OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 3 Week 9 – 14 September 2020

ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

SEL-TEMBER 2020

This week our students focused on <u>responsible</u> <u>decision making</u> and learning what it means to make good decisions. Throughout the week we reminded our students to think about the following questions before making a decision:



- Is it kind?
- Is it safe?
- Is it respectful?
- Is it responsible?

As we only have one more week of Term 3, I think it is important to reflect on how far we have come this year. When we reached Week 7 a few weeks ago, it was the longest our children had been at school this year in a single term. We have now made it to the end of the term and our community is doing so very well. Our students are walking through the front door every day with giant smiles on their faces, the most beautiful manners and are ready to learn. Our teachers are continuing to learn new things and developing innovative and inspiring learning experiences. Last night the teachers stayed back at school until 6.30pm learning about our Promethean touch screens and how to elevate the use of ICLT in our school to ensure our students are creating and using deep, critical thinking.

I wish to, one again, thank you all for your on-going support and I am really looking forward to another exciting term in Term 4.

VIP Reminder: Day 1, Term 4 is our school photo day and everyone needs to be in Summer uniform.

Today's special surprise! Today everyone at OLD had the most amazing day spending time with a mini farm that visited our school. Our Kindy children had an extra special day dressing as farmers and spending a whole hour with the farm - they have been learning all about living things in Science and Technology. The rest of the school got to spend a period of time with the gorgeous animals as a special treat for SEL-TEMBER.







COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Friday 25 Last day for term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 12 Students return for term 4

Monday 12 School photos (Summer Uniform)

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

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Afternoon pick up: If your child has not been picked up by 3.10pm they will be brought down to the office and you can pick up your child from here. If you are running late (even if it is 5 minutes later than dismissal times) please ring the office to alert us and your child. If you are going to be later than 3.30pm we will need to book your child into After School Care for the afternoon. A reminder that Kinder and Year 1 students (plus siblings) are to be picked up from their designated places at 2.50pm and Year 2-6 are at 3pm. This is to comply with our COVID restrictions. Please ensure all adults remain 1.5m distance apart while waiting for their child/ren.

ICAS exam results: For those parents who had a child completing the ICAS tests, you can log on and view the results for the assessments your child completed. <u>https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/results-and-reports-portal/</u> If you have any issues logging on and viewing results please view the parent guide found on the link above.

PBL – Ms Jennifer Tygh



Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) and Wellbeing at OLD

At OLD we have a whole school approach to developing self-discipline and responsibility in our students. Our focus is also on the development of social and emotional learning. Every second Wednesday, our students meet for 20 minutes in their K-6 PBL groups. These groups are lead by the Year 6 students and incorporate our school rule focus for the next two weeks as well as a Social & Emotional skill, dance and meditation.

You may like to discuss with your child what they did in their PBL groups. This week's activities included a warmup dance, Trolls: Can't Stop the Feeling, a discussion on what makes a good listener, strategies to assist them if feeling angry or upset and The Wish Tree Mindfulness Meditation.

Jennifer Tygh (PBL Coordinator)



LITERACY – Ms Jane Baker

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds 17-23 October

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating Book Week. At this time schools, libraries, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature. The CBCA Book Week 2020 theme is **'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'**. Our Lady of Dolours will be celebrating Book Week on **Wednesday, 21st October** (Week 2, Term 4).

Each grade will have their own <u>character book parade</u> and we will live stream this for classes and families to watch. It will be a lot of fun and EVERYONE is encouraged to dress up as a character from a book of their choice. It will be a lot of FUN! Keep an eye out for further exciting details in coming school newsletters.

Jane Baker (Literacy Coordinator)

Drawing Competition

- Open to children grades K-6
- Draw a picture of your favourite curious creature, real or imaginary.
- Drawing Competition Entry Form can be found in the following pages of the newsletter

Writing Competition

- Open to children from grades K-6
- Write a short story about your favourite curious creature, real or imaginary.
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REC – Miss Camilla Brown

First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to Pippa Element, Adelina Seeto, Carolyn Simpkins, Anastasia Ho and Iris Gregory who celebrated their first Holy Communion on Sunday. This is an extremely special moment in your spiritual life journey and we are very proud of you!

We also keep Jonathan Tan, Alfred Avila, Benjamin Daza, Nicholas Keung, Abigail Maynard, Maddison Sia-Laza, Samula Nicholls and Logan Schweinsberg in our prayers who will be making their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.



ANNOUNCING NEW DATES



REC – Miss Camilla Brown

SOCIAL JUSTICE 'SOCKTOBER'

This year, our school is participating in 'Socktober', a fun and educational program for our students to learn about key issues of mission and social justice and make a difference for young people in need around the world. Watch this video for an <u>overview</u> on Socktober to learn more about this social justice initiative.

We were extremely lucky to invite Catholic Mission to OLD to present a mission workshop to all classes in Year 3-6. This was an amazing and informative presentation that challenged the children to think deeply about the needs of others, particularly in developing countries. The children left the presentation feeling really motivated to make a difference this socktober! Make sure you ask your child about their experience at this workshop.

If you are in the position to be involved, please register your child/ren for Socktober at our school's Socktober page by clicking <u>here</u>. Your participation in Socktober is completely voluntary - there is no obligation, just invitation! **ITEMS NEEDED!**

What Materials Do You Need?







Recycled Plastic Bags

Old socks (or other fabric)

String or Twine

We invite you to please bring in some old (washed) clothes, rags, materials and recycled soft plastic or recycled fabrics to your child's class ASAP. This will allow the children to make a 'sockball' in class next week. Check out this <u>video</u> for how it works... you might even like to make one over the holidays!

Thank you for your support and for helping your child 'sock it to poverty!'

AWARD WINNERS Week 8



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 2020 'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS'

DRAWING COMPETITION

Entry Form Open to children from grades K-6

Draw a picture of your favourite curious creature, real or imaginary.

Name: Class:

Closes Friday 9 October 2020.

Completed entry forms can be submitted in the silver entry box as you enter the school front door



'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS' LIBRARY DRAWING COMPETITION

Draw a picture of your favourite curious creature, real or imaginary.

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Class:	
Phone:	

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Get creative in the kitchen with a recipe straight out of the Camp Australia OSHC



Staying home these holidays?

Holiday Club Online is back with extraordinary digital experiences!

Camp Australia has partnered with <u>StarTime</u> Studios again to bring you extraordinary experiences from the comfort and safety of your living room.

Holiday Club Online's program is full of variety, with a focus on technology-based experiences and will appeal to children of all ages. Plus, they're only \$10 per child, per session!

Check out some of the great online sessions we're running this Spring:



CarToon-tastic

Learn the art of digital storytelling as <u>StarTime</u> Live's professional filmmakers walk you through creating your own short cartoon film! Animate your holidays.



DJing and Music Producing

Let's get on Garageband and learn how to make our own beats! Plus, we'll learn how to mix music, and use sound effects to blend it all in!



Minecraft Building Challenge

Video games have never been more educational! Let's learn the art of architecture and construction in the Minecraft World.

It's FREE to Register. (to use Holiday Club Online, you first need to register). Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.



www.campaustralia.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS!

As term 3 draws to a close TSA wishes to congratulate the amazing student musicians who have been 'keeping the music alive' at school during these crazy times.

Whilst we have not had the chance to showcase your wonderful talents on the stage, we want you all to know that you have blown us away with your resilience and creativity. You should be very proud!

A massive thankyou must also go to your teachers, parents and the whole school community who have helped support you through these times.

We look forward to seeing you all next term!



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WHEN: MONDAY 28 - WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER TIMES: 9:00AM - 12:00PM EACH DAY LOCATION: MORRISON BAY PARK FIELD 4, PUTNEY

WEEK 2:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 7 - FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER TIMES: 9:00AM - 12:00PM EACH DAY LOCATION: MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, CAMPBELL SPORTS FIELD

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GIRLS 5 A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Ages: 9-12 years old

Registration : As teams or individuals Date : Friday 9th October Venue : Northbridge Oval Team pricing: \$50 per team Individual pricing : \$10 per player

Register via link :

https://campscui.active.com/orgs/NorthbridgeFC?season=2874607 More information on website : northbridgefc.com.au Fun girls football day focussed on game learning and meeting new people. Northbridge FC coaches assisting and working with teams throughout the day.

