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# **Our Lady of Dolours News**

## From the Principal

The conclusion of another term is upon us and as we head into this holiday period we wish all our families a happy, safe and healthy break.

Unfortunately, as we are all only too aware, COVID-19 restrictions are back in place. As the situation is ever evolving we ask families to ensure they have access to COMPASS as any updates for the start of term 3 will be communicated via the app.

Thank you to all Teachers and Parents/Carers that attended our Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. With the ever evolving COVID situation we appreciate your support and flexibility with your meetings.

In positive news the last few weeks have seen the school buzzing with activity with open classrooms, band workshops, a visit from Frankie the puppy to Kindergarten and hosting local Preschool Educators for a workshop.

It was wonderful welcoming our families into our learning spaces when we opened our classrooms last week. Joy was evident on the faces of students, parents and teachers alike as we enjoyed this time. We look forward to inviting you all back again later in the year.

Last Friday saw O.L.D host other schools in an interschool band workshop. Music flooded the corridors as students let their creative juices flow and talent come alive with both specialised tuition and joint collaboration. The end of the day saw a wonderful performance as the students joined together to put on a fabulous show of musical talent.

Monday had excitement levels peak in Kindergarten as Miss Smith's puppy Frankie came to visit. Students had been investigating using different materials to make a shelter for Frankie to keep him safe. You can only imagine their delight when Frankie could visit to test the shelters, and we are happy to report, not only did Frankie give his approval but all shelters passed the test of being practical and safe.

Finally we were honoured to host Educators from our local Preschools for an evening workshop. I would like to thank our amazing Kindergarten team who along with Mrs Cook and Mrs Clouston put together a very well received presentation. We will be further developing and strengthening our relationship with local preschools as the year progresses to assist with a smoother transition to school for all preschool children.



Upcoming events

### June

Fri 25 June - Staff Development Day

## July

Mon 12 July - Term 3 Commences Sun 18 July - Year 2 Class Mass Wed 21 July - Kindergarten 100 days at school! Fri 30 July - Grandparents Day

### August

Sun 15 Aug - Year 4 Class Mass

### Staff Development Days

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

School calendar click <u>here</u>



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## Year 4 Spotlight

If you are the parent of a Year 4 student you will know how hard they have been working on their history projects. The students were able to wow the rest of the school as classes all came to visit to see the amazing replicas they had built of the Endeavour. Not only did Year 4 show off their creative skills but their knowledge was also on display as they explained the history behind their models.







## A gentle reminder for our Infants Families

Just a gentle reminder to all parents of our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Please ensure your children have a change of clothes, including socks, in their school bags. As the students wear extra layers to combat the cold it can sometimes mean they don't make it to the toilet in time resulting in not only wet underwear but also wet clothes. If a change of clothes are in students school bags they are able to change easily and continue with their day. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.



## 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



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Congratulations Mikayla on your recent representation for Polding in soccer. The team Mikayla played in had 4 wins,2 draws and 1 loss coming 7th overall. A fantastic experience and result.













Well done Ayuna on her recent performance for World Scholarship Organisation charity concert recently.

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Interschool Band workshops Preschool Educator Workshops Frankie's visit to Kindergarten and Staff gathering in prayer for Refugee Week

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## Year 3 Mass

Last Sunday, Our Lady of Dolours Parish celebrated a special Mass for our Year 3 students and Parish children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In Fr David's homily, he read a picture book to help explain the Gospel message of Jesus calming the storm to the children.

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Fr David explained 'When we are lonely, the thing that can make us happy is finding friends. When we have friends, we can be truely happy and bring joy to others. Jesus gives us peace on the 'sea of life'. His way of living teaches us how to be firneds with one another.

## Year 3 Mass





For those wing in the Northern Sydney region For parents of primary school children on how to develop your child's emotional intelligence.

https://form.jotform.com/211567156969873

#### TUNING INTO TEENS

Prioritising those living in the Ku-ring-gai local Government area (but open to Northern Sydney Region depending on numbers)

A parenting group based on emotion coaching with additional information and support around risk taking behaviours. Delivered in partnership with The Northern Centre and Drug & Alcohol Youth Support Service.

Register here: https://form.jotform.com/211311577412850

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#### **GROWING KIDS**

gram run over 4 weeks for primary aged children in years 4 - 6 ram aims to use creative arts as a way of expression and building resilience. Being creative or the brain! It helps you relax and numerous studies show that creative activities raise levels and decrease anxiety - factors that contribute to resilience - our ability to deal with ems in a way that makes us feel like the next time they come around, we'll have a better

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#### MUSIC XPRESS FOR KIDS

A free program run over 5 weeks for primary aged children in years 4 - 6. This program uses music as a way of expression and helping to build resilience amongst children. You do not need to have experience in musical instruments but rather be interested to use music

expression.

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MORE INFO: E: intakefs@catholiccaredbb.org.au



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