

Our Lady of Dolours News

From the Principal

Moving forward with COVID-19

As we move forward in this unprecedented climate we are called to stay well-informed and prepared, yet calm and responsible. We need to look after those in the community that may not be coping so well or that are at a higher risk of becoming unwell. We need to look after our students who may be feeling anxious or disappointed that things in their lives are changing yet again. So we remind you if you need help or assistance in any way please reach out - together we will come through this.

ATTENDANCE

The NSW Government and CSNSW have reminded us that parents must keep children of all ages across Primary and Secondary schooling, home if they can. Our school will ensure that our students are supported to learn from home during this time and have adopted HBL as our primary form of teaching. If your child needs to attend our school we are open and will provide the supervision needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

As you will be aware by now all updates for parents are being distributed through Compass, so please ensure you have your notification settings updated and you are logging in regularly. When changes are received or any updates provided, parents will be informed via Compass. The main thing we can do as a community is follow the advice from our medical experts. If you have concerns please consult your GP, visit the NSW Health website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx> or ring the NSW Health hotline 1800 022 222.

THANK YOU

I would like to acknowledge the staff at Our Lady of Dolours. I can not find the words to express my gratitude and appreciation. They have shown such a passion for their vocation; perseverance, creativity and collaboration that has seen us become established as a Home Based Learning school once again.

I wish to thank the parents and carers at OLD for your patience and understanding as we move through this current phase. Thank you for the ongoing support you have shown myself and the teachers through your encouragement, kind words and your positive feedback.

And I MUST thank our students. Throughout the past few weeks we have really seen your resilience, your adaptability and flexibility, and your willingness to give anything a go emerge. We are so proud of each and everyone of you. We thank you for brightening up our days when we see you on Zoom. Now more than ever, we realise how precious our job as a teacher is and how much our students are embedded in our lives and our hearts. We miss you all terribly but we look forward to seeing you online and back face to face soon.



Upcoming events

July

HBL - Please remember do what you can and reach out if you need support.



Staff Development Days

Fri 17 September
Thurs 16 December
Friday 17 December

School calendar [click here](#)



Home Based Learning Highlights



What O.L.D students love about HBL

- Seeing their teachers and friends on zoom each day
- Spending extra time with their families
- Exploring their local neighbourhoods
- Challenging their technology skills and sharing new skills with their families
- Playing with their pets at lunch time



Positive stories from HBL

Do you have a positive moment from HBL you would like to share with the school community? If so please email Jane - old@dbb.catholic.edu.au - with an image, short video or quote to be included in the next newsletter publication.

Remember this time will pass and we can all only do our best to get through. We must actively look after ourselves to enable us to look after others so take care and be kind to yourself.

Remember You Are Enough!



Remember you are good enough
Everyone is different
Stop comparing yourself
Individuality rocks 🐸
Learn something new daily
Involve yourself in what you love doing
Enjoy things that make you happy
Not everyone can be 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
Care about yourself and others
Expect that some days won't be great

www.easypeasykids.com.au

Attendance reminders

Thank you to all families that have completed surveys in regards to attendance or emailed the school via the office. While we know it is an extremely busy time and that there can be an overwhelming amount of online communication we do ask if you could please take the time to complete these when requested to enable to fully support our students. If your circumstances change and your child/ren need/no longer need to attend on site learn please email the school office. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Teacher Check In's

Over the course of the next week your classroom teacher will be contacting you to check in to see how you and your family are going. Please note that calls coming into your phone from your teacher will be from 'no caller ID'.

CHECKING IN
IS NOT JUST  **Pl**aces

HBL Surveys



How is home based learning going for your family?
Please let us know how your experience has been by completing the survey sent out via COMPASS. And remember we are here to help so please reach out if you need assistance.



AUSTRALIA

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Thank you for your meaningful support to those seeking asylum

Dear Our Lady of Dolours community,

Jesuit Refugee Service Australia would like to thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation to our foodbank drive. In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic brought immense hardship to all members of Australian society. For refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations, this hardship was amplified to a significantly greater degree.

It is a testament to your generosity and spirit that after an extremely challenging year, your school, OLD, has come together again in 2021 to support these communities.

Whilst we are a year and a half on from the start of the pandemic, most of the people whom we serve who lost their jobs have been unable to regain employment. Throughout the last year and a half they have also been denied access to Federal Government support, including JobKeeper and JobSeeker, leaving many families and individuals confronting destitution. We have heard from many that the support which they receive from charities like JRS has been their only hope.

Since the onset of the pandemic, heightened food insecurity has been an overwhelming feature of the immense disadvantages which we have witnessed. Currently, the JRS food bank feeds around 950 people a week, and in 2020, we faced an unprecedented 263% increase in demand for our services.

It is in the context of this crisis that help from the community is vitally important. With the support and generosity of schools like yours, the suffering of these marginalised communities is being eased; thank you for answering the call and walking in solidarity with those doing it so tough.

Thank you again for your wonderful contribution and accompaniment. Please be assured that we at JRS, along with the refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations with whom we work are immensely grateful for your kindness, which makes a tremendous difference to people's lives.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Tamara Domicelj
Country Director
Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia

CONGRATULATIONS Year 2!!!

In exciting news 2B are this weeks 'WORLD LEADERS' in Typing Tournament Online - they will need to work hard to keep this position as 2G are hot on their heels in 3rd place. With the Olympics starting it feels like our students have earned themselves Gold and Bronze medals.



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Weekly Leaderboards

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This Week's Leaderboard Closes In: 4 days, 16:21:04 (hrs:min:sec)

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Leading Under 8's Under 10's Under 12's Under 14's Under 16's Under 18's

Under 8's

1st		2B MRS. GREENWOOD - Mrs. Greenwood Our Lady of Dolours School, Chatswood, NSW	5982 words
2nd		2R - Mr Rawlings Killara Public School, Killara, NSW	4174 words
3rd		2G Our Lady of Dolours School, Chatswood, NSW	3433 words

ISSUE 5 Now Available

Physical catalogues will be handed out when children return to school, however, an online copy is available via the link below.

Due to lockdown restrictions, there will only be one issue this term. It will be available to order until the last day of term, when all orders will be submitted.

For any questions, please reach out to Mrs McKittrick via the school office at old@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Click [here](#) for catalogue



Community Corner

Chess classes @ Our Lady of Dolours

Primary School (Chatswood)

Due to the current COVID lockdown, we will be conducting our chess class online. As soon as restrictions are lifted, we will return to face to face coaching at school.

Our online chess classes will be held after school Monday to Friday from 3:15pm–4:15pm, 4:30pm–5:30pm and 5:00pm–6:00pm. Your child can attend as many of these online classes as he/she wishes until we return to face to face lessons.

See the link on this page for more details:

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online-classes-2021>

To register your child in the class, go to

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment> and enter the code 8ZZG4WIXMT

For all enquiries call us on 97451170 or e-mail:

enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

From the Parish

Please click [here](#) for this weeks Sunday Celebration



Come, Rest & Reflect
at our zoom parent retreat

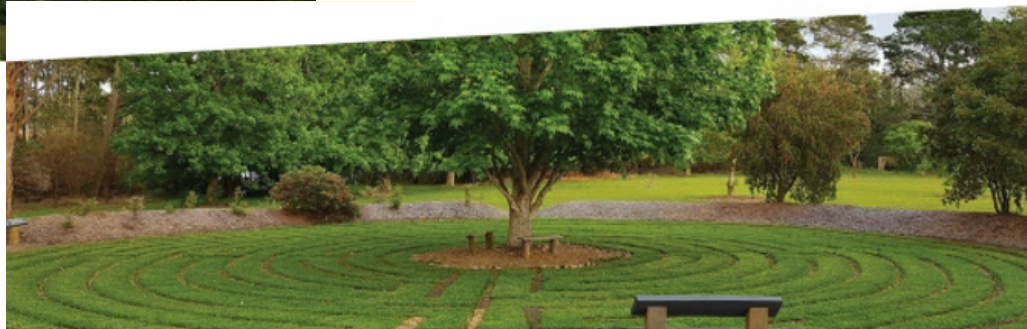
Due to Covid our retreat day has been postponed and replaced with a zoom

Friday 30th July, 10.30 - 12.00 via zoom

[Click here to register](#)

Join us on zoom as we listen to each other, exploring how we journey within our school community. Inspired by our common mission of supporting our children in their education.

For more information email Jo Spek
jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au



The family is a proclamation of faith in that it is the natural place in which faith can be lived in a simple and spontaneous manner. It has a unique privilege: transmitting the Gospel by rooting it in the context of profound human values. (Directory for Catechesis)