

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER Term 4 Week 9 – 7 December 2020

ACTING PRINCIPAL – Miss Kirsty Thorpe

As I write my final newsletter at OLD I wish to thank you all for your ongoing support over the past year while I have been Acting Principal, and prior to that in my role as Assistant Principal.

This year, I have greatly missed the afternoon chats with you all in the playground and catching up at school events. Even though I have only been at the school for four years, it has definitely taken a piece of my heart.

Thank you to the Advisory Committee, Events Committee, class parents, canteen managers and to all the other parents who have donated their time to help the school in a range of wonderful ways - your support and assistance is always greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Janine Webster-Cross and Bernadette Ho who have served on the school's Advisory Committee for the past few years and will now be stepping down - your wise counsel and generosity of spirit will be missed.

I will whole-heartedly miss the students! Every day they make me excited and energised to come to school. I love hearing their stories, watching their excitement when they learn and watching them progress throughout the year and their primary schooling. There really is something so special about the children at OLD and I can't wait to hear stories in years to come of what they have achieved in life, because I know they are all destined for greatness. To our Year 6 students, congratulations on your graduation from primary school - always remember 'To Be Your Best' in everything you say and do and this will take you very far in life.

Thank you also to the staff both present and past who have always strived to make OLD the best place for all. It's true that 'Team work, makes the dream work' and that dream is being part of the OLD community - so thank you the staff for working within this team to make our dreams come true.

I also wish to thank the wonderful women who have stepped up to assist me as Acting Assistant Principal through the year; Miss Camilla Brown, Mrs Carmel Healey and Ms Liz Calabria. Your support and companionship has made 2020 shine and sparkle a little brighter.

I hope you have a Christ-filled and joyful Christmas and a holiday full of fun and relaxation. I wish everyone all the very best in the future, I will miss you all greatly and think of my time here with great fondness and joy.

Staffing news for 2021

At the beginning of 2021, Miss Sarah Baynie, will be joining OLD as the Learning Support Teacher (Mon-Thurs) for 2021. Sarah has qualifications in diverse and inclusive education and has been teaching both in our Diocese and overseas in England.

Next year we will also welcome back Mrs Cassie Cook and Mrs Alix McKittrick in a part-time capacity after the year of maternity leave following the birth of their daughters.



COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Mon 14 Dec –
Surf Skills, Stage 3

Wed 16 Dec – Last
day of Term 4 2020

JANUARY 2021

Wed 27 Jan – Staff
Development Day

Thurs 28 Jan – MAI
Assessments 1:1
(Kindergarten – Yr 6)

Fri 29 Jan – Students Yr 1 – 6
commence Term 1

Fri 29 Jan – Mon 1 Feb –
Kindergarten Best Start 1:1

Tues 2 Feb – Kindergarten
commences Term 1

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

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Orientation to new 2020 classes: Students Years K-3 will have 'Orientation to new classes 2021' Monday 14th December for 30 minutes in the afternoon. In this session, students will meet their teacher and class members for 2021. Students in Year 4 & 5 will have their 'Orientation to new classes 2021' on Tuesday 15th December for 30 minutes in the afternoon.

Students' Semester Two Reports: Student Reports will be available on Compass from 4pm today Friday 11th December.

Please don't forget if you are leaving OLD at the end of 2020, you need to download all reports off Compass as you will no longer have access to them when your child leaves the school.

MAI bookings 2021: Information about how you book your child's MAI assessment will be emailed home next week.

Return to school for 2021 (all dates found on the school website)

- Wednesday 27/1/21 Teachers commence - Staff Development Day
- Thursday 18/1/21 - Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) MAI assessments K-6
- Friday 30/1/21 - First Day of 2021 for students Yrs 1-6 ONLY
- Friday 30/1/21 - Kindy Only: Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1)
- Monday 1/2/21 - Kindy Only: Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1)
- Tuesday 2/2/21 – First Full Day for Kindy 2021 – (Usual 3pm finish to the day)

Reminders for the new year:

- Add your child's new class into Qkr! prior to the commencement of 2021.
- Update any new/pre-existing medical information with the office
- Keep an eye on Compass for MAI details and any further COVID restrictions / changes for the start of the 2021 school year.

REC – Miss Camilla Brown

JRS THANK YOU



THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the Jesuit Refugee Service. Thank you to our Mercy Action team for collecting and boxing up all the items! JRS were blown away by the overwhelming support of our school community. Thank you for your contributions to such a worthy cause and spreading the true meaning of Christmas.

End of Year Celebrations

We invite families to join us for our End of Year Celebrations in Week 10 via zoom. Please use this zoom link for **all** end of year events listed below.

ZOOM LINK: <https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/92950335152>

Tuesday 15th

- **Final Year 6 morning assembly (8.45am)**: Year 6 will come to the front of the school for a final farewell & lead our school in prayer.
- **Teacher Farewells (10:30am-11am)**. We will farewell the members of staff and the parish who are leaving OLD.

Wednesday 16th

- **End of Year Liturgy (10am-11am)**. At the liturgy we will celebrate the year of 2020, our 2020 Year 6 leaders and handover to our 2021 Year 6 leaders. We will also share an end of year photo presentation at this liturgy.

The December 2020 issue of Broken Bay News is now online! Featured in the December Christmas edition is Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, Celebrating Vocations with three diaconate ordinations, a new look for Catholic Schools Broken Bay and much more! Check out OLD's feature section about our letter writing club.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_december_2020_issue_208

AWARD WINNERS Week 9



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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.



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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: _____

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**Bookings
open for
Term 4**

Dear Families,

A BIG congratulations to all children who entered The BIG Art & Expression Competition. We truly believe that every child that entered is a winner. Every piece of artwork was inspiring, and the messages that accompanied each piece were really heartwarming. Some of the key themes that we saw in children's captions included:

LOVE, HAPPY, COLOURS, FAVOURITE, RAINBOW, FAMILY, FRIENDS, BRIGHT and lots more.

We look forward to next year's competition when we go even BIGGER.

Announcing the winners of the competition:



Congratulations to Pulasj, from Brentwood Park Primary School in VIC, who has taken out first prize with her beautiful artwork. Pulasj said that her artwork represented her because:

"I am Pulasj, beautiful little girl who loves my family, nature studies & travel around the world."



Congratulations to Ivy, from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Primary School in NSW, who has taken out second prize with her imaginative artwork. Ivy said that her artwork represented her because:

"I love everything outside, the colours, the shapes, the sounds and all of the living things. I tried my best to show how alive the natural world is." She also said that her inspiration came from "The Colours of the Wind – Pocahontas."



Congratulations to Praman, from Bardia Public School in NSW, who has taken out third prize with his powerful artwork. Praman said that his artwork represented him because:

"Fly High... Dragan is my favourite. Character from Kindy. Dragon symbolizes supernatural power, wisdom, strength, and hidden knowledge. I want to fly high to reach to the top with my best behaviour and curriculum."



Congratulations to Mackenzie, from Belgian Gardens State School in QLD, the recipient of our CA Choice Award with her incredible artwork. Mackenzie said that her artwork represented her because it's:

"Lots of different pieces of me all together, Mackenzie"



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