

Our Lady of Dolours News

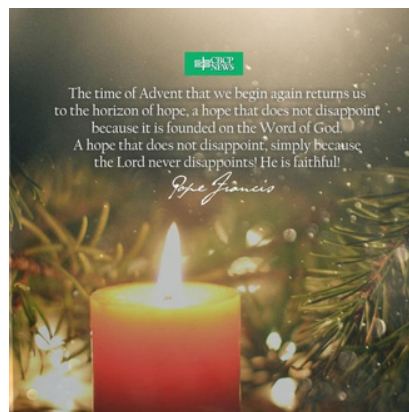
From the Principal

Last week we had the joy of welcoming our Kindergarten 2022 students to school for their face to face orientation day. The smiles and enthusiasm these children displayed was wonderful to see. We look forward to our newest students joining us in 2022 as they begin their schooling journey. I thank the current Kindergarten Teachers and support staff for their tireless work in supporting our new families and students as they prepare to join our school community.

Advent

The season of Advent begins this Sunday, the 28th of November. The season of Advent marks the beginning of our liturgical year and an opportunity to reconnect with God, reach out to others and wait in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus.

During the Christmas period our lives can become so busy that sometimes we stray from the true meaning of Christmas and it becomes more about the commercial side, rather than being guided by our faith. Remember when leading up to Christmas - try to help yourself and your child to 'pray always and pray in all ways'. With your families, you may like to pray as a family at the dinner table, pray when preparing your Christmas tree and find God in the beauty of creation!



Socktober

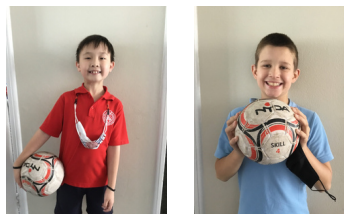
A tremendous THANK YOU to our students, parents and community members who helped fundraise for Socktober 2021. So far, we have raised \$2,267 for 'Socktober' and Catholic Mission. These donations will help support children in Thailand receive their basic needs including food, clean water, shelter and an education.



"I am a mission on this earth: that is the reason why I am here in this world."
Pope Francis, 2019

A particular thankyou to our **top sponsors** at Our Lady of Dolours:

Zach - 3G (raised over \$1000!)
Floyd - 3G (raised over \$500!)
Johnathan - KB (raised over \$300!)
Liam - 3G
Levi - 1G
Henry - 1G
Emily - KG



If you would still like to donate, you donate to [Socktober](#) online [here](#). Check out some of the sockballs our students made.



Upcoming events

December

Fri 3 - Year 6 Graduation Liturgy and Function.

5pm Liturgy

6pm - 8.30pm Function

Wed 15 Dec - End of Year Liturgy - last day term 4

January

Fri 28 - Staff Development Day

Mon 31 - MAI Yr 1 - 6

Mon 31 - Wed 2 Feb - Best Start Kindergarten

February

Tues 1 - Term 1 commences Yr 1- 6

Thurs 3 - Term 1 commences Kindergarten

Staff Development Days

Thurs 16 December

Friday 17 December

Friday 28 January

School calendar click [here](#)



Welcome Fr Marek Woldan

Farewell Fr Aldrin & Welcome to Fr Marek Woldan

In November Fr David shared the news of Fr Aldrin's first priestly appointment as Assistant Priest at the Parish of The Lakes. We thank Fr Aldrin for his wonderful contributions to our school community. Fr Aldrin has been with us for nearly 18 months, primarily as a transitional deacon and has dedicated himself to the life of the school. Fr Aldrin regularly visited our students to help teach our students about God's Word. We thank Fr Aldrin and wish him all the best as Assistant Priest at The Parish of the Lakes.

We are happy to share with you that Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr Marek Woldan as Assistant Priest to Chatswood Fr Marek. Below is a message from Fr Marek:

I was born and raised in Czestochowa, which is considered to be the Spiritual Capital of Poland. For the first time I have heard a call to the priesthood while doing my 1 year in a school. Since then I never thought about some other way for my life. In June 2000 I was ordained and sent to the first parish as an assistant priest. After serving for 6 years there – mostly with the youth ministry - I have entered Mission Training School to answer a call within the call. In January 2008 I came to Papua New Guinea and shortly I was sent as a parish priest to one of the parishes in the Diocese of Mendi. After 7 years I have moved to the center of the diocese as a director of the Catechist Training School and assistant to the bishop. Within over 12 years of my ministry in Papua New Guinea, apart from the pastoral work, I have also contributed to the development in some areas of the diocese. Not long ago I came to realize a new call to my priestly ministry - to join pastoral work in Broken Bay Diocese and here I am. Fr Marek

Please join us in welcoming Fr Marek!

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In the spirit of reaching out to others in the lead up to Christmas, we invite you to donate to our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We are looking to donate 'snack packs' to our Metropolitan Vinnies Vans Services. These services cater to those in need of a meal, hot drink, blanket, toiletries, referrals and companionship.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please donate any of the following supplies to the Metropolitan Vinnies Vans Services (ideally in bulk packets that we can then distribute into smaller snack packs). Please drop these items off at the office or to your child's class teacher. We thank you for your support!

- Popper juices
- Cans of tuna
- Cuppa soups/noodles
- Le Snak
- Small packets of chips
- Small packets of sultanas
- fruit cups
- packets of biscuits (e.g. single serve Tiny Teddies)
- muesli bars (nut-free & chewy - e.g. Uncle Toby's Choc Chip Bars)

We also require donations of extra-large/large zip lock/storage bags that we can distribute these items into snack packs. We thank you for your support! Please drop these items off at the office OR to your child's class teacher. Donations are completely voluntary. We thank you for your support!



From Year 5

Every year, Year 5 students are invited to submit a Narrative story and Artwork relating to an animal in the local environment. This year, Our Lady of Dolours was given the Cicada to research & write about.

We are always complimented on the very high standard of our writing and Artwork.

Today we joined ten other schools in the area for a zoom presentation. All the successful students of the published works were acknowledged.

While not everyone can be a winners, we are very proud of a high standard of writing in Stage 3 this year.

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School

Sunny Choi



Lenny, the Cicada
by Charlotte Wong

As Lenny the Cicada came out from underground one summer morning, he went out on a safari to find a mate. As he went, he found the perfect place to sing - on a tree leaf. He was trembling with fear as he kept on taking another step forward.

Then suddenly Lenny heard a strange sound which almost sounded like a Kookaburra but it couldn't be "SQUAK! SQUAK!"

He knew now that it was a Kookaburra! But it wasn't just any Kookaburra. It was Strong Mike the Kookaburra. He was known for his greatness.

Lenny flew for his life but he just wasn't fast enough. Strong Mike swooped up Lenny the Cicada like a scoop of ice-cream. Strong Mike then dropped him down in a burrow that he had made. Lenny remembered that he had a powerful voice and he used it now on Mike. It was a loud, high-pitched sound. Strong Mike was terribly frightened by Lenny's sound and wouldn't dare try to eat him.

Lenny crawled out of the burrow and flew away. He was safe.

Charlotte Wong



How Bob Got His Song
by Anya Francis

Buzz! A long time ago, there was a Blue Moon Cicada called Bob. He was zooming through the vast, lush forest looking for the perfect tree sap. As he was looking, he heard the most beautiful melody coming from a distant tree. Bob went to find it.

He was looking around as the song kept getting louder. He followed the song and it turned out to be Kate the Kookaburra! "Hemmm" pondered Bob, "I think I need to find my own song."

Bob flew along to find his best mate Greg the Green Grocer Cicada. He wanted to see if he had a song. When he arrived at Greg's, he asked if he had a song. Greg said "Yes!" and sang the song. To Bob's horror, Greg's song was like a tremendously loud screaming which made him shiver! Bob then decided to go meet his other friend Callie the Cherry Blossom Cicada instead.

He found Callie and asked her about her song. It was a soft, flowy song which nearly made Bob fall asleep! It was too slow and tedious, Bob could never sing this high. Bob was really upset that he couldn't find his own song, so he flew off to go find some delicious tree sap like he had before.

Bob's head hung low as he flew slowly around until, "BANG!" he had bumped into a tree. He was super hungry at this point, so he started drinking the sap. It tasted like the purest liquid sap in the world, it had a hint of scrumptious sweetness.

As soon as he finished, "Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!" Bob had made a sound he had never heard before! He tried it again and it was the most amazing sound ever! "I found my song!" he exclaimed. Bob showed off his new song to all his friends, who loved it! Bob was the proudest cicada in Australia ever.

Anya Francis



Kyla Moore



Published authors & artists



Highly Commended Writing / Art



Artwork by
Ashley Goh Li En

Just Like You - Disability Awareness



At Our Lady of Dolours, we aspire to 'Ignite, Innovate and Include In Mercy,' with inclusion at the heart of what we do.

Next week on December 3rd we will celebrate the International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD). IDPwD is a United Nations observed day aimed at increasing public awareness, understanding, acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities.

In the spirit of Inclusion, all students from K-6 engaged in a 'Just Like You' disability awareness workshop. Each workshop helped equip our students with essential understandings about inclusion and acceptance. You can visit the Just Like You page [here](#) and learn more about the International Day of People with Disability [here](#). We encourage you to talk to your child about this workshop and help continue the conversation at home!

Challenge the way you think about disability and help grow a more inclusive Australia

[Learn more about IDPwD here](#)



Student Spotlight

Willoughby Festive Art Competition 2021

Congratulations to Yvaine and Freya in 3G for being selected as two of the winners for the Willoughby 2021 Festive Art Competition! This Christmas competition celebrates the artistic talent of young people in our local community.

Yvaine's artwork can be found on a banner hanging at North Bridge Baths and Freya's artwork can be found on a banner attached to the gates in Willoughby Park.

Congratulations to Yvaine and Freya on this wonderful achievement!



Godly Play Kits - Helpers Needed!

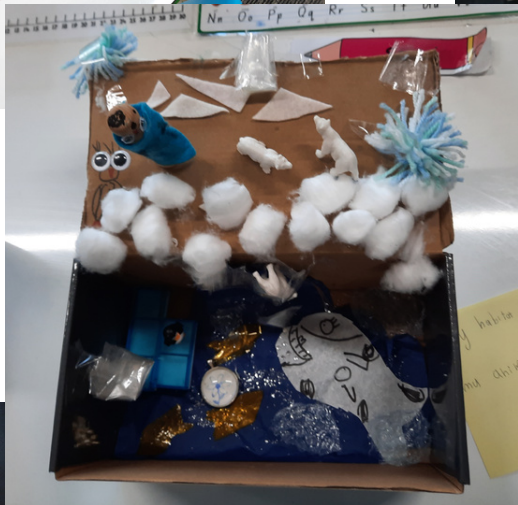
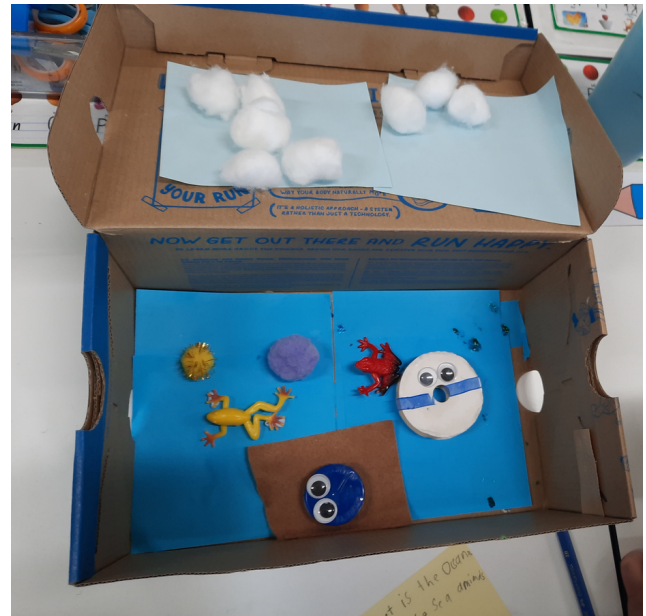
Our school Religious Education Curriculum has some new and exciting changes coming in 2022! As part of the Early Learning Curriculum, we are looking for helpers to assist us with painting our Religious play materials.

If you are interested in assisting us with painting some figurines (see the pictures below) please contact Miss Camilla Brown via the office at old@dbb.catholic.edu.au



From Year 1

This Term, Year 1 have been learning living things and how they grow and exist in Science. Students planned and created their own animal habitat. Can you guess the animal and its habitat??





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Back to School

Time is running out! Find and place your order by 12th December to receive FREE delivery!

Order in 4 easy steps!

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Classroom requirements for 2022 are now available to order online through COS.

COS will be supplying your 2022 stationary packs. COS is a 100% Australian Family owned & operated school supplier. We've been working with COS to make sure your child has an easy start to the new school year. We've selected the items your child needs to start the year and worked with COS so you can order everything you need in one go and it will be delivered direct to your home before school starts.

You have been emailed items needed for your child's year. To ensure delivery before the start of Term 1 2022 orders must be placed before January 9 2022.

2022 Requirements for online ordering.

Listed below are the easy steps for placing your online order - the ordering system has now opened.

Ready to order?

For a fast, simple and secure way to place your order visit www.cos.net.au and follow these steps.

- 1 - Click on 'School Packs' or 'Sign in' button in the menu task bar
- 2 - Enter the Username: ourladyofdolours@cos.net.au
 Password: Parents-22
- 3- Select the year level for 2022
- 4 - Review product selection based on your requirements (Please note, items may have been marked as mandatory or optional by your school).
- 5 - Add you pack to the Cart
- 6 - If you need additional items are available for you to top up from our Back to School Range
- 7 - Enter your child's details and delivery details
- 8 - Enter your credit card, Paypal or Pay4 details and submit

You will receive an order confirmation via email and can request to have your order tracking sent to you via mobile.

Please contact COS with any queries regarding the Parent Portal
 P: 1300 614 133 | E: parentportal@cos.net.au

From the Parish

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



Please find here the links to [Fr David's Sunday Homily](#), [The Parish Bulletin](#) and the [Sunday Extra](#).

I encourage you to take a moment to read Fr David's messages of hope and encouragement during lockdown.

The Parish also has several online gatherings you are able to select to participate in during this time of lockdown, please click [here](#) to find out more.

Supporting the Parish Our Lady of Dolours now has the capacity to contribute to our parish planned giving program online. The link is Online Giving - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (bbcatholic.org.au) Through this link you can give to the First Collection, the Second Collection and the Pastoral Works Fund. Of course, we desperately do need your financial support. Our parish continues on so many different levels, but without congregations joining us every weekend, our income is severely depleted. So if you can assist us in the same way as if you did before the lockdown that would be so greatly appreciated. And now the easiest way to do this is to go online and use the link. With our deep gratitude -

From Fr David.



This Christmas let's follow Mary's example of saying 'Yes' to God. The following is one way you might respond with your Yes.

We would like all parishioners; families, school classes, parish groups, group of friends and individuals, to participate in sharing the Christmas Spirit by recording a short Christmas greeting, Christmas carol or photographing a Christmas art piece and sending it to us. All abilities welcome!

We will collate and share the compilation of our collective efforts via our Parish YouTube channel. This is a new way of reaching out to family and friends who may be in a nursing home or at home and unable to join us, for our regular Christmas Celebrations.

Please send your video to Katya or Josef via: chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au before Sunday 5 December 2021.

For help or enquiries please contact:

Katya : kpolygonileung@gmail.com

Josef: josef.widjaja@gmail.com

From the Parish

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish



Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

CHRISTMAS Bake Sale Fundraiser

SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER

CHURCH FORECOURT
94 Archer Street, Chatswood
8:30AM - 12:30PM

**X-MAS PHOTO BOOTH, COOKIE JARS, MINCE PIES,
CHRISTMAS CAKES, SHORTBREAD, BROWNIES,
GINGERBREAD, JELLIES, HAMPERS,
CUPCAKES & more!**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAUBARA ORPHANAGE (TIMOR LESTE) AND
BOURKE & BREWARRINA PARISHES**

Drop offs: 10 Dec 8:30am-3:30pm OLD Primary School
11 Dec 2pm-5:30pm St Paul's meeting room
12 Dec - anytime before 9am Mass
Please label all goods with ingredients
No drop offs of perishables on Friday please

Contact Noelle 0401331326 with any
questions or if you would like to volunteer
for this event.



OLD CHATSWOOD SCHOOL BAND

JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2022 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a band demonstration highlighting the different instruments available to learn at school. After this demonstration they will receive a flyer with information about school band and how to enrol.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the flyer for information about the school band (or visit www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI)
2. Select which instrument** your child would like to play in the band – there are some important factors to consider when selecting an instrument and these are all covered on our website
3. Enrol online – once you have confirmed which instrument your child wishes to play, please finalise your enrolment online

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

**Selecting an instrument during remote learning and COVID restrictions will be different to previous years – TSA will provide parents with clear and simple advice to help you find the instrument best suited to your child.



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