

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 1 – 12 October 2020

ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

I want to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and were able to enjoy the glorious sunshine and wonderful weather we were blessed with. I always love the first day of term when the children almost run through the front door to see their friends and teachers again with so much excitement and enthusiasm. We are very blessed this term to have Mrs Carmel Healy back at the school two days a week as Acting Assistant Principal. Carmel was with us at the end of Term 2 when we returned from Home Based Learning. Liz Calabria, who was Acting AP during Term 3, has secured a new role in the head office as an Innovation Lead as well as Education Officer, so we wish her all the very best for this new role.

As you would have read on Compass at the end of Term 3 the new principal for OLD has been announced, Mr Marco Ianni. I was fortunate to spend the afternoon with Marco on Monday and am so excited about the expertise, experience and enthusiasm Marco will bring to OLD in 2021 and beyond. As I will also be moving on at the end of 2020, to my new role as Principal of Maria Regina, Avalon, the successful applicant for the Assistant Principal role will be announced and introduced to the school within the next couple of weeks.

I thank everyone who has reached out and offered their well wishes and support to me in relation to my new role. Even though I am very excited about the new adventure, I am holding off thinking about leaving OLD until the very last bell because it will be a very sad and emotional departure for me. So, I look forward to making Term 4 the most extraordinary term for all students, teachers and parents.

This term I also warmly welcome three new students: Aphrodite (5/6P), Alexis (KG) and Jasmine (KB). The OLD community also welcomes their families into our special OLD family and I invite you to reach out and welcome these children and families too.



Tell Them From Me Survey: Next week there will be a message sent via Compass about a survey that is completed each year by staff, parents and students (Year 4-6) that give the school important information about a variety of aspects of school life. This data helps school leaders and staff to make decisions about the future of the school in order to maintain the things we love and to make changes so OLD is the best place possible for all stakeholders. We ask that everyone fill this survey in to get well-rounded and reliable data.

Sport next week: Due to our Book Week parade on Wednesday, Wednesday sport lessons will be held on Monday. So for next week only KG, 1G, 3B, 3G, 4B, 4G will have sport on Monday.

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Mon 19- Wed 21 Oct - Book Week; Curious Creatures and Wild Minds

Fri 23 Oct Grandparent's Day Liturgy (online link in newsletter)

Fri 23 Oct Socktober

NOVEMBER

Wed 4 Nov 9am – 10.45am Transition to school Kindy 2021

Wed 11 Nov 9am – 10.45am Transition to school Kindy 2021

Wed 18 Nov 9am - 10.45am Transition to school Kindy 2021

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

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Grandparent's Day Liturgy - Friday 23rd October: Traditionally we celebrate Grandparent's Day on the feast day of Jesus' grandparents, St Anne and Joachim. However, that was in the middle of Home Based Learning, so we decided to postpone this celebration to the Australian National Grandparents Day on the last Sunday of October. In order to thank God for our Grandparents OLD will host an online liturgy on Friday 23rd October at 9am.

We invite all families to insert a photo of their child with their Grandparents in this Google Slide:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1p_B1C-O8_WH2HuvaxamTCvX0VveZd61keEKGR4jAC3E/edit?usp=sharing (We ask that you do not move, delete or format other people's photos).

Please share this link zoom link with all the special Grandparents and other significant figures in your life to join us:

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/92647596526>

We hope to 'see' you all online joining the school community for this special liturgy.

Term 4 Events

Even though we are heading to the end of the year, this term is definitely not slowing down. We have many exciting school events coming up and special events for our Year 6 students who will be graduating. Below is a list of what is happening in Term 4 and each newsletter will supply more information about the coming events (please note there may be more events that come up throughout the term too):

What's happening this term?

- Book Week - 19-23rd October
- Book Week Parade - Wednesday 21st October
- Book week Fair - Wednesday 21st October
- Socktober - Friday 23rd October
- Grandparents Liturgy - Friday 23rd October
- International Teacher's Day - Friday 30th October
- Infant's Science Extravaganza incursion - Friday 30th October
- Year 6 fundraising event - Friday 30th October
- Kindy 2021 Orientation - Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th November
- Year 1 Science Incursion - Thursday 5th November
- Remembrance Day - 11th November
- Year 6 graduation liturgy and celebration
- Advent
- Semester 2 reports - Available to parents 11th December
- Stage 3 Beach safety day - Monday 14th December

In addition to these events the students will also be participating in specialised Gymnastic lessons (K-6) and the swimming program at Fitness First (K-4). These schedules and details are still to be finalised and more information will be communicated via the school newsletter or Compass.

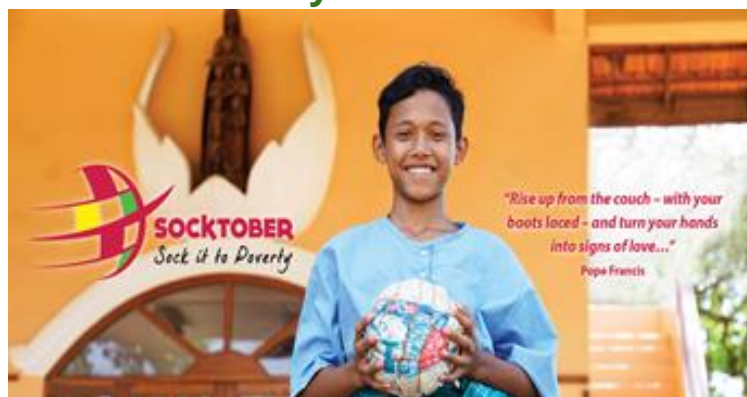
October Broken Bay News

The October Broken Bay issue celebrates one year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, as well as testimonies from our seminarians on their next steps in their journey to priesthood, Catholic Care's services for domestic violence and the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 on Mental Health. There is also an update on Towards 2025 in our Catholic Schools, new building projects at St Brendan's and much more!

Read it now online: https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_october_2020_issue_207

Let's sock it to poverty!

Friday 23rd October



We can't wait for our Socktober Launch Day! All students will be invited to participate in 'sockball' games next Friday to raise money for Catholic Mission.

Please wear your sports uniform and **football socks or colourful silly socks.**

We invite you to bring in a gold coin/\$5 donation to participate in the day. All proceeds will go to Catholic Mission to support children in Cambodia. Watch this video to learn more about WHY we are raising money <https://youtu.be/aScO7dP87og>

*25% of Cambodians lack access to clean drinking water
25% of Cambodians lack access to electricity
70% of Cambodians live on less than \$3 a day
80% of Cambodians aged 15 years and over can read and write.*

Don't forget to register online! <https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraising/schools/our-lady-of-dolours>.

No matter if you are able to raise \$3, \$30 or even \$100 ... every little bit counts!

Thank you for helping us 'sock it' to poverty.



Zoom Liturgy of the Word (LOW)

A warm welcome to join the parish 'ZOOM Liturgy of the Word (LOW)'. The LOW sessions start off with a welcome and catch-up before moving into the liturgy itself. The scripture readings are read out by the families. Fr Jim offers a short homily followed by a short individual family reflection time. We finish off in a 'breakout room' where we get a chance to socialise in smaller groups. The gatherings are relaxed, welcoming and inspiring and we would love more families to join! **We gather together on the first Sunday of every month.** The Zoom link can be found [here](#).

Parish Bulletin: Click [here](#) for the Our Lady of Dolours Parish Bulletin.

AWARD WINNERS Week 1



Book your school tour & enrolment interview today!



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

LITERACY BOOK WEEK – Ms Jane Baker

Curious Creatures, Wild Minds 17-23 October



Book Week celebrates the amazing and talented Australian children's authors whose books are rich in language and of a high literary quality.

The Shortlisted Books for 2020 are listed here – <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2020>

Book Parade: Our book parade will be on Wednesday 21st October. On this day children will come to school dressed as a character from a book. The children love making and creating their costumes. This is a wonderful opportunity for you as parents to spend encouraging 'talk' around books and reading as you help your child prepare their character costume.

Each grade will have their own parade, and this will be live streamed.

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/94044916512>

The times for each grade

Kindergarten - 9am

Year 1 – 9.15am

Year 2 – 9.30am

Year 3 – 9.45am

Year 4 – 10am

Stage 3 – 10.15am

Book Fair: Due to COVID restrictions, we will still have our Book Fair, but it will be in a different format. All books are \$10 for soft cover and \$15 for hard cover. It will be lovely to see engaging new titles added to the Library collection.

The QRK! App is set up for purchases and will close at 9am Wednesday 21st of October. Please feel free to put money on the app and the children will be able to choose which book/s they would like to donate to the school during class time on Wednesday. Your child's name is placed in the front of the book on a nameplate to say they have donated the book. The children will then be able to borrow their donated book in Week 3.

Book Week Competitions: Thank you to those who have submitted their writing and drawing competitions. The closing date has now been extended by one week, so if your child would like to enter the competition, forms are at the end of the newsletter.

Wednesday sport lessons changed: The classes that usually have sport on Wednesday (KG, 1G, 3B, 3G, 4B, 4G) will have their sports lesson on Monday for next week only.

Jane Baker (Literacy Coordinator)



How family fun impacts student wellbeing



*Families that
PLAY TOGETHER
Stay together.*



A family can be made up of anyone a person considers to be their family

For most individuals, the family environment and family relationships have the biggest impact on life outcomes. Positive family relationships can help children and young people flourish, but adverse experiences can negatively impact their wellbeing and subsequent development.

There is no such thing as a 'typical' family (well... apart from the Simpsons!!) All families are unique and they come in all shapes and sizes, with different needs and circumstances.

Research shows the quality of family relationships is more important than their size or composition. Whoever the family is made up of, they can build strong, positive relationships that promote wellbeing and support children and young people's mental health.

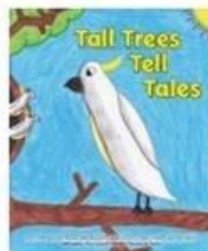
The relationships children and young people experience directly impact their wellbeing. Those provided with social, emotional and physical support are more likely to reach their full potential and experience better health outcomes in adulthood.

Check out the following link that is an interesting short read relating to how family cohesion is a vital ingredient for children having a successful and happy life.

<https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/articles/how-family-fun-impacts-student-wellbeing>

Year 5 Willoughby Wildlife Storybook Competition. Successful writers & illustrators announced

**ARTISTS
& WRITERS**



CONGRATULATIONS to the following Year 5 Students whose work has been chosen to be published in this year's Willoughby Wildlife Storybook. Sophia, Elise, Hannah, Farid and Tessa.

This book of short stories is part of an educational project designed to facilitate 'kids teaching kids' about local wildlife in the Willoughby area. Year 5 classes at each primary school in Willoughby are asked to focus on a local wildlife species that has become rare over the years. This year, Our Lady of Dolours was given the Laughing Kookaburra to research, write a narrative or poem on & complete an art work on this incredible animal.

This book contains two stories from each participating school. This project is part of Willoughby City Council's wider Bushland Interpretive Program. The program engages the local community to live with the natural environment in a sustainable way, and helps the Willoughby community understand and participate in the preservation of the environment through its educational and awareness raising activities. Willoughby City Council hopes each story in the series will inspire more children to take a keen interest in their local environment and wildlife.

Emma Hayes from the Willoughby Council said she was amazed at the standard of writing and artwork produced by the Year 5 students at Our Lady of Dolours school this year and apologised that she couldn't publish it all! WELL DONE to ALL the Year 5 students. Your writing and artwork is AMAZING, IMAGINATIVE & CREATIVE!

Year 5/6 Teachers

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:

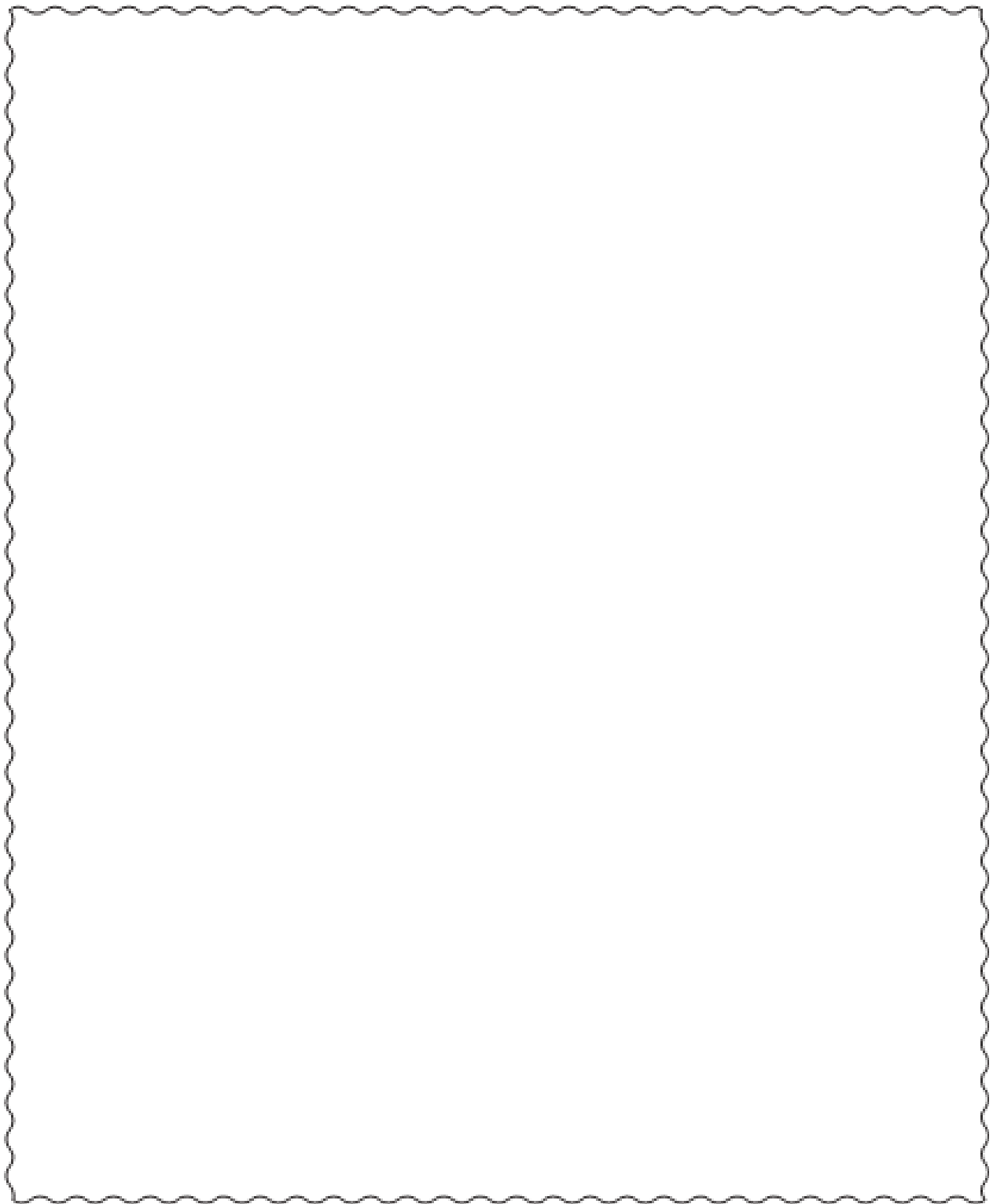
Closes Friday 9 October 2020.

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**

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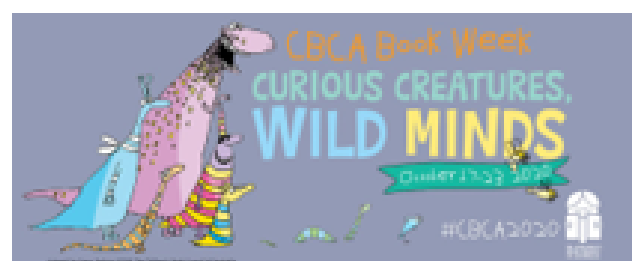
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Class:

Phone:

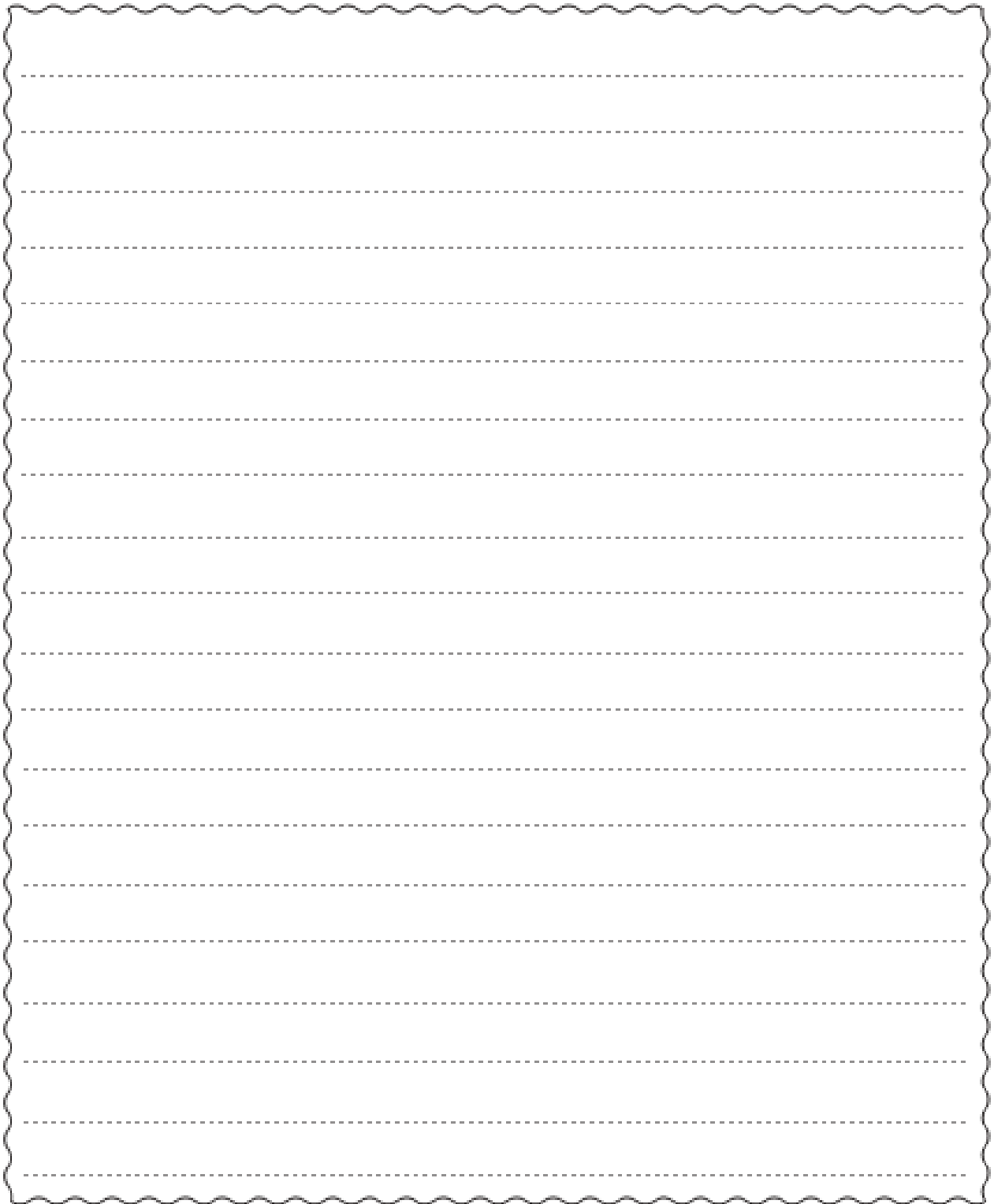
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'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS'
LIBRARY **WRITING COMPETITION**

Write a short story about your favourite curious creature, real or imaginary.

A large rectangular box with a wavy border, containing horizontal dashed lines for writing. The box is designed to guide the student's handwriting while they write their short story.

STUDENTS LEAVING

Students leaving at the end of 2020

Please remember if your child is leaving OLD at the end of 2020 we require the below form to be filled in and returned to the school office as soon as possible. This will enable us to finalise classes for 2020 and offer places to those on waiting lists.



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
94a Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067
Phone: (02) 9419 2645
Fax: (02) 9413 1998
Email: old@ddb.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.olddb.catholic.edu.au

STUDENT LEAVING SCHOOL FORM

Parents are asked to complete the form below, and attach a letter advising us of the reason their child/ren are leaving Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School. Return this form to the school.

If you are leaving Australia you need to provide documents to prove your child will be studying overseas.

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE FORM FOR EACH OF YOUR CHILDREN ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

PARENTS NAMES: _____

LAST DAY AT SCHOOL WILL BE: _____

NAME OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS OF NEW SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS IF NEW: _____

NEW CONTACT TEL: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ DATED: _____

IS LETTER OF ADVISE ATTACHED: Y ☐ N ☐

HAVE DOCUMENTS BEEN SUPPLIED TO SCHOOL IF NEW SCHOOL IS OVERSEAS: Y ☐ N ☐

SCHOOL USE ONLY

FAMILY CODE: _____ STUDENT CODE: _____

STUDENT LEFT: _____ DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: YES / NO

SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

PRINCIPAL: _____ CLASS TEACHER: _____

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:
<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

CAMP AUSTRALIA

We're excited to welcome all families back to one of our favourite times of year – Term 4. It's a great time to reflect on the growth of your child throughout the year and celebrate their great achievements. We've got some big things planned for Term 4 that we're excited to share with you in the upcoming weeks.

Your Coordinator has been busy planning experiences to help children transition back into term time by connecting with friends, engaging with fun and enriching experiences, and continuing to explore their interests while in service.

Children come back with lots of excitement to share their holiday experiences. So, the theme for the first week at Our Lady of Dolours OSHC is 'Share Your Vacation Fun'. Check out what's planned for their comeback:

Monday	Beach Themed Art & Craft Activity
Tuesday	Nature Art With Twigs and Wool
Wednesday	Spring Themed Pattern Painting
Thursday	Four Corners game with picnic spots names
Friday	Make a Popsicle stick tents and bonfire

FREE to Register.

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

[Register now free](#)

Enhanced safety and hygiene.

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

[Visit our blog.](#)

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. [Visit our blog.](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



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 Fridays from 12:40pm to 1:40pm, starting on 16 October 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 enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Our Lady of Dolours Primary School SY 2020, Term 4 Canteen Roster					
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
12 October 2020		Ann Perez	Branka Possa	Janelle Johnson	Cris Barancik
19 October 2020	Kate Stipo	Yoyo Yau	Melissa Chung	Rosalie Keledjian	Alison Henderson
26 October 2020	Sonya Purches	Ann Perez	Amy Chan	Branka Possa	Yoyo Yau
2 November 2020	Ann Bacsi	Seda Gulesserian	Nerinda Welch	Nicole Woods	Ani Wibisono
9 November 2020	Nerinda Welch	Sonya Purches	Amy Chan	Sheryl Maynard	Alison Henderson
16 November 2020	Nancy Lo	Yoyo Yau	Portia Yu	Nicole Woods	Ani Wibisono
23 November 2020	Nerinda Welch	Seda Gulesserian	Amy Chan	Rosalie Keledjian	Kate Stipo
30 November 2020	Noelle Wilkin-Smith	Yoyo Yau	Carlyn Linders	Nerinda Welch	Katie Zhang
7 December 2020	Nancy Lo	Ann Perez	Amy Chan	Kate Stipo	Alison Henderson
14 December 2020	Debby Lui	Yoyo Yau	Carlyn Linders	Nerinda Welch	Selvia Wijaya
21 December 2020	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays

Above is the the canteen roster. **Until further notice, it's one person per shift. Please wear a mask when entering school premises (bring your own).**

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 !



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 more gatherings before the end of the year, 10 am - 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@bbcatholic.org.au

2020 PARENT CONNECT GATHERING DATES

Time	Day	Date
10-11 am	Saturday	24th October
10-11 am	Saturday	14th November
10-11 am	Saturday	12th December

God bless you.