

Our Lady of Dolours News

From the Principal

Open Day 2021.

We are looking forward to having our current and prospective parents, wishing to enrol their child in 2023, visit Our Lady of Dolours on 8 March for our Open Day. Open Day tours will take place between 9.30am and 10.30am followed by an address by Mr Ianni at 10.30am. Whilst we are excited to have people visit our site we are keeping within the current COVID guidelines to ensure the safety of students and staff. Those wishing to attend are asked to register via this [link](#) so that we can arrange small groups to have a guided tour of the site by staff and then for me to talk and answer questions in the Innovation Station. Enrolment packs for 2023 will be available on the day or by contacting the office from 8 March. If you have a younger child at home who will be starting school next year or know someone interested in our school, please join us on the day or email the office on old@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Upcoming events

March



Tues 8 March -
OPEN DAY
9.30am - 11am

Mon 7 - Fri 11 - Well Being
Week

Sun 20 - Kindy Blessing
Mass 9am

Mon 21 - Cross Country
Carnival

April

Mon 4- School Photos!

Fri 8 April - Last day Term 1

Fri 15 April - Good Friday

Sun 17 April - Easter Sunday

Mon 25 April - Anzac Day

Tues 26 April - First Day Term 2

School calendar click [here](#)



Open Day 2022

8th March 9:30-11am



A Prayer for this time

During these uncertain and devastating times in the world, we take this time in Lent to particularly pray for those suffering war, unrest and natural disaster.

*How do we pray for peace
from half a world away?
How can words salve
and soothe real wounds?
How do we pray for safety in floods
from safe places?
Assuage real fears,
wipe tears from real eyes?
God of endless compassion,
transform our prayers
from words into bridges,
that span the distances between us,
uniting our hearts in yours.
Every time we turn our keys in our doors*

*may we remember
all who are losing their homes.
Every time we step into our cars,
may we remember
all who are having to flee.
Every time we embrace our families,
may we remember
all who are trying to shield theirs
from the trauma of war
and raging flood waters.
May our besieged sisters and brothers
be drawn into the arms of Christ,
and may our cry be heard as one voice,
ringing out from every corner of the earth:*

*God of endless mercy,
grant us peace and safety.*

Amen.

Ash Wednesday

Pope Francis said "let us not grow tired of doing good" this season of Lent!

On Wednesday, every grade participated in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. During the season of Lent we are called to remember that God is with us in our minds and in our hearts, as we try to become closer to Jesus. During our liturgy, each student received a cross of Holy ashes on their forehead. These ashes remind us all to be kind and faithful to God as we prepare for Easter.

Each class lay down a purple cloth on our prayer space to signify the season of Lent. At home you may like to create a special prayer space to remind your family of this special time.



Laudato Si'
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



REFUSE
REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
ROT

Season of Lent - Helping our Creation!

Thinking about what you might do to get closer to God this Lent? Pope Francis also talks at length in *Laudato Si'* about the 'throwaway culture' of our society today. This Lent, why don't you try to move towards a zero-waste lifestyle to help our creation! This Lent try to REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & ROT.

To give inspiration for Lent, here is some environmental fasting inspiration.

- 1. Reduce – Fasting from things:** Try buying only what you need, nothing more. Meal planning is a great way to reduce waste.
- 2. Refill – Fast from big supermarkets:** Find ways to refill containers and bags in your local area. Make/find some reusable fresh produce bags and find places that you can bring your own containers.
- 3. Recycle – Fast from just throwing things away into the 'normal bin':** Research how to recycle paper, tin and glass the best you can. Think creatively about how you can recycle anything else.
- 4. Rot – Fast from throwing away food scraps,** they are so useful! Try composting and using the compost to grow your own veggies. A message from 'Australian Catholics'

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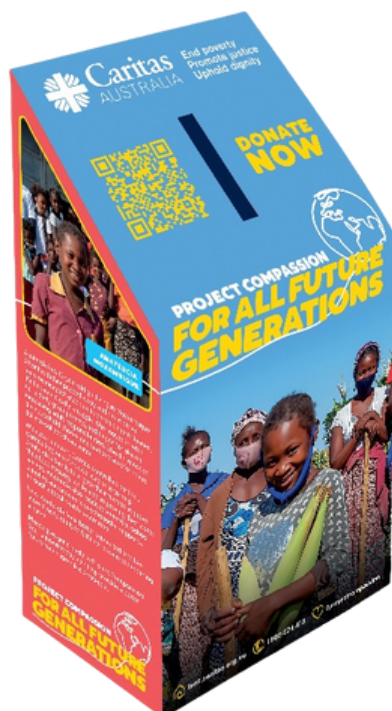
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Project Compassion

The season of Lent also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Next week, each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations OR you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.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
angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

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).

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Year 6 - Leading OLD through 2022



- Lend a helpful hand
- Encourage
- Always Listen
- Do the right thing
- Energize
- Respect others
- Serve

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Congratulations to this weeks Award Recipients



Parish Connection

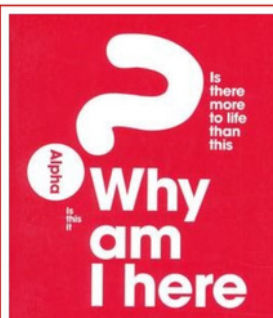
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS
Chatswood Catholic Parish

Our Lady of Dolours Parish News:

We invite you to read the Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church [Parish Bulletin](#) and [Sunday Extra](#). These readings provide scripture reflections, prayers, information about upcoming events, Sacramental programs and ways to engage in social justice initiatives!

Prayer is not a solitary act ...
when we pray we are, consciously
or unconsciously, expressing a
connection with our brothers and
sisters, even if they're not
physically with us.

James Martin SJ



Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic parish is running the next **Alpha** series, commencing on 7 March 2022.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where we ask questions about life, faith and meaning.

Join us as we take the opportunity to explore the questions of life around a meal, a talk and discussion.

Everyone is welcome!

Where: Cnr Kirk and Archer Streets, Chatswood

When: Commencing Monday 7 March 2022, 7pm

How: Register via <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

For more information...

Visit: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/alpha>

Contact: Terence (father of Brigitta 4B and Fergus 2G)
0466 778 328
tkurton@gmail.com

ONLINE SEMINAR WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH, 7.30 - 8.30pm



LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM

WITH DR SANDIE CORNISH FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
OFFICE FOR JUSTICE ECOLOGY & PEACE

Dr Sandie Cornish partnered with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in launching the Laudato Si' Action Platform. The Platform seeks to empower the universal Church to achieve total sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology.

HEARING BOTH, THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE CRY OF THE POOR LS 49

Zaki Haidari fled Afghanistan to escape being killed by the Taliban. He knows first hand the plight of refugees in Australia who remain on temporary protection visas. Zaki works with Jesuit Refugee Services. The first two goals of a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan are The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor. <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>



REGISTRATION

gail.gill@bbcatholic.org.au

Zoom link by return email



Parent Information

Photo Permissions

Please remember to complete the online photo permission form on COMPASS. Should you not complete this form we will assume your child does not have permission to have their photo published either internally or externally from the school.

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 when unwell as part of the surveillance testing. 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 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.

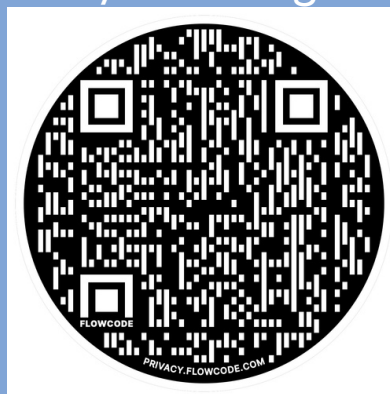
Please note that using a mobile phone or smart watch during school hours including any filming or recording of other students is not permitted and is a serious breach of our acceptable use policy. Please discuss this with your child should you choose to have a device with your child for out of school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





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



COLLEGE OPEN DAY

6TH MARCH 2022 10AM - 1PM



- Providing excellence in teaching and learning since 1890.
- Recognising our students' needs are diverse, we constantly aim to develop courses and apply teaching strategies that accommodate different learning styles.
- Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
- Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.
- Based on a framework of positive psychology the College's well developed pastoral care structure supports student wellbeing. With specialised staff including the Director of Student Wellbeing and the Youth Minister who work with students on a variety of projects including faith development, social justice and wellbeing.
- The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.
- Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses and trains.
- **If your child is currently enrolled in any Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) primary school you are eligible for priority enrolment at Mercy Catholic College Chatswood**



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