

# Our Lady of Dolours News

## From the Principal

### Parent Engagement

What a fantastic response to our Parent Group Meeting held last night.

It was wonderful to be able to host our parents onsite and via Zoom. Over 70 families attended the evening, I hope you found the meeting useful. We will be hosting a meeting each term where we can hear from the various groups and initiatives around the school. Parents will also be able to request items to be added to the agenda for discussion.

At this first meeting parents were able to suggest any areas that they would like for Parent Education Workshops and it was proposed that we provide workshops for parents in literacy and numeracy.

Parent Group meetings will be minuted and distributed to the community. Minutes from our first meeting will be sent out via Compass shortly.

Below are the following dates for the remaining Parent Group meetings for the year:

Term 2: Thursday 2 June at 6pm

Term 3: Thursday 25 August at 6pm

Term 4: Thursday 17 November at 6pm

### Class Parents 2022

Thank you to all the parents who nominated for the role of Grade Parent. I am pleased to communicate that almost all Grade Parent positions have been filled and that I have met with all who have volunteered to discuss the role and how they will operate. A full list of Grade Parents and their contact details have been sent home to all families via Compass.

Class parents for 2022 are:

**KB:** Francesca M & Teresa C

**KG:** Tanya B

**KW:** Adriana T

**1B:** Vacant

**1G:** Tamara R

**2B:** Kerrie M & Wendy D

**2G:** Ali H & Melissa S

**3B:** Yini P

**3G:** Melissa S

**4B:** Ellys S & Ruby Y

**4G:** Ali H & Mandy L

**S3B:** Kath E

**S3G:** Suzanne C

**S3W:** Rosalie K



## Upcoming events

### March

Sun 20 - Kindy Blessing  
Mass 9am

Mon 21 - Cross  
Country/Harmony Day Walk  
Along

Tues 22 - Harmony Day  
Celebration/Liturgy



Tues 29 - Open Day

### 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](#)



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## School Advisory Council

The OLD School Advisory Council had their first meeting on Monday 14 March. Topics covered included:

- The return to school and rigour around complying with COVID safety guidelines
- The school's annual plan, including innovative teaching initiatives
- Enrolments including publicising pathways for Catholic Schools Broken Bay
- School budget
- Reviewing the school uniform given the closure of LOWES Chatswood store
- School community's use of social media

The School Advisory Council advises the Principal on topics such as:

- Finance
- Promoting the school
- Annual Plan
- Enrolments
- Facilities

Meetings are held once a term. The members in 2022 are:

Marco Ianni (Principal)  
 Kelly Clouston (Assistant Principal)  
 Camilla Brown (REC & Teacher)  
 Cassie Cook (Teacher & Curriculum Co-ordinator)  
 Fr David Ranson (Parish Priest)  
 Nigel Carpenter (Parent)  
 Bernadette Donovan (Parent)  
 Kath Element (Parent)  
 Tamara Munro (Parent)

From Bernadette and Kath

## Make A Difference



Do you have a flare for clothing, a passion for re-use? If so you could be our next Pre-loved uniform shop co-ordinator. After many tireless years we thank Michelle (mum to Sammy KW) for her hard work and dedication in running our Pre-loved uniform shop. As Michelle moves her passion elsewhere we are

seeking a new co-ordinator and team of volunteers to assist in keeping our pre-loved uniform service running.

If you are able to help or would like more information please email the school office: [old@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:old@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



Can you spare an hour of time to man our school canteen? With restrictions easing we are excited to say our school canteen is ready to be back in action and we need your help to serve treats to our eagerly awaiting students. For more information or to be added to the roster please email Cris: [cgb0912@gmail.com](mailto:cgb0912@gmail.com) Thank you to Rosalie and Cris for continuing the co-ordination role for the canteen.



# Open Day 2022

Due to extreme weather conditions our Open Day has a new date - Tuesday 29 March. We are looking forward to having our current and prospective parents, wishing to enrol their child in 2023, visit Our Lady of Dolours. 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. 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](mailto:old@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



## Open Day 2022

29 March 9:30-11am



### Season of Lent & Project Compassion

What are you grateful for today?... this week? ..... this past year?. Gratitude allows us to reflect on how God is revealed to us in our family, school life, friends, parish. It also calls us to reflect on how we can act so we may be drawn closer to God.

During the time of Lent each year, our school proudly participates in Project Compassion to raise funds for the world's poor. Thankyou for all your generous donations on 'Funky Sock Friday'.

Please send in your Project Compassion on Friday Week 10 to allow the office to collect and count our donations. Remember to fill in the details on the box if you would like to receive a receipt. We thank you for your generosity!



**GIVE  
LENT  
100%**



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**





## New RE Curriculum

The new Kindergarten RE Curriculum is designed to support students to "fall in love with Jesus" and accompany our students on their individual faith journey.

Our new Religious Education learning space at Our Lady of Dolours is coming alive! Our Kindergarten teachers are providing opportunities for our Kindergarten students to be drawn into the mystery of God through presentations, free expression, drawing, caretaking and journaling.

Thank you to our parent helpers Yuen, Shelley, Jacqueline and Louise who painted these ur religious play materials and helped bring this sacred space to life.

We have one more 'Map of Israel' to Paint. Please let Camilla Brown know if you are able to assist painting this map.







## Feast Day of St Joseph

Every year on the 19th of March, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph. Last year in 'The Year of St Joseph' Pope Francis called our attention to Saint Joseph to help us see the importance of 'ordinary' people who exercise patience and offer hope to others every day. This year in 2022, we continue to learn to live humbly and aim to resemble Saint Joseph who teaches us to be courageous, humble and faithful to God.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



## Harmony Day - March 21st

### A Prayer for Living in Harmony and In Peace

Good and gracious God,  
who loves and delights in all people,  
we stand before you,  
knowing that the light of life within each person  
is the light of your divine life.

Differences among cultures and races lead us to your light.

May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate our similarities and differences with others.

Please send your healing and reconciling Spirit in order to bind  
the wounds created by racism,  
and to promote understanding, justice, and love.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action  
and in your living presence in our neighbourhood.

May all peoples live in peace and HARMONY!  
Amen.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next week, many of our Year 4 and Year 5 students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church celebrates the forgiving and loving presence of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament ritualises for us through word, gesture and symbol the reality that Jesus is among us!

We especially pray for: Luke, Micah, Floyd, Emma, Simon, Mathew, Freya, Emily, Curtis, Pieux, Margaret, Kye, Aarjun, Thomas, Leanne, Nicholas, Brigitta, Brianna, Conor, Amaya, Alexander, Brodie, Michael, Sophia, Deanne, Grace, Francis, Isabella, Ethan T and Ethan R.

## 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](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



## Congratulations to our Award Recipients



Week 7



Week 8





Thank you for your support. We raised \$360.00 for Vinnies Flood Relief





## North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival 2022

On Wednesday 9 March, 7 talented OLD students competed in the North Shore Cluster Representative Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Congratulations to all students for their wonderful efforts and for representing OLD so proudly and sensibly. I would like to particularly acknowledge the extraordinary effort of the Junior Boys Relay Team consisting of Conor Mcloughlin, Kye Ausling, Go Tanaka and Joshua Lu for their 1st place achievement. The team will move on to the next representative level swimming carnival on Tuesday night in the Central Coast.

Mr Rowland OLD Sports Coordinator.



## Paul Fletcher Visit

'On Monday 14 March, Stage 3 were visited by Paul Fletcher, the local representative in parliament. Mr Fletcher explained his role as a representative of the electorate of Bradfield. He is part of the Liberal Party and has a seat in the House of Representatives along with the representatives of the other 150 electorates. Mr Fletcher taught us about the Senate, the House of Representatives and how the government in Australia is formed by citizens. He answered our questions and helped us to understand the importance of our freedom in Australia.

Thank you Mr Fletcher"

Elena and Ryan Year 6







## Student Spotlight



Congratulations Destiny from Year 6.

In a recent trial Destiny was one of only 8 selected from 60 students to represent Broken Bay in netball. The Broken Bay team will travel to Bathurst in late April and here Destiny will not only be playing in numerous games but also vying for selection for the team to compete at the NSWPSA in July.

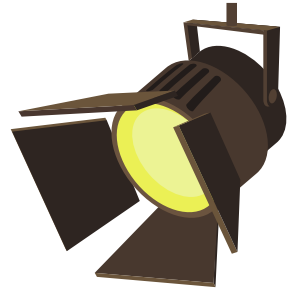
We wish Destiny the best of luck for this next stage.



## Staff Spotlight



A special congratulations to Mr Martin who was recently presented with a certificate of service for the achievement of 40yrs of service to Catholic Education. Well Done Mr Martin.



## Parish Connection

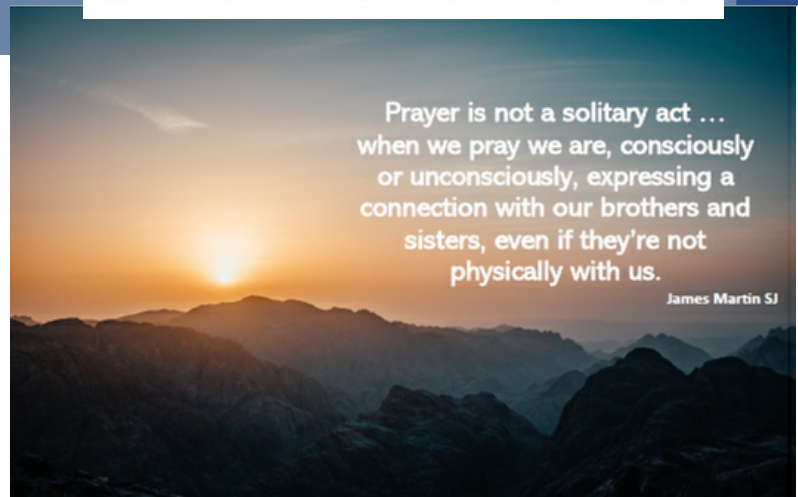
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS  
Chatswood Catholic Parish

### ***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



# Community Corner



**2-DAY SUPER CAMP April**

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