

# Our Lady of Dolours News

## *From the Principal*

What a busy few weeks we have had at OLD. All students have started the year well and staff are full of energy for the great year ahead.

Next week you will have the opportunity to meet your child/ren's teacher virtually as we host Year specific information sessions where our classroom teachers will guide you through your child/ren's day and let you know what to expect in the term ahead.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their planning and preparation in supporting our students. Their level of professionalism and attention to details is outstanding as is their commitment to the students faith and learning.

I am hopeful that COVID restrictions will begin to ease soon so we are able to actively engage with the parent community in person.

We will soon be launching opportunities for parent engagement which will be communicated once finalised.

Our annual Open Day is scheduled for Tuesday March 8. More information on this event will be available closer to the date and will be planned in accordance with any updated COVID guidelines.



## Upcoming events February

Mon 21 - School Assembly to  
Commission School Leaders  
Parent Information Sessions  
Wednesday 23 February via Zoom:  
5-5.30pm Kindergarten  
5.30-6pm Year 1 & Year 2  
6 - 6.30pm Year 3, 4, & Stage 3

## 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](#)



## Learning Every Day Counts

### Attendance

Student attendance at school is a shared commitment by students, families, schools and the community. It is important that students attend every day and that time out of school is minimised as this can have a significant impact on learning and development especially with young children.

We ask for appointments for students are kept out of school time where possible to avoid a loss of learning time and that any regular appointments during school time to be approved by the Principal, such as speech therapy and Occupational therapy. A form is available at the school office to apply for this leave and you are asked to attach a letter from your treating practitioner to support this.

Should your child/ren need to miss school due to COVID isolation requirements please email Mrs Kelly Clouston via the front office to receive directions regarding learning.

# Beginning School Assembly

## **Beginning School Assembly**

We warmly invite you to join us for our Opening School Assembly on Monday 21st February at 2pm via zoom. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather virtually as a school community and commission our 2022 School Leaders. Please check COMAPSS for the Assembly link.



## **Beginning School Liturgies**

Unfortunately, we are unable to gather as a whole school community for our Opening School Mass. Fr David has invited each Stage to the Church for a beginning school Stage Liturgy and this will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to pray together in the Church. Liturgies will take place in the church over the next two Mondays. As parents are not able to attend due to the current restrictions in place, we will post some photos via our Facebook page and in our next newsletter

# Stage 3 Liturgy

Rev Dr David Ranson is our Parish Priest here at Our Lady of Dolours. Fr David also serves as the Vicar General to the Broken Bay Diocese. We are extremely fortunate to be guided by Fr David's ministry and look forward to connecting with the clergy and parish community of Our Lady of Dolours this year in 2022!

This term, Fr David has invited each Stage to the Church for a beginning school Stage Liturgy as an opportunity for the children to pray together in the Church. This week we welcomed our Stage 3 students into the church for a leadership liturgy.

Fr David & our Stage 3 teachers prayed for our students " Loving God, you have taught us to listen to the wisdom of the Parable of the Sower reminding us that the harvest comes from the tiniest seed planted in the earth. May you allow the seeds of hope growing within our Stage 3 students to grow abundantly in the world today. Give them the wisdom and courage to do what is right. Help them to grow in the image of Jesus, our model of servant leadership. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

I welcome you to check out <https://davidranson.com.au/>. Here you will find various addresses and reflections shared in the exercise of Fr David's ministry.



# Parish Connection

## Kindy Blessing Mass

The community of Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood invites all the Kindy children and their families to our special 'Kindy Blessing Mass' this Sunday the 20th of March at 9am.

Please join us for our family-friendly celebration at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church. All are welcome! After Mass please join us at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School playground where we will have morning tea (COVID permitting).

For any queries contact Angela at [angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)

## Kindy Blessing



The Catholic community of Chatswood *invites* all the Kindy children and their families to our:

'Kindy Blessing Mass'  
**On Sunday 20 March 2022**  
At our 9am Family Mass

A family-friendly celebration at  
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church  
94 Archer St. Chatswood

After Mass please join us at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School playground where we will have **morning tea** (Covid permitting)

Please bring a plate to share!

**All welcome!**

For any queries contact: Angela at  
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## **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.

### 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 continuing to Rapid Antigen Test your child/ren prior to the school day on a Monday and Wednesday. 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 INFORMATION SESSIONS

As notified via COMPASS earlier this week Parent Information sessions will be replacing our beginning of the Year Meet the Teacher so as to comply with current COVID guidelines. Our Teachers are looking forward to these Zoom sessions with our parent community.



## **Parent Reminders**

### COMPASS

Every parent must enter their child's absence before 9am. If your child 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.

### Email Protocols

All emails to the Principal, Assistant Principal and all staff must come through the office - old@dbb.catholic.edu.au. They will then be forwarded to the relevant staff. Please bear in mind that staff are teaching and will reply at an appropriate time. When sending emails, please make sure to put your child's class and who it is addressed to.

### 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.

### Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are increasingly being bought to school, especially with younger children. Whilst parents rely on being able to communicate with their child on the way to and from school they are not permitted to be used during the school day.

All communication needs to come through the office so that we are able to manage the needs and safety of all children. As mobile phones and smart watches can access the internet, this creates a significant risk to the students' wellbeing. Students who bring devices to school will need to have them switched off and in their bag for the entire school day. They will be able to switch them on once dismissed.

Please note that using a mobile phone or smart watch during school hours including any filming or recording of other students is not permitted and is a serious breach of our acceptable use policy. Please discuss this with your child should you choose to have a device with your child for out of school purposes. Please note the school takes no responsibility for phones or smart devices coming into the school.



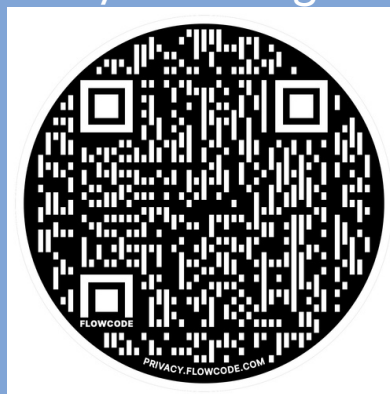




**Open Day  
8 March  
2022  
9.30am - 11am**

Do you have a sibling at home ready to commence school in 2023? Enrolments will open in conjunction with our school Open Day on Tuesday 8 March. Enrolments applications can be downloaded from the school website [here](#) or requested via email from the school office.

Registrations for Open Day can be made by scanning below.



# Enrolling now for 2023



Ignite,  
Innovate and  
Include in Mercy





# 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%,

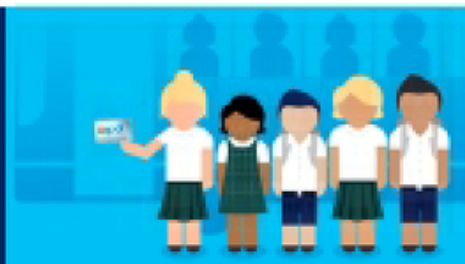
PayPal 15c + 1%

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



# School Student Travel

## Term 1 2022



### School student travel information for parents and students

#### School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



Visit [opal.com.au](https://opal.com.au) or call 13 67 25

# SCHOOL ZONE

## Road Safety

News

### Term 1 - 2022

Welcome to the first edition of the School Zone newsletter for 2022.



This is a reminder for everyone to take extra care as school returns. There is more traffic at drop-off and pick-up times while Covid-19 related restrictions remain in place at schools.

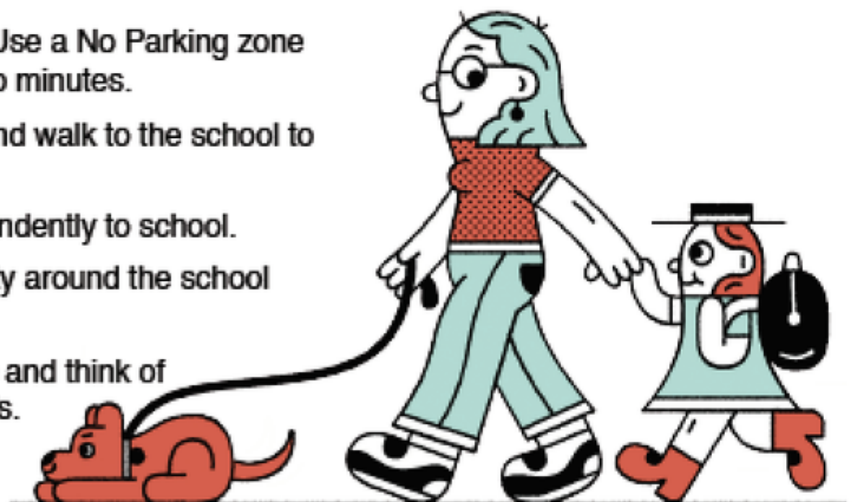
**Be patient, be considerate and be responsible.  
Let's keep all our kids safe!**

### Keep your cool in School Zones!

With COVID restrictions still in place in NSW, many parents and carers will prefer to drive students to and from school. With this comes increased congestion impacting the school zone and surrounding community.

We ask you to consider the following if you need to drive students:

- Drop-off or pick-up students legally. Use a No Parking zone which allows you to stop for up to two minutes.
- Park legally out of the school zone and walk to the school to drop-off or pick-up students.
- Teach children to walk or ride independently to school.
- Consider the neighbouring community around the school zone when parking.
- Always be patient, calm, considerate and think of everyone's safety, not just your child's.



### Always Look for the Safest Place to Cross the Road

- a pedestrian crossing
- a signalled Intersection
- a Children's Crossing
- a pedestrian refuge

Only cross when the traffic has stopped. Make sure drivers have seen you. Make eye contact with the driver. Stay alert! Be aware of the traffic around you and don't be distracted. Hold your child's hand if they are under ten years old.

# STOP!

one step back  
from the kerb

# LOOK!

both ways  
continuously

# LISTEN!

for the sounds  
of approaching  
traffic

# THINK!

whether it is  
safe to cross



## Community Sport

CHATSWOOD  
Junior Rugby Club

**Hey kids, join  
Stags Touch Rugby!**  
**K-2 Boys & Girls come try  
Touch at Beauchamp Park**

**4-5pm 11 Feb**  
**10-12pm 27 Feb**

Come see why Chatswood Stags is one of  
the most popular junior clubs in Sydney!

Touch Rugby for Pre-school & K-2

Boys, Girls and Mixed Team options inc. amazing club gear

Tackle Rugby also available for players born 2015 and up

Training Wednesday 4-5pm, games Saturday morning

Any questions? Contact:

Wibke 0422 861 611

[vpminis@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au](mailto:vpminis@chatswoodjuniorrugby.com.au)



Register free for  
Try Rugby

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4-5pm Fri 11 Feb  
10-12pm Sun 27 Feb  
Beauchamp Park

CHATSWOOD  
Junior Rugby Club

**Hey Kids,**  
**TRY RUGBY**  
**with Chatswood Stags**

Meet Rugby Stars!

Try rugby with our professional  
coaches from Try Time Rugby

Meet kids from school playing rugby

Tackle Rugby available for players born 2015 and up  
Touch Rugby options for Pre-school & K-2

**4-5pm 11th February**

**10-12pm 27th February**

**Beauchamp Park, Chatswood**

Contact Wibke 0422 861 611

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Register free for Try Rugby

<https://forms.gle/hf1QhLQiUpZ4ojRBc6>



# PLAY NETBALL FOR WILLOUGHBY UNITED IN 2022.

Training Wednesday evenings from 5pm.

NetSetGo (7, 8, 9 years)

Juniors (10 - 15 years)

Seniors / Cadets (16 plus)

Register online at [willoughbyunited.asn.au](http://willoughbyunited.asn.au) or  
email [willoughbyunited@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbyunited@gmail.com)

