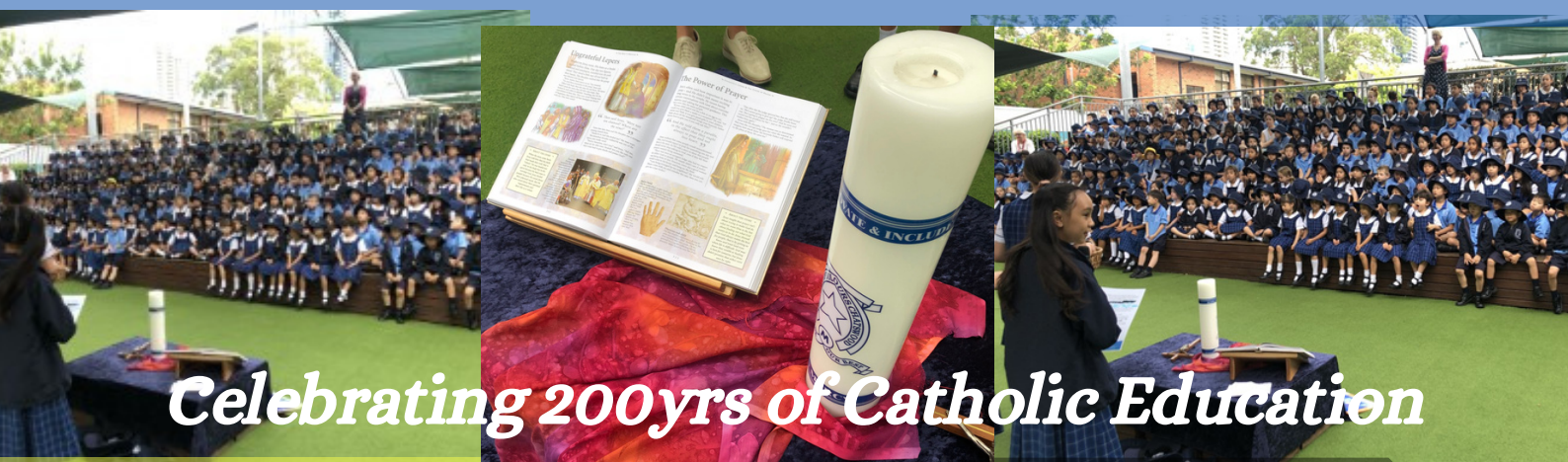


# Our Lady of Dolours News



## Celebrating 200yrs of Catholic Education

### From the Principal

#### Open Day 2021.

We are looking forward to having our current and prospective parents, wishing to enrol their child in 2022, visit Our Lady of Dolours next week (9 March) for our Open Day. Open Day tours will take place between 9.30am and 10.30am. Whilst we are excited to have people visit our site we are keeping within the current COVID guidelines to ensure the safety of students and staff. Those wishing to attend are asked to register via this [link](#) so that we can arrange small groups to have a guided tour of the site by staff and then for me to talk and answer questions in the Innovation Station. Enrolment packs for 2022 will be available on the day or by contacting the office from 9 March. If you have a younger child at home who will be starting school next year or know someone interested in our school, please join us on the day or email the office on [old@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:old@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

### Upcoming events

#### March

Week 7 - Well Being Week

Tues 9 - Open Morning  
9.30-10.30am

Sun 14 - Kindy Blessing  
Mass 9am

Mon 22 - Wed 24 - Stage 3  
Camp to Milson Island

Mon 29-April 2 - Holy Week

#### April

Thurs 1 April - Last Day Term 1

Fri 2 - Good Friday

Mon 19 - Term 2 Commences

### Staff Development Days

Fri 25 June

Fri 17 September

Thurs 16 December

Friday 17 December

**School calendar [click here](#)**



**Open Day 2022**  
9th March 9:30-10:30am



## **Parent Engagement**

Parents are an integral part of building a school and parish community. And whilst with COVID, technology has provided varied opportunities for parents to be engaged in school life and given working parents and those of us with complex family circumstances greater access, the daily human contact interactions between staff, parents and students has also changed our connectedness with each other. Being new to the school, I have had the opportunity to meet most parents and families, however I am keen to get parents involved in the school more and to have the opportunity to socialise whilst ensuring that we are safe and responsible. This week you received a nomination form for Grade Parents which is due to be returned by Monday 8 March. I look forward to being able to allocate a parent for each class across the school and meet with them to start to plan activities for parents and students outside of school as well as supporting events within school as restrictions start to ease.

I am also establishing the Principal's Advisory Council where we will meet each term to discuss the broader aspects of the school and to provide parent perspective and insight. The Advisory Council consists of selected parents, leadership and teaching staff. The Priest is also a member of the council if available. Finally I am inviting parents to a Parent Group Meeting on Thursday 11 March at 6.30pm in the Innovation Station. Due to COVID restrictions this meeting will be limited to 30 people onsite and additional numbers accommodated on Zoom if needed. Parents can register to attend this meeting via this [link](#), and indicate if they would like to attend on site or via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting will be to establish parent groups such as an Events Committee and explore some opportunities and events for us to come together. Parents are also able to contribute to agenda items that I am happy to discuss and cover on the night. See Compass for more details.



## **New Furniture**



A number of classes received new furniture last week as part of the upgrading of learning spaces started last year. Students and staff are enjoying the flexible furniture and additional storage. New ideas of how we can continue to create contemporary learning spaces are on their way and we will continue to share our learning initiatives with you.

## **Kirk Street Pick-up**

Thank you for your support with regards to the pick-up zone and not parking your car in this area to collect your child. I have been up to this area most afternoons and can see that the traffic is flowing well and parents are waiting until they get to the front of the line to collect their child/ren. The safety of the children is our highest priority and you being safe makes all the difference.

## **Opening School Staff Mass**

This Thursday the leadership team from OLD attended the Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Broken Bay at The Light of Christ Centre at Waitara. Our school is one of 44 Diocesan schools (36 primary, 7 high schools, 1 K-12 school) servicing 17,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. At this mass our Camilla Brown received a certificate formally commissioning her as a new leader within the diocese and acknowledging her role as Religious Education Coordinator. Congratulations Millie for this significant achievement.



## **200 Years of Catholic Education**



In 2021, we celebrate the special milestone of 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.

From humble beginnings almost 200 years ago, Catholic schools now serve about 768,000 students and their families.



In the Diocese of Broken Bay, we play a special part in this story, as the spiritual gifts of teachers, parents and students have built our education system, embracing the light of Christ. Our Lady of Dolours was established by the Sisters of Mercy in 1896. The first principal was the Mother Ignatius McQuoin. Sister Carmel McDonough was the first principal after the Broken Diocese was formed.

Last week our School Captains and Mercy Action leaders led a liturgy to celebrate 200 Years of Catholic Education. Each teacher was presented a badge to represent their part in delivering Catholic Education to our school. Each student also received a special prayer card to celebrate this significant event.

We are excited to learn more about our history at Our Lady of Dolours and the part we play in the 200 year history of Catholic Education! Click [here](#) to watch the Launch Video.



**Catholic Education**  
CELEBRATING 200 YEARS  
*Faith in the future*

## **High School Pathways**

On Monday (1 March) Mrs Brenda Timp, the new Principal of Mercy College visited our girls from Grade 2-6 to talk about what her school has to offer. She brought with her some ex-student to talk to the girls about what the school has to offer and how much they enjoy being part of the school. Mercy has its Open Day on Sunday 7th March between 11am and 2pm and is a feeder pathway for our girls to continue the Mercy tradition from Our Lady of Dolours. Enrolments are now open for 2023 and there are still limited places available for 2022. Students from OLD will be given preference and parents of students from Grades 3 and above should be making contact with Mercy College to register their expression of interest or submit an enrolment form if within the intake year.



As you are aware our school shares the same parish site as St Pius X and has a great relationship with the school. Whilst Pius do have a junior school, I strongly recommend keeping boys at Our Lady of Dolours until grade 6 as the opportunity to be in a co-education environment

has great benefits and our school provides a unique opportunity that only a primary school setting can offer. St Pius X does have an arrangement with our school where preference for enrolment in Grade 7 will be made available to our students. It is recommended that you make contact with the school early (from Grade 3) to register your expression of interest for Grade 7 so that the school is able to make provisions. Please indicate that you are currently at OLD and intend to stay until the end of Primary schooling



OUR LADY OPEN DAY

Sunday 7th March, 11am - 2pm

# OPEN DAY

Do you have a child ready to start school in 2022?

We will be holding our open Day on Tuesday 9 March from 9.30-10.30am

To register to attend click [here](#)

Enrolment packs will be available from reception from 9 March or online from the school [website](#)



## Cross Country

The annual school cross country will be run on Friday 12 March at Beauchamp Oval.

## Stage 3 Camp

Our Stage 3 students will be heading to Milson Island for their annual school camp Monday 22 March. After the disappointment of missing camp due to COVID in 2020 excitement is building among the students for this great event.

## March Broken Bay News

Welcome to the first issue of Broken Bay News for 2021! This issue features stories on the Year of St Joseph and the Family, Bishop Anthony's message on the 35th anniversary of the Diocese, as well as a special feature on Engelbert Piccolruaz, a wood carver who is creating a statue of St Joseph for the Hornsby Cathedral Parish (pictured on the cover). Also featuring stories on local Boonah artist Michael Buzinskas winning the Willoughby Council art competition, Seniors living life to the full at CatholicCare's Memory Innovations Centre and a feature on our 2021 new School Principals. Read it online now [here](#).



## Uniform reminders

As a school we have a uniform we are proud of that we expect all our students to be proud to wear. Even though it is only early in the year we have noticed items being worn that are not necessary or part of the uniform.

- Nail polish, large coloured hair ties and jewellery not suitable for school
- Please ensure your child wears the correct OLD hat (available from [Lowes](#)) also ensure it is clearly labelled with their name so if misplaced can be returned
- Black school shoes unless it is sports day where we recommend predominantly white sneakers.
- Long hair to be tied up (this is all hair shoulder length or longer)

Thank you for ensuring your child wears the correct uniform.



## 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

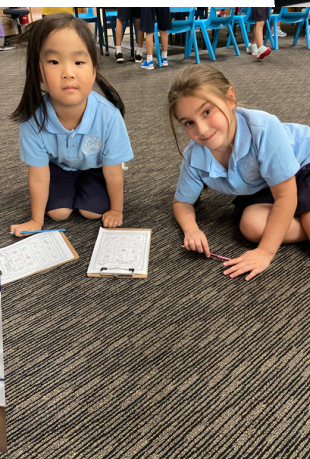
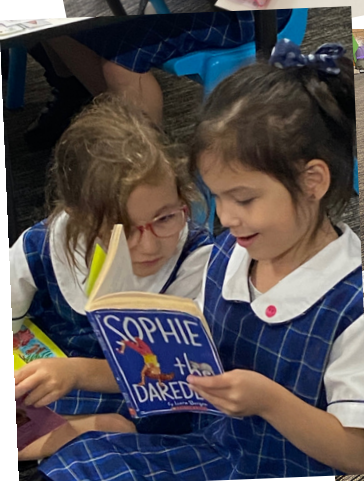
Week 10 (Monday the 29th of March).



# FROM STAGE 1



*It's been a busy time in Stage 1.  
We have been learning:  
To tell the time  
To interpret dates on a calendar  
Exercising our bodies and minds in  
sport  
To count by 10's 100's and 1000's  
To be creative in art  
What it is to be a good friend*







Seesaw also supports children in developing twenty-first century skills such as communication, collaboration, and digital literacy. You will be able to see posts of your child's learning by downloading the free Seesaw Family App for iOS or Android, or by logging into the Seesaw website on your computer. More information, including your personal login details, will come home with your child early next week. In the meantime, you might like to watch this video to learn more about Seesaw by clicking [here](#)

## **Kindergarten to Year 4**

Starting next week, teachers and students in Kindergarten to Year 4 at OLD will begin to trial the use of Seesaw. Seesaw is a digital portfolio that documents what children are learning at school – giving parents and carers a unique window into the classroom.



## **Swimming News**

On Wednesday, 19 talented OLD students competed in the North Shore Cluster Representative Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Congratulations to all students for their wonderful efforts and for representing OLD so proudly and sensibly. I would like to particularly acknowledge the extraordinary achievement of Jun Soo Hwang (Year 6) as he won all 5 of his events and will move on to the next representative level swimming carnival on Tuesday night in the Central Coast.

Mr Rowland OLD Sports Coordinator.



## **Awards Week 5**



## **Awards Week 6**







**Coming this March**

# HANDBALL

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Whether your child calls it Handball, Downball or 4-Square - it's the game that they all know and love.

Handball, also known as Downball and 4-Square, is every child's favourite sport. The sound of every recess and lunchtime bell signifies another opportunity to compete with friends.

We wanted to give children a chance to prove themselves on the big stage - so we are excited to introduce the Handball Championships.

For more information visit [www.campastralia.com.au/handball](http://www.campastralia.com.au/handball)

**Register for Handball now through your Parent Portal**

### Key Dates

8 - 19 March	Official Practice in After School Care at Your OSHC
22 - 26 March	Service Championships in After School Care at Your OSHC
School Holidays	Rocketeers Championships *More information on our website
2 May	Regional Championships

### A message from your Coordinator

Hello Parents,

Here is some information for the parents who have been asking about the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

The CCS can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

### It's free to register with Camp Australia

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pc.campastralia.com.au](http://pc.campastralia.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.

### Prizes

Total prize pool of \$12,000 split across all Regional Champions.

Plus, each Your OSHC and Rocketeers Service Champion wins a Trophy!

Visit [www.campastralia.com.au/handball](http://www.campastralia.com.au/handball) for more information



## Kindy Blessing



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites all the Kindy children and their families to our:

**'Kindy Blessing Mass'**  
On Sunday 14 March 2021  
At our 9am Family Mass

A family-friendly celebration at  
**Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church**  
94 Archer St, Chatswood

After Mass please join us at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School playground where we will have morning tea

Please bring a plate to share!

**All welcome!**

For any queries contact: Angela at [angela.haque@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.haque@bbcatholic.org.au)



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**Thank you!**

A huge Thank You to the parents and OLD for the support over the last few years in helping me with Scholastic Book Club at OLD. 2020 had been a tough year getting orders out and eventually we used home delivery. With the Rewards earned, resulted in OLD organising new material for the school last year.

2021 brings about an exciting change with me retiring from the position and OLD taking over Scholastic orders. Keep your eyes peeled for future news update.

Till then happy reading!

Regards,

Julie Roman -

BookClub volunteer

