

Our Lady of Dolours News



From the Principal

Parent Engagment

Parent Groups

What a fantastic response to our Parent Group Meeting held last week.

We were able to host a number of parents on site as well as parents joining us over zoom. I hope you found the meeting useful and I will be hosting a meeting each term where we can hear from the various groups and initiatives around the school. Parents will also be able to request items to be added to the agenda for discussion.

At this first meeting parents were able to suggest any areas that they would like for Parent Education Workshops and it was proposed that we get someone to present on Cyber Safety. I am looking at a guest speaker in Term 3.

Parent Group meetings will be minuted and distributed to the community. Minutes from our first meeting have been sent out via Compass this week, along with a nomination form if you would like to support the Events Committee in organising initiatives and celebrations across the year (COVID permitting of course).

The below outlines the parent groups and following functions for the year.

PARENT GROUPS

Canteen
Banking
Pre-Loved Uniform
Grade Parents
Events Committee

PROPOSED EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS

- Grade Social Functions and Morning Teas (Grade parents)
- Whole School Welcome Function; Kids Disco; Mother's and Father's Day Stalls; Parent Social Function; Christmas Function (Events Committee)

Upcoming events

March

Mon 22 - Wed 24 - Stage 3
Camp to Milson Island
Fri 26 - Cross Country
Fri 26 - 2.45pm - 3.15pm Pre-
Loved Uniform Sale
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](#)



Parent Engagment cont.**Parent Groups**

Below are the following dates for the remaining Parent Group meetings for the year:

Term 2: Thursday 27 May at 6.30pm

Term 3: Thursday 19 August at 6.30pm

Term 4: Thursday 11 November at 6.30pm

Advisory Council

The OLD Advisory Council is in the process of being finalised. Fr David Ranson will be joining us on the council which will have its first meeting on Monday 29 March at 4pm. I am looking forward to this meeting where we will discuss the broader aspects of the school and provide a parent perspective as well as that of the parish and staff. The council will meet once a term. A full list of council members will be provided shortly.

Naplan 2021

From the Assistant
Principal

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), commencing on Tuesday 11th May.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already learnt through the school curriculum and the class teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learnt over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their

school program, and to advise them to simply do the best they can on the day.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will be participating in a practice test on Thursday 25th March. The practice tests give students an opportunity to become familiar with the test format, functions and tools of the online tests in a test environment. The practice tests are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Parents and students can use the [public demonstration site](#) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any queries or concerns related to NAPLAN please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Clouston through the office.

Naplan 2021**Class Parents 2021**

Thank you to all the parents who nominated for the role of Grade Parent. I am pleased to communicate that all Grade Parent positions have been filled and that I have met with all who have volunteered to discuss the role and how they will operate. A full list of Grade Parents and their contact details have been sent home to all families via Compass.

We have allocated the following school based functions to the following Grades.

Tea & Tissues Morning Tea: Grade 1 (proposed for 2022)
Open Day Morning Tea: Grade 6 (proposed for 2022)
Easter Raffle: Grade 3 (proposed for 2022)
Mother's day Morning Tea: Grade 2
Father's day Breakfast: Kindergarten
Grandparents Morning Tea: Grade 5
Kindergarten Orientation Morning Tea: Grade 4

Please note that due to COVID some functions have passed however we have listed them so that we are planned for the future moving forward. (All functions will be within COVID guidelines)

Class parents for 2021 are:

KB: Fiona C.

KG: Chris R.

1B: Alison H. & Francis K

1G: Debby L & Suet Chee

2B: Yuen Yuen Y., Yini P. & Erin S.

2G: Kath E.

3B: Alison H

3G: Mandy L

4B: Kath E.

4G: Francis K.

5/6B: Debby L. & Ann P.

5/6G: Kate S. & Rosalie K.

5/6P: Suzanne C.



Enrolling now for 2022



As many of you will be aware we had an extremely successful Open Day last Tuesday. It was wonderful meeting so many members of the community that are hoping to join O.L.D in 2022.

For those of you with younger siblings at home ready for school next year remember to collect your enrolment pack from the front office or online from the school [website](#)



Cross Country

New date for Cross Country will be Friday 26 March at Beauchamp Oval.

Stage 3 Camp

Our Stage 3 students will be heading to Milson Island for their annual school camp Monday 22- Wednesday 24 March. After the disappointment of missing camp due to COVID in 2020 excitement is building among the students for this great event. We can't wait to hear all about it.

2021 The Year of St Joseph

Today, Friday 19 March, OLD celebrated the Feast Day of St Joseph and prayed together. This year is a particularly special year for Pope Francis proclaimed 2021 the "Year of Saint Joseph." Pope Francis has called our attention to Saint Joseph to help us see the importance of 'ordinary' people who exercise patience and offer hope to others every day. We learn to live humbly and aim to resemble Saint Joseph who teaches us to be courageous, humble and faithful to God.

Pope Francis encourages us to pray:

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.



Archer Street Morning Drop Off

Just a gentle reminder to be road wise and safe when dropping students to school in the mornings. While we understand Archer street is busy with all students needing to enter the school this way, to keep in line with COVID policies, we ask that you be mindful not only of yourselves but of those around you. We have been made aware cars are pulling out from the curb into oncoming traffic, double parking and pulling into the curb at speed. We want our school to be safe for students and families alike so please take particular care when dropping students off.

We thank you for your on going co-operation.



PROJECT COMPASSION

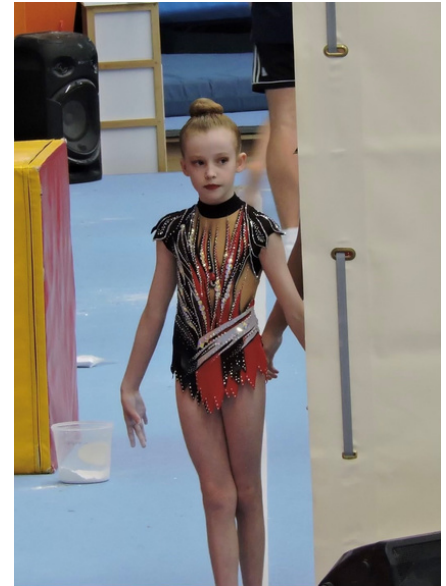
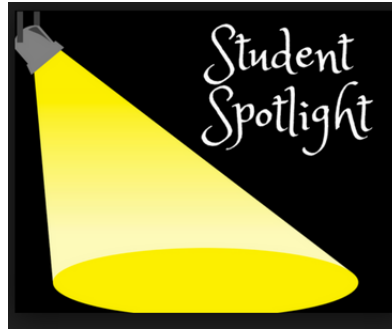
The season of Lent calls us to reach out to others and support those living in poverty. Please begin to send in your Project Compassion donations no later than **Friday the 26th of March** to allow the office to collect and count our donations. Remember to fill in the details on the box if you would like to receive a receipt.



Kindy Blessing Mass

Last Sunday we gathered as a Parish and School community to welcome our Kindy children to school. It was a wonderful celebration and we thank Fr David for sharing the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' to help us understand the importance of giving and sharing our gifts with others. A powerful message during this Lenten Season.





Congratulation Cordelia in Year 6.
Cordelia has just competed in the first Trial for State Championships, Women's 11-16 Trio, representing SXL. She won 1st in Balance, 1st in Dynamic and then 1st overall. This is her first competition at this level.

Awards Week 7



Awards Week 8



Harmony Week Celebrations

We gathered together today, 19 March, as a school community to celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity we have here at O.L.D. We are blessed as a school community to have so many cultures and nationalities represented among our students and their families.



FROM STAGE 2

We now know how God is revealed to us in different ways, and feel very special after receiving the Holy Ashes.

Exploring measuring length was such fun.

We got to get our hands dirty learning how solids, liquids and gases change state.



We created 5 digit numbers in a number line.

Learnt how to create and tessellate a shape.

We've followed digital instructions to create a drawing of a turtle.

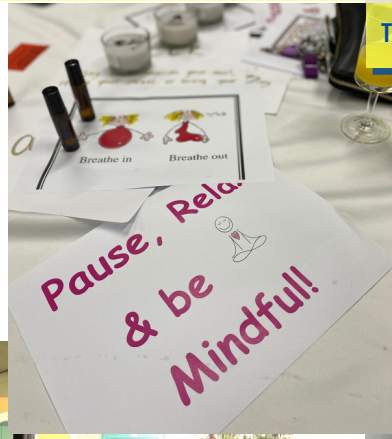
And explored forces in Science.



Wellbeing Week

Last week saw our students and staff reminded just how important it is to "PAUSE, RELAX AND BE MINDFUL" and to take care of our whole bodies both physically and mentally in Wellbeing week.

Taking time to care for each other, so important for our mental well being



Super sport fun



Invigorating our bodies and minds



So much to learn using board games all while having fun



Science activities with Marshmallows!



Lots of smiles



Mindfulness colouring



Interest speeches



Our amazing staff taking a moment to recharge together, before the day begins

COMMUNITY NEWS

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		Yoyo Yau
8 February 2021	Ann Basci	Nerinda Welch	Branka Possa	Nicole Woods	Denise Robles
15 February 2021	Melissa Surjan	Sonya Purches	Nerinda Welch	Sheryl Maynard	Cris Barancik
22 February 2021					
1 March 2021	Nancy Lo	Yoyo Yau	Tory Quinn	Nicole Woods	Ann Perez
8 March 2021	Melissa Surjan	Seda Gulesserian	Amy Chan	Yoyo Yau	Noelle Wilkin-Smith
15 March 2021	Xi Yu	Branka Possa	Eva Yan	Nerinda Welch	Katie Zhang
22 March 2021	Nancy Lo	Xi Yu	Eva Yan	Rosalie Keledjian	Alison Henderson
29 March 2021	Debby Lui	Selvia Wijaya	Sia Macree	Ann Perez	Cris Barancik
5 April 2021	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 12.55pm till 1.40pm.
Please unpack boxes of stock (if any) and refill fridge/freezer, etc. .
The kids thank you for your assistance !

Class Parent Corner

SLIDE
CLIMB
HANG
PLAY

It's the end of term 1, KB and KG!

Join us for an afternoon play at Beauchamp Park, Chatswood
Saturday, March 27 at 2pm
Bring a picnic blanket and a snack to share
Let Fiona know - yes or no! 0410 599 316

We're back!

OLD **Preloved**
UNIFORM POP-UP SHOP

Friday, 26th March

Parish carpark | 2.45 - 3.15 pm

CASH ONLY | Microfleece jackets \$10 | Everything else just \$5

HOLIDAY
CAMPS

Designed for children aged 5-14 years old. Each day is action packed with professional tennis coaching, outdoor sports and games. Our camps are perfect for all levels and abilities.

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WE OFFER

- PROFESSIONAL COACHING
- ACTIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- COMPETITIONS
- BUS PICK UP & DROP OFF
- BEFORE & AFTER CARE

OUR CAMPS

Our holiday camps provide a dedicated program for every level and age group. Modified equipment is used enabling everyone to play and enjoy their progress. Varied activities ensure an engaging, fun and active holiday program experience.

Camp 1
Camp 2

DATES

6-9 APRIL
12-16 APRIL

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