

# Our Lady of Dolours News

## From the Principal

Monday saw us come together as a school and Parish community to celebrate 200yrs of Catholic Education in Australia. Our Stage 3 students gathered in Our Lady of Dolours Parish with Mercy College and St Pius X College for this momentous celebration while our Kindergarten to Year 4 students and teachers were able to join the celebration via live stream in the school hall. Our Year 6 students performed a beautiful liturgical dance for part of this celebration and it can be viewed on our facebook page here [f](#)

Father David's homily from the Mass can be found [here](#). More information and fun facts about the 200 year celebration can be found further on in the newsletter.



## Upcoming events

### 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
- Fri 25 June - Staff Development Day

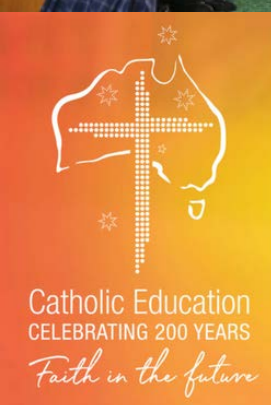
### July

- Mon 12 July - Term 3 Commences

## Staff Development Days

- Fri 25 June
- Fri 17 September
- Thurs 16 December
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School calendar click [here](#)





Catholic Education is celebrating 200 years in Australia, marking the bicentenary of the first Catholic school established in Parramatta in October 1820. First Catholic school The first Catholic school in Australia was founded in October 1820 by Irish Catholic priest Fr John Therry and run by convict and lay person George Marley. The school, which Catholic historians believe was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, taught 31 students. By 1833, there were 10 Catholic schools in the colony. Celebrating the legacy Over 200 years, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside government) with one in five school age students attending a Catholic school. This represents 777,000 students in 1,755 schools across the country and employing over 100,000 teachers and staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities. The formal celebrations were due to be held from October 2020 to October 2021. However, due to pandemic restrictions, the celebrations are now being held during the 2021 school year.

The official national launch of the celebrations was held virtually on 18 February 2021 with local launches held across Australia during February. A National Mass was celebrated in states and dioceses on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May 2021. We welcome you to visit the O.L.D. foyer to see a tribute to the women and men who have created and built Catholic education in this country. You might even recognise a few of them!



## Stage 3 visit from Willoughby council

Emma from Willoughby council visited Stage 3 to talk to the students about our local wildlife in conjunction with Willoughby Councils annual writing competition.

All schools from the area are given a different insect/animal to write about for this council run competition. Our Year 5 students will write stories on the Cicada. Entries will be judged, winners announced & their published work launched in a book at Willoughby library.

We look forward to seeing what our students imagination holds with their stories.



## Attendance and late arrivals

As the weather gets colder and it is harder to get out of bed of a morning this is a gentle reminder about the importance of getting to school on time.

Did you know that being 10 minutes late per day can lead to 6 full days missed per year. And missing 2 days of school per month means missing over 1 entire year of missed learning over a child's school life.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time please remember you can reach out to your classroom teacher or other school leadership for assistance

Success at school goes hand in hand with good attendance!





## *Awards Week 5*



## *Awards Week 6*







## Athletics Carnival

Wednesday was certainly a highlight for this year with the annual Athletics Carnival. The excitement amongst our students, especially those in infants was immeasurable. From the joy of the bus ride to the activities on the day fun was had by all. The hard work put in by the Sports Co-ordinators was rewarded with the many smiles and laughter from all students, with the day feeling that little bit more special as it was the first whole school offsite event that had been able to proceed since 2019.

A special mention must also go to our parent volunteers, thank you for your assistance on the day, your help makes events like this possible. We also thank the sports students from Mercy College Chatswood and St Leo's College Wahroonga for their contributions.





## Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank Appeal

During these unprecedented times, refugees and people seeking asylum in the community need your help more than ever! Non-perishable food, toiletries and financial donations are desperately needed and appreciated.

We invite all our families at Our Lady of Dolours to join together in support of the Jesuit Refugee Service. Each grade has been allocated essential items to donate. Please bring in your donations in Week 6 & Week 7 and send them to your class teacher. You are welcome to drop heavier items at the office if your child is unable to carry them.

We are also looking for volunteer drivers who can deliver these donated items to the JRS in Parramatta using their personal car. Please contact Miss Camilla Brown if you may be interested in helping us distribute the materials (estimated date the 8th of June).



**Kindergarten**- Toothpaste & toothbrushes

**Year 1** - Muesli bars, oats & cereal

**Year 2** - Long life milk

**Year 3** - Tinned food: tuna, salmon, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas & fruit

**Year 4** - Shampoo, soap & deodorant (male & female)

**Stage 3** - Basmati Rice & Cooking Oil \*please avoid glass bottles

**On behalf of all those we serve, thank  
you for supporting JRS!**



Fr David reminds us, “Pentecost, as an essential part of the story of the Resurrection, celebrates the birth of the Church. The Spirit of God stirs into flame the hearts and minds of the first disciples and sends them forth with the passion of mission. It is an opportune time, therefore, for us to reflect on our own call to mission as a community of faith.”



# Science Enrichment Program

The Science Enrichment Program is going exceptionally well as the Mercy students mentor our young scientists. They are finalising their research projects and are looking forward to sharing their investigations at the Learning Expo and breakfast in week 10.

The Mercy girls have shared their insights with us....

The OLD science project has allowed Mercy girls to gain experience working with younger ages as well as helping us gain a different perspective of Science. We are continuing to learn new things in a different environment as most of us are being taught and led by our buddies. This enrichment program has opened our eyes to new areas of Science and we are continuing to gain a better relationship with our buddies as well as developing our social and communication skills. This program has been so much fun for both the girls and the buddies and we all can't wait to see their final projects come together.

Larissa, Angel, Liberti Siobhan Olivia Caitlin Cleo Maree, Annabella Kasy .





# 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](mailto:sydney@msp.com.au)**

Get your smiles ready!

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 **PHOTOGRAPHY**



 **PROMOTION**



 **PRINTING**



 **YEARBOOKS**

# Enrolments filling fast for 2022



First round offers for Kindergarten 2022 have now been sent.

For those of you with younger siblings at home ready for school next year please submit your enrolment application as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available from the front office or online from the school [website](#)

## Year 6 looking fabulous in their Year 6 shirts



### Did you know.....

Did you know Our Lady of Dolours is a Priority Feeder School (PFS) for St Leos Catholic College? What does this mean for you? Belonging to a PFS means you have priority enrolment moving into High School. St Leos offers the opportunity for your child to continue their Catholic education into high school through a co-educational environment through the systemic Catholic system. This partnership will also see exciting opportunities for our students to be involved with St Leos in numerous events they will be hosting through out the year so watch this space for further details. In the meantime it was wonderful for our students to meet some of the St Leos sporting representatives at our athletics carnival as they assisted with the days activities.

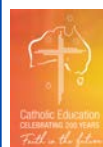


## QUIZ TIME

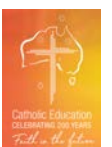
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA?

1. In what year was the first Australian Catholic school established?
2. Who was George Marley?
3. Prime Ministers Tony Abbott, Kevin Rudd and Paul Keating all went to Catholic schools. True or False?
4. Who am I? I was born in 1842. I grew up in Melbourne. I became a governess and a teacher. I opened a school in Penola. I am known to say: "Never see a need without doing something about it." I am Australia's first saint.
5. What percentage of Australian children go to a Catholic school?
6. How many people work in Catholic schools across Australia?
7. How many Catholic schools are there in Australia?

## ANSWERS



1. 1820
2. An Irish Catholic convict who opened the first school
3. True
4. Mary MacKillop
5. 20%
6. 100,000
7. 7,1750







Stage 3 visit from Willoughby Council  
 Stage 3 Yoga class for well being week  
 Classroom visits from Mr Ianni and Mrs Clouston  
 Representative Cross Country  
 Year 3 enjoyed a popcorn author party





## ***FROM THE PARISH***

Volunteers being  
celebrated at the  
weekends Parish BBQ





**TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW  
THROUGH  
QKR!**

BOOK THE BABYSITTER & COME AND HAVE  
A NIGHT OUT WITH PARENTS AND FRIENDS  
OF O.L.D!

## *Parents Night Out*

June 4th 2021  
7pm @ The Avenue  
465 Victoria Ave, Chatswood

**TICKETS \$25 P/P**  
**INCLUDES COCKTAIL FOOD**  
(DRINKS TO BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY)

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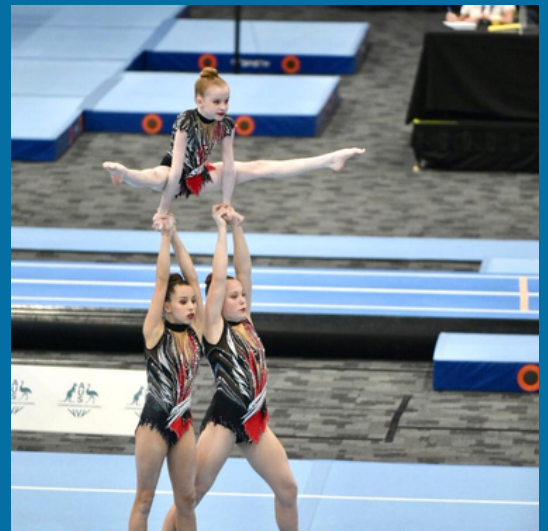


Cordelia recently competed at the Australian Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast.

We are excited to announce that she won in her division.

Cordelia's trio is now the Australian Champions, Women's 11-16 Trios.

Well done Cordelia this is an outstanding achievement.





# Community Corner



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**Koolacottage**

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young sydney sings  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!!**

**Aged 9-13?**

**Love to SING, DANCE & ACT?**

**JOIN US FOR 2 DAYS OF FUN!!**



**mon 5 - tues 6 July 2021 9am - 3pm \$150**

**Artarmon Community Hall  
139 Artarmon rd (entrance on tindale st)**

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Limited spots available!**

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