

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 4 – 2 November 2020

### ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

I am pleased to announce that the Assistant Principal position has been appointed to Mrs Kelly Clouston. Kelly is currently the Assistant Principal at Sacred Heart in Pymble and previously held the position of REC at the same school. She has taught in a number of schools in Sydney Diocese and in Broken Bay Diocese for the last 29 years.

**Kindy 2021 Orientation:** We had a wonderful morning on Wednesday with our new 2021 Kindy students and all other students enrolled to commence at OLD in Years 1-5 next year. The Kindy teaching team did an amazing job of organising engaging activities for the students that ensured a smooth and calm transition to school. We can't wait to see our new students again next Wednesday for Session 2.

Please note that due to Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday Week 5 & Week 6, we will have our Whole School Zoom Assembly on Thursday morning for these weeks:

<https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/97935728434>

**Sport at OLD: Gymnastics and Swimming:** We have had a busy week with sport at OLD! Our Year 2 and 3 students participated in a special gymnastics lesson which was possible due to Government 'Sports in Schools' grants that we apply for each term. These are great lessons for the students as they are able to use equipment to develop skills that we don't have access to.

Our annual swimming program also commenced for Kinder-Year 4 students this week. With an extreme weather warning issued on Thursday, we were so fortunate that some last-minute plans were able to be made to ensure the children could travel to and from the pool safely. The first lesson is always very important for the instructors to assess the student's skills and confidence to ensure they are placed in the correct group for their abilities.

There is a note attached to the end of this newsletter, and sent home yesterday, about the 2020 modified swimming carnival.



**Next week, Year 4 and Stage 3 have their special gymnastics lesson - they all need to wear sports uniforms on Tuesday in addition to their normal sports days.**

## COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

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

**Wed 11 Nov 6pm-7pm** Kindergarten 2021  
Parent Zoom information session 2

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

### DECEMBER

**Wed 9 – Swimming Carnival**

**Mon 14 – Surf Skills, Stage 3**

**Wed 16 – Last day of Term 4 2020**

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

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**Absentee letters:** Today some families will receive a letter informing them that their child has been absent for 10 or more days since the beginning of Term 3. It is a legal requirement that the school informs parents of this amount of absent days in a set period of time. We understand that 2020 has been different with new restrictions about children staying home while awaiting COVID test results, or if they are unwell - and I sincerely thank everyone for following these guidelines. However, it is an important reminder for parents to ensure their child comes to school every day when they are healthy and well. Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you would like some assistance with getting your child to attend school everyday.

**Tell them from Me Survey:** Each year schools in the Broken Bay Diocese complete the survey 'Tell Them From Me'. Our students Year 4-6, our staff and parents all complete the survey so we can gather important data to help make OLD the best school possible.

I would be so grateful if you could please take 5-10 minutes to fill out the survey: <http://tellthemfromme.com/old>

## REC – Miss Camilla Brown

**Remembrance Day:** Next Wednesday 11th of November (Week 5) Year 4 will be leading us in a Remembrance Day liturgy via zoom at 11:30am. We would love it if you could join us.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/92491739403>

**All Saints & All Souls:** On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Catholic Church celebrated All Saints Day. This is a special day in the Church in which we commemorate **all** saints who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. We pray thanks for these Saints, thank God for their presence and pray to live by their example.

On November 2nd we celebrated All Souls' Day. All Souls' Day is a day to remember the souls of *all* who have died. This feast is a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. This day may bring a feeling of sadness, but also a time of joy in which we celebrate the special people in our lives who now live with God in Heaven. We extend our prayers to the souls of those close to our OLD community, family and friends.

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



Book your school tour &  
enrolment interview  
today!



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

# THE BIG ART & EXPRESSION COMPETITION

November 9th - 18th



Showcase your child's talents to a national audience and win big prizes!

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE:**

Apple iPad Pro 11-inch 128GB  
+ Apple Pencil (2020)



**2<sup>ND</sup>**

Wacom One 16" Creative Pen Display



**3<sup>RD</sup>**

Sphero RVR Programmable Robot



## How to enter:

1. Download the 'All About U' template from [campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp](http://campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp)
2. Let your child run free with their expression inside the template.
3. Upload your child's artwork at [bigartcomp.com.au](http://bigartcomp.com.au)
4. Share with your friends and family. The top 3 entries with the highest votes will win a prize!

**WIN BIG PRIZES**

Open to all Camp Australia families. Register with us now, for free!

Enter now at [campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp](http://campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp)

Terms and Conditions apply: visit [campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp](http://campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp) for more details.  
Entries close Wednesday 18th November, 2020



## SWIMMING



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November 2020

### **SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL** **WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2020 Week 9**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 9th December at Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre, West Pymble.

Due to COVID restrictions, participation in this carnival is only open for children who turn 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2021 and are attending OLD in 2021. Only 50m swimming races will be held.

The carnival will be start at 10.00 a.m. The children will travel to and from the pool by bus. Please be aware, even though we are having our Swimming Carnival before the end of this year, all ages are WHAT AGE YOUR CHILD TURNS DURING 2021. Students not participating will remain at school.

*Any Year 1 students who turn 8 in 2021 are invited to compete in 50m races.*

#### **PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY**

- Only 50m & 100m FREESTYLE, and 50m BACKSTROKE, BREASTSTROKE & BUTTERFLY RACES WILL BE HELD
- All races will be held in the outdoor 50m pools.
- 100m Freestyle races are for students who are **VERY CAPABLE** in racing this distance (including diving and turning)
- Your child **MUST** be able to swim, unaided, the length of the event you nominate them for.
- Your child **MUST** be able to swim the correct stroke for the event you nominate and be able to dive in from the blocks.
- All 50m swimming races will be timed. Times will be used for selection purposes for next year's Cluster Swimming Carnival.
- Only students who will turn 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2021 and attending O.L.D. in 2021 are eligible for Cluster selection early next year.

**There will be NO changes made to the program on the day of the carnival. Please choose events carefully so as to avoid disappointment and confusion.**



On Swimming Carnival day children must come to school before the 8.45 bell in their full sports uniform. Swimming costumes are to be worn underneath their uniform as there will be no time to change before the carnival. Children may change out of their swimming costume when finish their races or return to school. ALL children are to wear their colour house swimming cap – children will not be permitted to enter the pool and swim without a cap. Swimming caps may be purchased through QKR and picked up at the school office for \$5.00 each. Get in quick as the school office may run out of stock (NB: We are currently out of stock but more should arrive within a week).

Thongs or sandals may be brought to school to be changed into only when going to the pool. They are not to be worn to school. Children must wear a hat, bring a towel and sunscreen. They must also bring their morning tea, lunch and plenty of drinks (no glass bottles please!)

Students will not need money as they are not allowed to buy from the canteen while they are at the pool. Parents at the swimming carnival are asked to refrain from buying for their children as this is unfair on those who have no one to buy for them.

**Due to COVID restrictions, NO PARENTS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND AS SPECTATORS.**

A minimum number of parent helpers are required for timing of events. Please nominate yourself to assist on the permission form.

Parents must ensure that they are not unwell when they attend as a helper.

Masks are required for all parent helpers.

**Please complete the attached form and return it to your child's class teacher  
BY WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER. *It is essential that the forms are returned by this date  
to enable the program to be organised.***

*PLEASE NOTE: Parents are not permitted to take their child/ren home at the end fo the carnival. All children will return to school at the conclusion of the carnival as this is a full school day.*

Thank you for your assistance,

Kirsty Thorpe (on behalf of Joe Martin, Sports Coordinator)

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**  
**WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2020**

**STUDENT DETAILS - 8 to 13year olds - including Yr 1 (8 year olds)**

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's class teacher  
BY WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.  
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CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLASS IN 2020 (THIS YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_ COLOUR HOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW OLD DID YOUR CHILD TURN IN 2020 (THIS YEAR) ? \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW OLD WILL YOUR CHILD TURN IN 2021 (NEXT YEAR) ? \_\_\_\_\_  
IS YOUR CHILD RETURNING TO OLD IN 2021 (NEXT YEAR) ? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MARK THE EVENT YOUR CHILD IS ENTERING:**

Please select (tick) ANY of the following events

50m FREESTYLE	50m BACKSTROKE	50m BREASTSTROKE	50m BUTTERFLY	100m FREESTYLE

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_,  
to take part in the School Swimming Carnival to be held on **Wednesday 9th December 2020**  
and to travel to and from Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre West Pymble by bus.

I have read and understood which events are available for my child to take part in.  
I have nominated my child for events in which they have the swimming skills to complete.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's class teacher  
BY WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.  
*It is essential that the forms are returned by this date to enable the program to be organised.*

**PARENTS HELPERS**

**Yes, I will be able to help as a TIMEKEEPER**

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Parents must ensure that they are not unwell when they attend as a helper.  
Masks are required for all parent helpers.



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a band demonstration at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to\*\*
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

*\*\*Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.*



(02) 9651 7333  
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## STUDENTS LEAVING

### Students leaving a 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.



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## 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.

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>

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		Yoyo Yau
2 November 2020	Ann Bacs		Branka Possa	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		Nerinda Welch	Selvia Wijaya
21 December 2020	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays

Above is 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 !**