

# Our Lady of Dolours News

## From the Principal

As we approach the end of 2021 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff for all their efforts in what has been a remarkable year. When taking over this position who would have thought that the year would be filled with the opportunities and challenges it has presented. As a community we have risen to the challenge and continued to Ignite, Innovate and Include in our Mercy tradition with enthusiasm and compassion with our faith at the heart of what we do.

I would especially like to thank the leadership team, especially Kelly Clouston as Assistant Principal and Camilla Brown as REC for their tireless work in assisting in keeping our wonderful school running to provide the quality education that we do and the office staff for their tireless support for the school as a whole. I would also like to thank Fr David Ranson and his team for being the heart of our wonderful community.

As we farewell staff that are leaving us we thank them for their years of service and look forward to welcoming our new staff in 2022.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and merry Christmas and look forward to an even better 2022.

God Bless.  
Marco Ianni

### Orientation to new 2022 classes:

Students Years K - 5 will have 'Orientation to new classes 2022' next Tuesday 14th December. In this session, students will meet their teacher and class members.

### Students' Semester Two Reports:

Student Reports are now available on Compass.

Please don't forget if you are leaving OLD at the end of 2021, you need to download all reports off Compass as you will no longer have access to them when your child leaves the school.

### Return to school for 2022 (all dates found on the school website)

Friday 28/1/22- Staff Development Day

Monday 31/1/22 - Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments

- Yr 1-6 MAI

- Kindergarten Best Start

Tuesday 1/2/22 - First Day of 2021 for students Yrs 1-6 ONLY

- Kindy Only: Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) Best Start

Wednesday 3/2/22

- Kindy Only: Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) Best Start

Thursday 4/2/22 - First Day of 2022 for Kindergarten students

### Reminders for the new year:

- Add your child's new class into Qkr! prior to the commencement of 2021.
- Update any new/pre-existing medical information with the office.
- Keep an eye on Compass for MAI details and any further COVID restrictions and/or changes for the start of the 2022 school year

### Broken Bay News:

The December 2021 issue of Broken Bay News is now [online!](#)

Featured in the December Christmas edition is Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, Father Aldrin's ordination and much more! Check out OLD's feature section about OLD TV.



## Upcoming events

### December

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](#)**



# Senior Leaders for 2022

On Friday 26th November our Year 5 students engaged in a Leadership Day that focused on the leadership capabilities needed to support all students at Our Lady of Dolours. This process ensured clear expectations for the leadership roles for 2022. The students who nominated for School Captain presented their speech to the primary students via zoom. The calibre of these speeches was exceptionally high. The students then voted, and our leaders were announced at last Friday's whole school assembly.

We are immensely proud of all our Year 5 students and are delighted to announce our Senior Leaders for 2022. CONGRATULATIONS!

## School Captains

Elena  
Ryan

## Vice Captains

Brandon  
Shenali

## Cana House Captains

Rachel  
Destiny  
Charlotte

## Nazareth House Captains

Joseph  
Elizabeth  
Abigail

## Bethlehem House Captains

Justin  
Kyla  
Cooper

## Galilee House Captains

Ashley  
Chrystina  
Michaela

## Mercy Action Group

Alice  
Aarya



## Creative Arts

Anya  
Jayla  
Sienna  
Carmen

## Environment team

Lara  
Annabelle  
Olivia  
Thalia

## Literacy team

Prisha  
Noelle  
Vicky

## ICLT team

Adam  
Thomas  
Henry  
Paul-Jacques (PJ)  
Lucas  
Artem  
Nathaniel  
Sean  
Vincent  
Michael

# Advent

Advent signals that Christmas is just weeks away as well as marking the beginning of a new liturgical year in our Church! The four weeks are divided according to two themes, from the first Sunday until 16 December we are called to reflect on the second coming of Christ. From 16 December, the Advent focus is on preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Over the past two weeks, the children at Our Lady of Dolours have been learning more about the season of Advent and learning to pray an Advent prayer:

Father in Heaven,  
Your people waited thousands of years for your promised One.  
In Advent, we wait for His coming at Christmas.  
Our candles remind us that He came to bring your light so that we could find our way to you. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us to know you and to love you.  
Amen!



## Confirmation

Congratulations to the children of Our Lady of Dolours who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend. Confirmation is a special Sacrament that confirms the grace given to us at Baptism and helps strengthen our faith!

### Congratulations to:

Micah C, Thomas D, Micaela H, Matthew H, Curtis L, Nate L, Ethan T, Brigitta T, Pieux Y, Sophia C, Brzanna C, Emily C, Leanne I, Mathew L, Rose M, Grace M, Isabella R, Freya S, Margaret A, Deanne F, Floyd H, Liam R, Kye A, Emma K, Nicholas L, Conor M, Alexander N, Ethan R, Lucas T, Alexander T, Simon K, Michael C, Luke B, Xavier L, Brodie R, Benjamin C, Aarjun B, Thomas C & Samuel N.

Guided by Angela Hague, our Sacramental Program leader, these children have been learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how the grace of these gifts can help them to live like Jesus taught us. We thank Angela for her ongoing support!

During the ceremony, Fr David read the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' to help the children understand how the Holy Spirit can ignite our heart and soul to 'dance' and spread the Good News to others.

If you would like to learn more about our Parish Sacramental Program, please contact Angela Hague on [Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:Angela.Hague@bbcatholic.org.au).

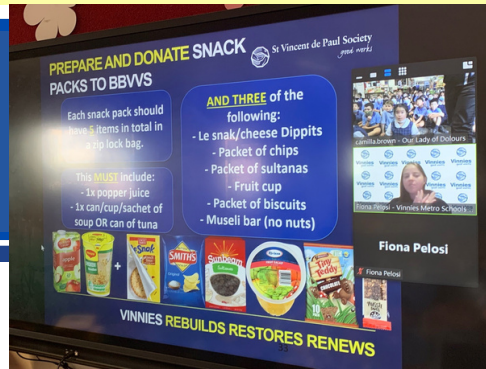






## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all our families who have generously donated items to our Vinnies Christmas Appeal! Today our Year 3 & Year 4 students were guided (via zoom) by a St Vincent De Paul Volunteer who helped the students learn more about the Vinnies Van Metropolitan Service and helped the children create the snack packs. We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity to this wonderful initiative.



## Religious Education Play Kits

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

Thank you to our parent helpers Yuen, Shelley, Jacqueline and Louise who have generously offered to help paint some of our religious play materials - they look amazing! We have received more figurines to paint and are looking for more helpers. If you are interested in assisting us with painting figurines over the holidays (see the pictures below) please contact Camilla Brown via the school office at [old@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:old@dbb.catholic.edu.au). The materials will be purchased by the school and we can arrange a non-contact pick up.



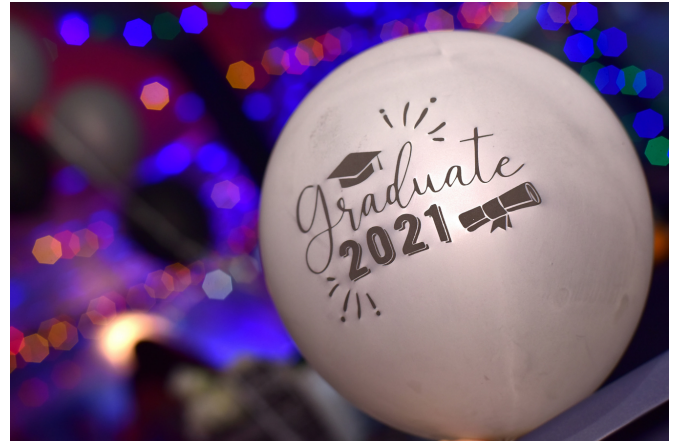


# Year 6 Graduation

Last Friday saw our class of 2021 celebrate their Graduation and completion of Primary school with a beautiful Liturgy followed by pizza, dancing and celebrations.

Thank you to our Stage 3 staff and Parents for organising the event and all of our OLD staff for your support on the night and through the last 7 years of these students education journey.

We wish our students all the best as they continue to grow with their transition to High school.







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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](http://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

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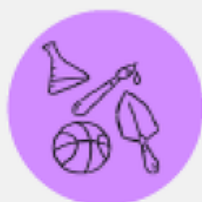


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### Visit our blog

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# 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](http://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](mailto:chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au) before Sunday 5 December 2021.

For help or enquiries please contact:

Katya : [kpolygonileung@gmail.com](mailto:kpolygonileung@gmail.com)

Josef: [josef.widjaja@gmail.com](mailto:josef.widjaja@gmail.com)





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