

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWS Term 1 Edition 2 - 19 February 2021



From the Principal

What a busy few weeks we have had here at OLD. All students have started the year well and staff are full of energy for the great year ahead. All parents were given the opportunity to meet their child's teacher at the Kindergarten Parent Information and Meet the Teacher Evenings in COVID safe events. We have also celebrated our faith with a beautiful Opening Mass where our senior leaders were commissioned into their roles and Ash Wednesday liturgies with all classes to mark the start of our Lenten journey towards Easter.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for the planning and preparation in supporting students and being available to parents. Their level of professionalism and attention to details is outstanding as is their commitment to the students faith and learning.

I greatly value the many supportive and generous comments made to me personally and to the teachers about our school. We appreciate you entrusting your children to us to nurture their learning and help you as parents to bring about their full potential.

I am hopeful that the COVID restrictions will ease shortly and I will be able to engage more with the parent community and welcome you back on site soon. I am currently exploring some opportunities for parent engagement and will communicate them to you once finalised.

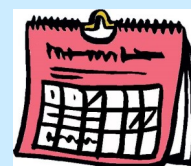
Our Open Day is scheduled for Tuesday 9 March. More information will be available closer to this date and will be planned in accordance with any updated COVID guidelines.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Marco Ianni
Principal

Opening Mass

Congratulations on a beautiful Opening Mass in Our Lady of Dolours Church. For those of you who did not join us via Zoom please see some photos below. Thank you to Miss Brown, Mrs Hoy and the Stage 3 teachers, Mrs Tygh, Mr Martin and Mrs Maguire for all their preparation. Congratulations to our Grade 6 leaders for 2021.



COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Tuesday 9 Open Day



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2021

Friday 25 June

Friday 17 September

Thursday 16 December

Friday 17 December



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CHANGES TO DATES

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This is a time when we prepare for the death of Christ on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a time of forgiveness, with prayer, fasting and abstinence, and Confession. Traditionally, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. The Ashes received on Ash Wednesday symbolise that we have been created by God and are made from the palms of the previous Palm Sunday.

On Wednesday, every grade participated in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. During the season of Lent we are called to remember that God is with us in our minds and in our hearts, as we try to become closer to Jesus. During our liturgy, each student was sprinkled with Holy ashes. These ashes remind us all to be kind and faithful to God as we prepare for Easter. Each class lay down a purple cloth on our prayer space to signify the season of Lent. At home you may like to create a special prayer space to remind your family of this special time.

Some photos below of our students receiving the ashes in their class liturgy.



An invitation for all

Words from Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church Parish Bulletin

Every Ash Wednesday we hear God's call to us from the Book of Joel: "Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart..." Joel 2:12.

Perhaps 2021 is the first time that you have desired to deeply celebrate Lent, or it might be your fiftieth or more celebration of Lent. Wherever you are in your spiritual life, you will recognise that each year brings something that is unique, sometimes unexpected and welcome and sometimes unwelcome.

We come to Lent each year carrying the experiences of other years and the strengths we have learned through what those experiences have asked of us. Perhaps also there are feelings of having failed in some parts of our lives and a desire for change and God's merciful forgiveness.

The Season of Lent offers a life-giving time for beginning to do something about whatever may be holding us back from joyfully following Jesus Christ as his committed disciple. Re-visiting Pope Francis' invitation in The Joy of the Gospel, might shape our journey through Lent 2021:

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. (n 3)

In Pope Francis' recent reflection on the impact of Covid in Let Us Dream the Path to a Better Future, he writes:

This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities – what we value, what we want, what we seek – and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. What I hear at this moment is similar to what Isaiah hears God saying through him: Come, let us talk this over. Let us dare to dream.



Attendance

Student attendance at school is a shared commitment by students, families, schools and the community. It is important that students attend school every day and that time out of school is minimised as this can have a significant impact on learning and development especially with young children.

The Learning Every Day Counts initiative promotes four key messages:

1. All children of compulsory school age (6-17 years) should be enrolled at school and attend every school day
2. Schools should promote, monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve and maintain regular school attendance
3. Missing days of school impacts on a students' learning, wellbeing and future employment and life choices
4. Supporting good attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the school community

We ask that appointments for students are kept out of school time where possible to avoid loss of learning time and that any regular medical appointments during school time are to be approved by the Principal such as Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy. A form is available from the school office to apply for this leave and you are asked to attach a letter from your treating practitioner supporting this.

Please note that students attending tutoring services/centres during the school day is not supported by the Attendance Guidelines and is to be recorded as an 'unjustified absence' in the attendance role. Should you require further clarification please contact Mr Ianni via the office.

Please find further information below:

- [Attendance Animation](#)
- [Parent Attendance Information Flyer](#)

Project Compassion

The season of Lent calls us to consider the suffering that occurs in our own lives, but most importantly, the lives of others. It challenges us to follow Jesus and walk with the weak, the wounded and the suffering. We are called to reach out to others and be grateful for the gifts we have. During the time of Lent, our school proudly participates in **Project Compassion** to raise funds for the world's poor.

The theme for Project Compassion 2021 is to '**BE MORE**'. This year we are encouraged to fundraise and 'be more' for others in our local and global community. We aim to shape a better future for our brothers and sisters around the world. **Please note, Project Compassion Boxes will be sent home shortly.** Please return the donation collection in an envelope to their Class Teacher in Week 10 (Monday the 29th of March).





Parent Information



Facebook

For those of you who are new to the school, we have our own Facebook Page. The link for the page is



<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofdolourschatswood>

We will be using this page to keep you updated with all the wonderful things our students are doing here at OLD. All parents will have filled in a Media Consent Form when their child started stating whether or not they have given permission for their child to appear in media associated with the school. If you would like to Opt Out of Facebook for your child/children, please contact the school office immediately.



Parent Reminders



Email Protocols

All emails to the Principal, Assistant Principal and all staff must come through the office - old@dbb.catholic.edu.au. They will be forwarded to the relevant staff.

Please bear in mind that staff are teaching and will reply at an appropriate time. When sending any emails, please make sure to put your child's class and who it is addressed to.

Procedures for raising issues and concerns

Your child's teacher is always the first port of call when raising issues or concerns. He/She is the person who is in direct care of your child whilst at school and will be able to answer your query in most instances.

Please email or call the office to organise a mutually convenient time to speak with your child's teacher.

Mobile phones & smart watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are increasingly being brought to school, especially with younger children. Whilst parents rely on being able to communicate with their child on the way to and from school they are not permitted to be used during the school day.

All communication with students needs to come through the office so that we are able to manage the needs and safety of all children. As mobile phones and smart watches can access the internet, this creates a significant risk to students' wellbeing. Students who bring devices to school will need to have them switched off and in their bag for the entire school day. They will be able to switch them on once dismissed.



Please note that using a mobile phone or smart watch during school hours including any filming or recording of other students and staff is not permitted and a serious breach of our acceptable use policy. Please discuss this with your child should you choose to have a device with your child for out of school purposes. Please note the school takes no responsibility for phones or smart devices coming into the school.



Kirk Street

Just a friendly reminder that the Kirk St is a car pick up (Kiss and Ride) only area in the afternoons. Please do not park or double park your vehicle as this creates a safety issue for students and families.

Please park your car legally if you are coming into the school to collect your child.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Extra-Curricular/ Co-curricular Activities at OLD

Our extra-curricular and co-curricular timetable has now been finalised for the term. Please find below a times for your convenience.

Please note band is considered a co-curricular activity and some band ensemble lessons are held during class time. If you do not want your child attending their lesson during class time you may want to reconsider being part of the program.

In addition to Coding Club at lunchtime all students in Stage 3 receive a weekly coding lesson this term which is linked to their Science & Technology unit.

BAND

All day on Wednesdays



CHESS CLUB

Held at lunchtime:

Thursday—Library



VIP MUSIC

Keyboard & Guitar

Held at lunchtimes:

Monday—Library

Friday—Hall



CODING

Held at lunchtime:

Wednesdays—Library (Stage 1)

Thursdays— Library (Stage 3)

Fridays—Library (Stage 2)

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Rosebelle on her selection in the U12 Division 1 Norths Representative Basketball team. Rosebelle's selection is a great demonstration in how persistence, resilience, determination and hard work can pay off.



"Emergency orders available for 2nd hand uniforms."



As you would be aware parents and carers are currently unable to come onto the school grounds and as such our 2nd hand uniform stall is unable to operate as normal. In light of this if you have an emergency situation and are in need of a 2nd hand uniform if you could please email Michelle Stanley on 2michellestanley@gmail.com by 3pm Friday 26 February with items you are in need of. If these items are available the office will then contact you the week of Monday 8 March advising of amount owing for items, you will then pay via Qkr! and then once payment is received items will be sent home with your child.



"Please only order if it is an emergency and understand we will be unable to accept refunds or exchanges."

A Message from our Diverse Learning Coordinator



Learning Knows No Bounds

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of 2021, I hope everyone has had a lovely break and enjoyed the holidays with their families. For those families I have not yet had the opportunity to meet, my name is Sarah Baynie and I am responsible for coordinating and administering Learning Support at Our Lady of Dolours.

For children identified as needing support, this includes working with your children's teachers to establish specific learning goals and adjustments. If your child requires learning support please be aware that teachers will be sharing these goals with you at parent meetings. Of course, if you or your child's teacher sees the need for an additional meeting, these can be scheduled with the teacher and/or myself via the school office.

My role also includes updating and entering data required by the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). In short, the NCCD is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with learning adjustments and/or disabilities. The NCCD enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disabilities and how they can be best supported at school. All students receiving adjustments for at least ten weeks are required to be listed on the NCCD. This includes students receiving support from teacher's aides, programs and services (such as counselling), as well as any adjustments made by the teacher in class. It also includes students with medical plans.

Please see the link below for more information regarding the NCCD. If you have any questions regarding learning support in general or any questions relating to any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me at old@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

<https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/fact%20sheet%20for%20parents%20guardians%20and%20carers.pdf>

Kind regards,

Sarah Baynie



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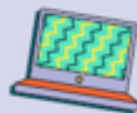
Newsletter



We, at Our Lady of Dolours OSHC, are happy to inform you that the Kindies are settling down very quickly. They are learning new games, new crafts and, of course, making new friends. We are planning to have some cooking activities and science experiments in the coming days.

Your feedback is important to us. If you have any suggestions on what activities we can include to make children more engaged, please don't hesitate to write to us. Our email id is – old@oshccampaaustralia.com.au

Virtual information sessions



Early session
Tue. 16th Feb, 2021

9.30am (AWST)
11.00am (ACST)
11.30am (AEST)
12.00pm (ACDT)
12.30pm (AEDT)

[Register](#)

Late session
Thu. 18th Feb, 2021

5.00pm (AWST)
6.30pm (ACST)
7.00pm (AEST)
7.30pm (ACDT)
8.00pm (AEDT)

[Register](#)

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



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SOCCER at O.L.D.

Attention ALL SOCCER PLAYERS...

Would your child like to play soccer this year?

Over the years Our Lady of Dolours soccer has proven to be heaps of fun and a great way for children (and families) to form and establish wonderful friendships.

The 2021 soccer season kicks-off soon and we're looking for players in all age groups for 2021!

For more information, please email expressions of interest

as soon as possible to the school
Football Co-ordinator, James O'Donnell
ourladyofdoloursoccer@gmail.com



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Birthday Celebrations at OLD

A reminder birthdays can be celebrated with ice blocks only (Zoooper Doopers or lemonade)

These can be dropped to the front office clearly marked with the students name, class and date they are to be distributed.

Students are also welcome to wear mufti clothes on their special day.



IN 2021 THE MERCY COMMUNITY WELCOMES MRS BRENDA TIMP OUR NEW COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021, 11-2PM

- Providing excellence in teaching and learning since 1890.
- Recognising our students' needs are diverse, we constantly aim to develop courses and apply teaching strategies that accommodate different learning styles.
- Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
- Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.

Based on a framework of positive psychology the College's well developed pastoral care structure supports student wellbeing. With specialised staff including the Director of Student Wellbeing and the Youth Minister who work with students on a variety of projects including faith development, social justice and wellbeing.

The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.

Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses and trains.



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Our Lady of Dolours Primary School SY 2021, Term 1 Canteen Roster



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
25 January 2021	Kate Stipo		Melissa Chung		Selvia Wijaya
1 February 2021	Sonya Purches		Eva Yan	Eva Yan	Yoyo Yau
8 February 2021	Ann Bacsi	Nerinda Welch	Branka Possa	Nicole Woods	Denise Robles
15 February 2021	Melissa Surjan	Sonya Purches	Nerinda Welch	Sheryl Maynard	Cris Barancik
22 February 2021	Nancy Lo	Yoyo Yau	Tory Quinn	Nicole Woods	Ann Perez
1 March 2021	Melissa Surjan	Seda Gulesserian		Yoyo Yau	Noelle Wilkin-Smith
8 March 2021	Xi Yu	Branka Possa		Nerinda Welch	Katie Zhang
15 March 2021	Nancy Lo	Xi Yu	Eva Yan	Rosalie Keledjian	Alison Henderson
22 March 2021	Debby Lui	Selvia Wijaya	Sia Macree	Ann Perez	Cris Barancik
29 March 2021	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays
5 April 2021					

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 12.55pm till 1.40pm.

Please unpack boxes of stock (if any) and refill fridge/freezer, etc. .

The kids thank you for your assistance !