# Our Lady of Dolours News

# From the Principal

You may have noticed the new line markings in the playground. The students are enjoying developing their gross motor skills on our new playground gross motor path. The students are being challenged to translate visual clues into gross motor actions all while exercising at the same time. You will find some photos of the students in action later in the newsletter.

It was unfortunate timing with the reintroduction of some COVID restrictions at the end of last week resulting in our face to face Mothers Day celebration needing to be cancelled. We do, however, hope you enjoyed being part of our special Mothers' Day Zoom Liturgy. I would like to thank all our classroom teachers in particular Miss Brown for being able to organise this.

While we are thanking people I'd also like to extend a special thank you to all our parent volunteers who ran our Mothers' Day stall last Thursday. We appreciate your involvement in the school community to make events like this happen - the students were beyond thrilled in being able to pick their own special gifts for their mums and other significant women in their lives.

Today saw lots of action in the school as we participated in National Walk to School Day and the Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) new branding photo shoot. National Walk to School Day encourages not only exercise but education for our children on road safety. If you enjoyed walking to school today why not make it a regular activity for your family.

O.L.D. was honoured to be selected to be one of the faces of CSNSW new campaigns and we look forward to seeing the final products.



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### ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

#### **FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021**

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

# Upcoming events May

Sun 16 May - Yr 1 Parish Class Mass

Mon 24 May - 200yrs of Catholic Education National Mass Wed 26 May - Athletics Carnival

### June

Thurs 3 - School photos
Fri 4 - Parent Social Function
Wed - Fri 9-11 May - Stage 3 Camp
Mon 14 June - Public holiday
Sun 20 June - Yr 3 Class Mass
Thurs 24 June - Last day Term 2

### Staff Development Days

Fri 25 June
Fri 17 September
Thurs 16 December
Friday 17 December

School calendar click here





Congratulations to our Year 3 & Year 5 students for completing the NAPLAN assessments for 2021. We are extremely proud of our students' hard work and dedication to their learning during our preparation for this week! NAPLAN is one form of assessment that we use to monitor student patterns, growth and achievement. Our teachers also have a deep knowledge of where each student is at through their day-to-day assessments and observations in class. We are unaware of the exact time NAPLAN results will be returned to us, but expect to receive it by late Term 3.





The Broken Bay Diocese Rugby Union selection trials for yr 5 & 6 students will be held on Wednesday 26 May from 2-4pm at Kariong Oval. The purpose of the trials is to select a squad to participate in the Polding trials in Forbes where a representative team will be selected to participate in the NSW PSSA State Championships. Should you wish your child to participate please contact Mr martin via the school office - old@dbb.catholic.edu.au - to register their interest by Tuesday 18 May.

# <u>What's happening in</u> <u>Term 2</u>

- School Assemblies
  Friday mornings in the hall
  all welcome
- New learning spaces are active for Music and Diverse Learning
- Stage 2 class coding lessons
  - Junior (stage 2) & Senior (stage 3) Band
- Keyboard and Piano lessons
  - Coding Club
  - Chess Club

## Save the Date

- 24 May 200 Yrs Catholic Education Mass
- 26 May Athletics Carnival
- 27 May @ 6.30pm Parent Engagement Meeting
  - 3 June School Photos
- 4 June Whole School Parent Function
  - Wed 9 Fri 11 June Stage 3
     Camp to Milson island
- 18 June band Workshop Day

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Every day of the year presents a special opportunity to help our students develop a personal relationship with God and share this love and joy with others. Throughout the month of May we invite you to join in May devotions to our Blessed Virgin Mary. Our students have been learning to pray parts of the rosary including the Hail Mary, The Glory Be and the Our Father.

This week I invite you to pray the 'Joey Rosary' with your family. The story of The Joey Rosary originated when a young boy called Joseph Benjamin was born with a problem with his heart. As he recovered in hospital, his young brothers and sisters prayed a short version of the Rosary which came to be known among family and friends as 'the Joey Rosary'. Joey Rosary continues to bring children and families to prayer. Click <a href="here">here</a> for the link to the google slide that will lead you through the Joey Rosary.



# Awards Week 4







# We have recently launched the MULTILIT Reading Tutor Program at OLD,

# and we are looking for parent helpers!

The MultiLit Reading Tutor Program (RTP), developed by Macquarie University, caters for students who have not yet acquired the basic skills needed to become independent readers. It takes an intensive, systematic approach to reading. The RTP reflects a contemporary approach to best practice literacy instruction as identified by international reading scientists and as reflected by the reports of the US National Reading Panel (2000), the (Australian) National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy (2005), and the (UK) Rose Report (2006)

#### Key Benefits of the RTP

- · Incorporates intensive, systematic and explicit instruction in the three areas found by research to be most effective for low-progress readers: phonics (or word attack skills), sight words recognition, and supported book reading.
- $\cdot$  Can be used with students across a wide age range, with placement tests determining the most appropriate starting point in the program
- $\cdot$  Uses pre and post assessment procedures to track the student's reading growth over the course of the program

**Key Components** 

The Reading Tutor Program comprises three main components:

- 1. Word Attack Skills
- 2. Sight Words
- 3. Reinforced Reading

#### How can you help?

We are looking for parent helpers who would like to volunteer to become MultiLit tutors! This would involve a short training workshop. Once you are trained up you would be responsible for delivering the Multilit Program to students in 30 minute sessions, three times a week (most likely in the mornings). You may have more than one student per morning – dependant on your availability.

If you would like to express your interest in volunteering as a MultiLit tutor, please contact me via email on old@dbb.org.au.

Miss Sarah Baynie (Diverse Learning Coordinator)



This term the OLD Diverse Learning Team is working hard to collate our school's data on student learning support needs to submit for the annual August census - the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD).



The NCCD is the government platform used to provide our school with funding to support our students with additional needs. You can find a fact sheet with further information on NCCD here



# School photos





#### Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School 2021 School Photos Your school photo day is almost

We are excited to be capturing your child's memories at Our Lady of Dolours on Thursday 3 June 2021

Ordering your 2021 photos is quick and easy! You can order now through the Compass Portal.

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing, when you order through the Compass Portal. But these prices are only available for a limited time.

To place your order, make sure you have your Compass login details handy!

#### Click here for our simple online ordering guide.

#### Click here to Start Ordering!

If you are having problems logging into your parent portal, click "Can't access your account?" and follow the prompts.

Sibling Photos are also available to order through Compass and must be ordered before midnight PRIOR to photo day.

Please note that students hold the responsibility of presenting themselves for their family photo at their allocated time slot.

If you have any questions regarding the photography service or packages available for purchase, please contact our friendly team on

9499 6555 or by email to sydney@msp.com.au

Get your smiles ready!

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# **Enrolments filling fast for 2022**



Interviews for Kindergarten 2022 have now commenced and places are filling fast.

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

First round offers will be sent out soon

### Parent engagement meeting

Just a reminder our next Parent engagement meeting is scheduled for 27 May at 6.30pm.

If you have any items you would like added to the agenda please forward to the school office -

old@dbb.catholic.edu.au - by COB 25 May.

# Mothers' Day

Thank you to all our wonderful families who 'zoomed in' for our Mother's Day Liturgy celebration. We were particularly blessed to have Deacon Aldrin share a mother's day reflection with our families, reminding us about the strength and gentleness of Mother Mary and our mothers today. Thank you to Year 3 & Year 1 for their help preparing for this special occasion. We hope you all had a wonderful mother's day weekend.



### Student engagement

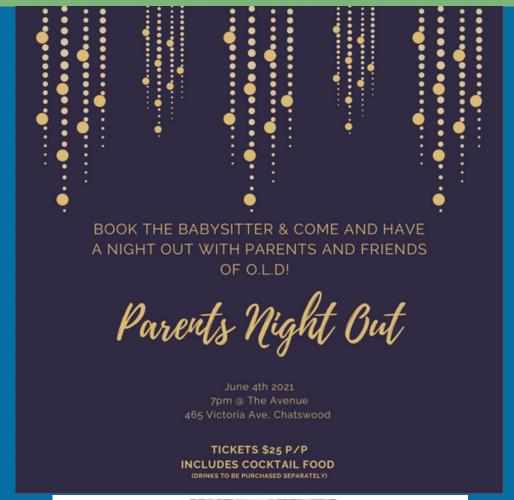


#### <u>Jesuit Refugee Service</u>

Next week we send details regarding a school-wide food and house-hold item collection for the Jesuit Refugee Service. We are looking for volunteer drivers who can deliver these donated items to the JRS in Parramatta using their personal car. We will collect the items as a school in Week 5, 6 & 7. Please contact Camilla Brown if you may be interested in helping us distribute the materials (estimated date the 7th of June).



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### Could you make soup?

Join your community in the

### Weekly Lower North Shore Soup Drive

Help those struggling this winter Make a little or make a lot No regular commitment necessary

Local residents are cooking soup in their own homes for the food service at Martin Place every Wednesday & Friday. Cook the soup of the week in your home and drop to your local coordinator.

Full details and sign up at https://volunteersignup.org/D4FHY



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