/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19>) for information about fee relief for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021 - we want all our school community to be as strong as ever, and would never want to lose one of our precious families due to financial difficulties.

# AWARD WINNERS

## Week 7







# Zoom *Liturgy of the Word*

We want to offer you a new and engaging way to gather in prayer with the parish.

*Come and join us* at our online *Liturgy of the Word* where parishioners, including families with children gather to listen to God's Word and respond in prayer with Fr Jim, Angela Hague and Bernadette Ho. This is not a streamed Mass which you passively watch, but an interactive live event where you can both listen and respond for around 40 minutes from the comfort of your own home.

*When:* **The first Sunday of every month at 4 pm.** For more details contact Bernadette Ho 9410 9031 or [Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Bernadette.ho@bbcatholic.org.au)

*For the Zoom link*, head to the parish website:  
[bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood](http://bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood) and click **online options**.



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# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TOWARDS 2025



## VISION

Authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

## PURPOSE

Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

## STRATEGIC STATEMENT

Under the leadership of the Bishop we are committed to maintaining focus on our purpose; to collaborating in the mission; to applying evidence based practice in all our endeavours and to delivering the vision as we strive to be at least as good as the very best.

## STRATEGIC THEMES & PRIORITIES

### 1. EVANGELISATION & CATECHESIS

- Mission Formation
- Quality Religious Education
- Communication and Engagement with Parish School Communities
- Assessment of effectiveness/opportunity for improvement

### 2. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Academic growth and achievement
- Success for our students in all aspects of learning
- Innovative and evidence-informed practice to improve outcomes for all.

## STRATEGIC ENABLERS & PRIORITIES

### 3. GOVERNANCE

- An aligned and balanced business model will inform policy and practise
- Our decision-making processes will support our strategic priorities
- Our staff will be supported to know understand and practice good governance

### 4. CAPABILITY & ENABLEMENT OF OUR PEOPLE

- Capable, faith filled leaders
- Student centred leadership
- Attract, develop and retain high performing personnel
- Performance growth and coaching culture
- Enablement of others- unleashing potential (staff, students, parents)

### 5. FINANCIAL VIABILITY

- Fees/Pricing
- Budgets and Resourcing
- Short and Long Term Financial Planning
- Grow Enrolments

### 6. INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

- ICT Infrastructure to support learning
- Capital Works - Major and Minor
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Whole of System Budgeting

## MEASURES

Measures of effectiveness indicating continuous improvement

## VALUES



FAITH



JOY



WITNESS



COMPASSION



COURAGE