

Our Lady of Dolours News

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 1 2022

Welcome to all our students, parents, carers and staff to the 2022 school year. It is an absolute pleasure, to welcome all our families to Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School (OLD). I hope and pray that you quickly come to feel fully connected to, and supported by, the community. To all our existing families, I sincerely welcome you back.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work over the holidays preparing the school for the start of the year. Your child's teacher is the key to learning success and such an important part of their development academically, socially and spiritually. The support staff are also always here to assist you in any way.

I look forward to a rewarding year as we work together in partnership as a Catholic school community within the Chatswood Parish, implementing an authentic learning programme that is aligned with our modern world. Our aim is to cater for the needs of all children in an inclusive setting where learning is valued and celebrated for each individual.

The beginning of the school year is a perfect time to revisit our School Vision and make a commitment to bringing it to life as best as possible as we commence our 2022 journey together:

OLD's School Vision: "Ignite, Innovate and Include in Mercy"
Some thoughts to inspire us:

- **IGNITE:** How challenging and how exciting will our learning environment be in every classroom K-6? How will everything we do at school, home and within our parish community be inspiring? How can we ignite our passion for life-long learning, our faith, our friendships?

- **INNOVATE:** How will OLD further become an authentic learning community - a community of learners who are natural problem solvers and creative thinkers in all aspects of school, home and parish/community life? How can we innovate parent engagement to optimise growth with all our community members?

- **INCLUDE:** How 'inclusive' and 'accepting' will our community be in all areas of school and wider community life? How will academic learning, K-6, flourish in an inclusive learning environment? How will authentic connectedness to 'home', 'parish' and the wider community develop us as a community of learners?

And finally how well can we do all of the above in the spirit of Mercy?

Lastly we would like to ask our school community to please keep Mr Martin in their prayers as he grieves the loss of his beloved mother and Mrs Chris Cook with the loss of her nephew.



Upcoming events February

Week commencing 7 February
Yummy Bears Kiosk (lunch orders)
available

The following activities
commences in a COVID safe
manner:

Chess Club
Coding
VIP music
Band

March

Tues 8 March - OPEN DAY
9.30am - 11am

April

Fri 8 April - Last day Term 1
Tues 26 April - First Day Term 2

School calendar click [here](#)





WELCOME

TO OUR NEW STAFF!

We would like you join us in warmly welcoming our new staff members for 2022



Mr Chris Palamara
Teaching S3 Gold



Mrs Pip Smith
Teaching 1 Gold



Ms Angelina Femia
Teaching K Blue



Ms Elizabeth Pereira
Library



Ms Lauren Watts
EALD



Parent Information

Dismissal confirmation

Please remember to return your dismissal forms to the class teacher if your child is attending Camp Australia or is an independent walker.

MAI & Best Start Assessments

Thank you to everyone for bringing in your child/ren for their MAI or Best Start assessments. For those who didn't get an appointment all other assessments will be completed in class time.

Safety at OLD regarding Nuts/Nut products & Egg/Egg products

Several students at OLD have a serious, life threatening allergic reaction to Nuts/nut products, eggs/egg products. Because of this, we strenuously ask all families to not send nuts/nut products and egg/egg product to school in your children's lunches. Thank you for your anticipated support of this critical matter.

COVID

Thank you for your efforts in collecting Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for your child/ren. We will be notifying the community when the next allocation is ready to collect. A reminder that the tests are to be done on a Monday and Wednesday morning before school. The school only needs to be notified of a positive result, as is NSW Health. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in regards to drop off and pick up procedures as we all navigate through the challenges COVID presents us with.

Parent Reminders

COMPASS

Every parent must enter their child's absence before 9am. If your child is marked 'not present' by the teacher and you have not entered an absence note you will be sent a notification informing you that your child is not at school. You will need to add the absence as soon as possible. You will also receive an email to remind you to enter the absence reason within 7 days. Remember, every school day is important for your child's social, emotional and academic development.

Communicating with teachers

A reminder that all parents must email teachers via the school email (old@dbb.catholic.edu.au) which gets forwarded to each teacher. A teacher is unable to reply to emails or phone calls during school time, as their main priority is the education of your children and every teacher has a duty of care for their students. If a message is urgent please call the school office for the message to be communicated to the teacher as soon as possible.

Dropping forgotten items at school

In a bid to encourage independence in our students we would ask that you do not drop forgotten items at school unless it is an emergency. Getting items to students once the school day has started interrupts valuable learning time for the student. Instead we encourage you to assist your child/ren to develop a routine in packing their school bags the night before—you will quickly be amazed by how independent and responsible your child becomes.





YummyBearsKiosk
EXPERTS IN SCHOOL CANTEENS & HEALTHY EATING



YBK offers online lunch ordering, we are partnered with Flexischools. Ordering of lunch orders commences Monday 7 February.

how to register

Set up your account

1. **Download the Flexischools App** Download the app from the App Store or from Google Play.

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification

2. **Register** Open the Flexischools App and click 'Like to register?', enter your email address and click 'Register'. You will be sent a registration email. Follow the instructions in the registration email to finish setting up your account.

Once your account is set up, login to the Flexischools App, select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select Student and 'Add a student', search for their school name, select their year level and class and enter their details.

3. **Top Up Your Account** To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups.

Order

1. **Place your order** In the Flexischools App, swipe up and down to find the service category you are interested in, swipe left and right to find the service you are interested in and select the green 'Order' button.

2. **Make your selection** Select the items you wish to order.

3. **Make payment** Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

Fees Online Ordering Fees - \$0.29 per order

Account Top-Up Fees - Direct Deposit FREE, Credit card (visa/mastercard) 15c + 1%,

PayPal 15c + 1%

To make School lunches even easier, save time, order on line.

From the Parish

Word of God Sunday The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. We will have a special blessing for our Readers and Catechists at our 9am Mass on Sunday 6 February Visit:

www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Celebration of Lunar New Year This year we are delighted to celebrate Lunar New Year in a special way! We thank our Chinese Catholic Association for enabling us to do so. Our 10.30am Mass on Sunday 6 February will be a bi-lingual celebration in Chinese and English and afterwards there will be much celebration on our Forecourt, including a Lion Dance! Do come along and be a part of our rich diversity! See the details in the bulletin.



Learn to code and build your own online projects with CODE4FUN

Year 1 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs – students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



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ON YOUR CHILD'S
ENROLMENT**

CODING FOR KIDS

**Term 1, 2022
Y1 - Y6 Students**

CREATIVE CODING

OLD | Every week
On campus | 7:45 - 8:45 AM

BEGINNER

Wednesday | Y1 - Y2 students

INTERMEDIATE

Thursday | Y3 - Y4 students

INTRO TO JAVA

Thursday | Y5 - Y6 students

Laptops are provided | \$225

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or call **0452 525 453**

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Junior Tennis Coaching

Begin your tennis journey with us!

Term 1 2022 Tennis Lessons at Chatswood Tennis Club are open for enrolments.

Lessons are available for all ages on weekday afternoons and weekend mornings. Book a FREE trial at our friendly tennis centre where graded classes ensure we always find the best fit for your child.

**We accept NSW
Active kids
vouchers too!**

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**TENNIS
WORLD**
CHATSWOOD



A FREE bus pickup from
Our Lady of Dolours on
Monday and Fridays.