

Our Lady of Dolours News

From the Principal

As we head into the final weeks of term 4 and 2022 the school is a buzz with activity. Our building works are well under way with several classrooms now enjoying fresh carpet and paint work. Next Monday we will be holding our Year 2 - 6 swimming carnival at Kur-Ring-Gai Fitness and Aquatic centre. Thank you to all parents that have volunteered to assist on the day and help us run this event. While our older students are swimming, our Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be enjoying their Infants splash day at school. Thank you to Mrs Sargent for organising the fun and games our youngest students will be participating in. Our Year 6 students are preparing to graduate, and we are looking forward to celebrating with them at their graduation liturgy ceremony on 2 December where they will receive their graduation certificate and medals followed by what is sure to be a wonderful year 6 dinner.

Our teachers and students are working hard completing assessments for the year and finalising reports which will be sent out in week 9.

We invite you to join us for our Wellbeing Week picnic in the park at Beauchamp Oval on Monday 28 November. Then our final social event of the year will be our Christmas Festa on Friday 9 December from 5.30pm, we hope to see you all here for this wonderful fun filled event.

Congratulations to our Year 2 choir for their marvellous performance as part of the Kmart wishing tree appeal. Thank you to Mrs Donna Hoy for directing the students in their Christmas carols, to our parents who attended in support and to Kmart for inviting us to join in this initiative.



Upcoming events

November

Thurs 17 Nov - Parent Group Meeting 6pm

Mon 21 Nov - Swimming Carnival Yr 2-6

Mon 21 Nov - Infants splash day K-Yr 1

Mon 28 Nov - Wellbeing Week picnic, Beauchamp Oval

December

Fri 2 Dec - Save the Date Year 6 Gradutaion

Fri 9 Dec - Save the Date OLD Christmas Festa

Fri 16 Dec - Last day for students for Term 4

Mon 19 Dec - Staff Development Day

Tues 20 Dec - Staff Development Day

School calendar [click here](#)



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day Liturgy

Thank you to Year 4 for leading our Remembrance Day Liturgy. Our students displayed reverence and respect for this significant event and learned a little more about the significance of Remembrance Day.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.



In the Catholic spirit of reaching out to others during the season of Advent, we invite you to donate to our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We are looking to collect a range of items to make individual and family Christmas hampers for people in our local community. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please donate the following items. We have suggested items for each class:

Please send in your donations to your child's teacher by Week 9 Friday December 9th. Heavier items can also be dropped off at the office. This will be our final social outreach appeal for 2022. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support this Christmas Season!

Kindy

- Bon Bons
- Fruit mince pies

Year 1

- Christmas pudding
- Custard

Year 2

- Cereal
- Muesli bars

Year 3

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables

Year 4

- Christmas cake
- Christmas napkins

Year 5

- Jelly
- Jam & vegemite

Year 6

- Tea/Coffee/Milo
- Long-life milk

Other additional options (any grade)

- Confectionery/chocolate
- Pancake mix
- Cordial
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce

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Year 6 Class Mass

Our Lady of Dolours Parish invites you to the Year 6 Class Mass this Sunday the 20th of November. Students graduating Year 6 will receive a special blessing and candle to mark this important milestone.



December 4 - Santa
before 9am and before
10:30am

Our Lady of Dolours Parish invites all families to parish Mass at 9am or 10:30 am on December 4th. There will be a visit from Santa before each Mass

OLD School Band

Have you seen the OLD School band in action or met our amazing band conductor Mari?

If you are yet to experience the wonderful music our band plays their next performance will be at Westfield Chatswood on Wednesday 7 December between 11.45am - 12.45pm.

Thank you Mari for all you do for our students.





Cake and Craft Stall

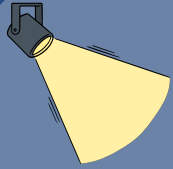


Bake and Craft Sale
By Vicky and Michaela

The bake and craft sale was on Monday, the 7th of November, and was such a fun and unique experience for the Year sixes of 2022, where we all baked or made our own masterpieces to sell to raise money for our graduation. There were delicious cupcakes, cakes, cookies and more! There were also bracelets, bookmarks and other masterpieces! We also made many posters about the sale to place around the school to remind children to bring their money on the day, including the OLD newsletter to inform the parents. It was an amazing experience, and a huge success. In total, we raised more than \$2000!!! Many stores ended up selling out all their items, with many children bringing money!

Thank you to everyone who bought our items, and thanks so much for supporting Year 6 2022!!





Student Spotlight



Congratulations Michael on being honourably invited to participate in NSW AMC award ceremony and for achieving the Silver award in SEAMO 2022 for Maths. Well done Michael.

Last weekend Ella competed at the Junior State Acrobatic Championships. Her trio were Level 3 Trio State Champions.

1st Balance Routine

1st Dynamic Routine

1st Overall

Well done Ella what an amazing achievement.



Awards Week 6



Yr 4 Religious Education

Our local Parish

Chatswood Catholic Parish



Last Friday, Year 4G and 4B took part in a 'walking tour' of Our Lady of Dolours Parish Church to learn more about 'Our Local Parish' in Religious Education.

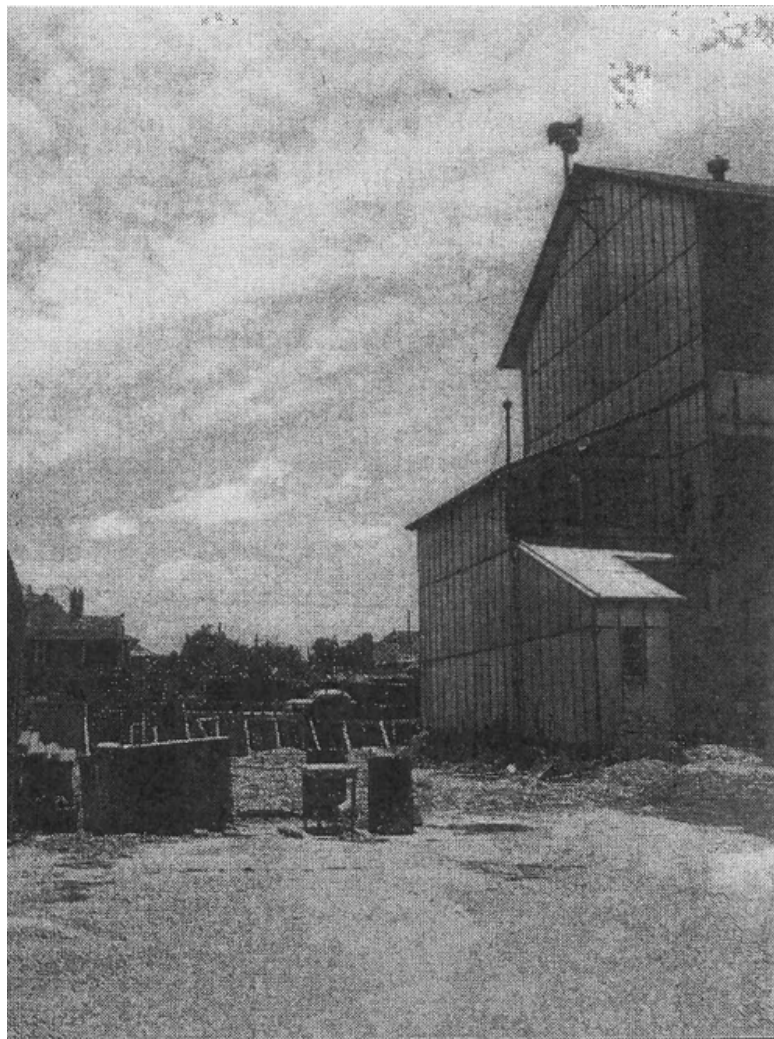
We looked at old photographs of the church and compared it to what we see now.

The 'original' church stood where our play equipment and COLA now stand. It was the church on Sundays and the school during the week.

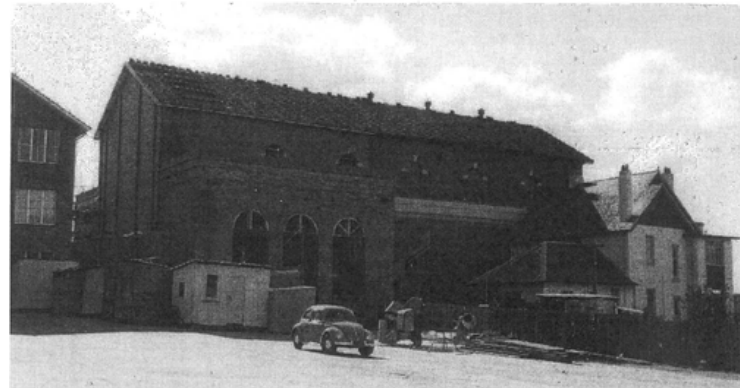
We could easily see the join between the first part of the church (completed in 1948) and the new part (completed in 1961).

Inside the church we met a lovely parishioner named Maureen and she allowed some of the students to look in the Piety Stall at some of the items available to buy.

When we showed Maureen the photo of the altar rails and a wedding, taken in the church in 1961, she told us that it was actually her wedding and told us all about the people in the photo. What a coincidence!!! Thank you, Maureen for sharing your special memories with us.



SPEAKERS ON CHURCH ROOF, CIRCA 1948, PHOTO PARISH ARCHIVES



1961 - COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF OLD CHURCH PHOTO PARISH ARCHIVES



STEPHENS - PLAYDON WEDDING, OLD CHURCH, 1969, PHOTO M PLAYDON



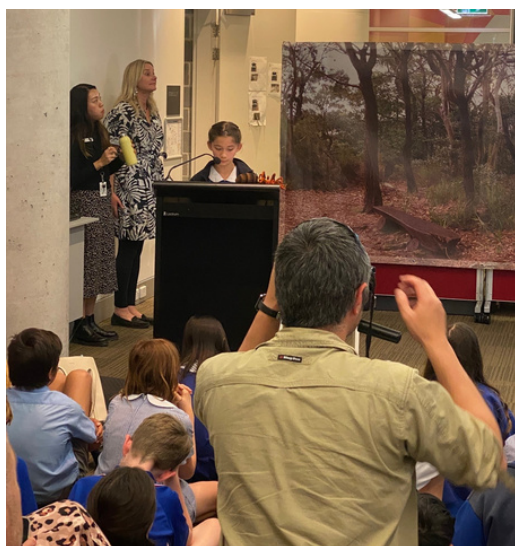
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From Year 5

Every year, Year 5 students are invited to submit a Narrative story and Artwork relating to an animal in the local environment for the Willoughby Council Wildlife Storybook. We are always complimented on the very high standard of our writing and Artwork from the students at OLD.

Yesterday a selection of our students attended the book launch with the Willoughby Mayor with all the successful students of the published works being acknowledged. Congratulations to Anastasia who was invited to read her story to the group.

While not everyone can be a winners, we are very proud of a high standard of writing in Year 5.



Forever Travelling

by Anastasia Ho

The sapphire swirling currents pull me across the vast ocean floor. A minute, single cell organism forever travelling. I sit at the depths of the ocean pondering, then am suddenly shifting with the sand.

My unique features are like nothing else in existence and my inability to move is my way of life. I am part of the ocean, drifting. I look up in the shaft of the light, at the bright moving fish, their fins delicately streaming through the water with a light manner. I see seaweed, waving in the water rush, dancing like petals on the open day.

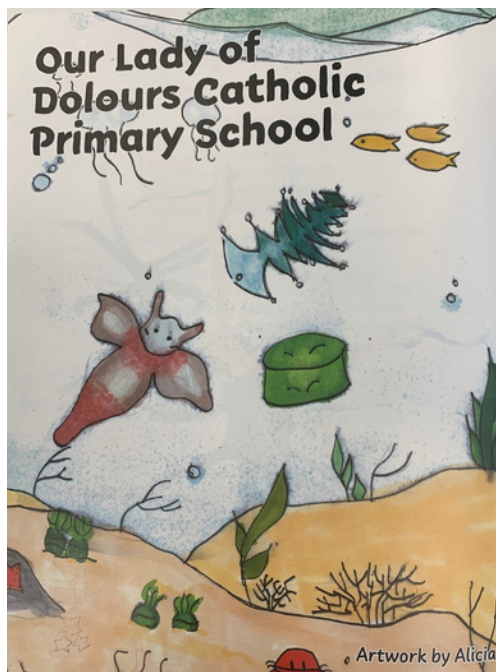
A sudden sweep of waves retreats, unknown to the creatures it withstands. The radiating water fills with glittering shine as I photosynthesise to sustain existence. But when I start to move with the harsh ocean my world shifts, I discover a new sight of the sea. New ideas burgeon in my imagination. I see vibrant colours, looming shadows and huge creatures crossing the tide.

As afternoon sets, Middle Cove shifts to a glittery blanket of navy. I settle with the midst of the waves, with the tiny fragments of sand. Drifting into rest I ponder what new place the dawn would bring me. As I gravitate in the ocean in sleep, I await a new adventure to fulfil.

I am forever travelling.



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Where Have They Gone?

by Olivia Perisia

Listen boys and girls! Let me tell you a story, so get comfortable because it's about to get interesting. It all started at Fig Tree Cove deep down in the great big ocean. There was a teeny-weeny orange zooplankton called Jemma, as small as can be!

"Ring, ring." Jemma's alarm clock rang.

She lazily drifted out of her small bed and heard a thud. "Mum? Dad?..."

Anyone? Jemma said in a worried voice. She raced down her blue coral stairs and ran outside. Tiny Jemma could only see the coral and the algae of the great deep blue sea. Where is her family? Where are her friends? What has happened?

She went to her uncle's house who lived on Seaweed Street only 15 coral metres away. "Knock, knock!" the bubbles went, no one was answering. Where was her uncle? Was he gone too? Jemma started getting scary thoughts in her mind. What if they are gone forever?

She went back home, sad. There she was back home at Bikini Bottom. She took out her seahorse keys and opened the coral door. When she opened the door, she heard sounds from inside.

"Happy Birthday Jemma!" her family and friends shouted with excitement. They were all jumping up and down.

She had been so worried that she totally forgot it was her birthday! They all sat down at the pearl table and happily ate her phytoplankton birthday cake!





Kindergarten classes 2023 are almost full.

For those of you with younger siblings at home ready for school next year remember to collect your enrolment pack from the front office or online from the school [website](#)

A reminder school assembly is held each Monday afternoon at 2.40pm in the hall. All are welcome to attend.



Position Vacant

The Chatswood Parish is seeking to recruit a part-time Catechist Coordinator, up to 19 hours per week. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, coordinating the Ministry of Special Religious Education (SRE) at a local parish level.

The ideal candidate will have relevant experience in SRE, of working with volunteers in a Catholic environment, comfort working autonomously and an understanding of the need for accountability and ownership in a role, excellent administration and time management skills and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite. An understanding of the Department of Education requirements in relation to Special Religious Education would be an advantage. You'll also have a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings.

The role does allow for flexibility with the working schedule; however, you will need to have availability outside of normal working hours from to time.

If this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au
Applications close Friday, 2 December 2022.

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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!



Our Lady of Dolours Primary School SY 2022, Term 4 Canteen Roster				
Week commencing:	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
10 October 2022		Angella Cakmak	Melissa Chung	
17 October 2022		Amy Chan		Angella Cakmak
24 October 2022		Branka Posa	Melissa Surjan	Kun Yang
31 October 2022	Amy Chan			Angella Cakmak
7 November 2022				Angella Cakmak
14 November 2022	Amy Chan	Seda Karadjan	Melissa Surjan	Soraya Alali/Carlos Rojas Paz
21 November 2022		Branka Posa	Ann Perez	Soraya Alali/Carlos Rojas Paz
28 November 2022				Kun Yang
5 December 2022	Amy Chan			Kun Yang
12 December 2022	Amy Chan			Kun Yang

HURRAY! We are back to two persons per shift!

The canteen is open Mon-Fri from 12:55pm till 1:40pm (service to stop by 1:30pm)

If you are available to fill any of the orange highlighted spots, please message Cris via 0478019838.

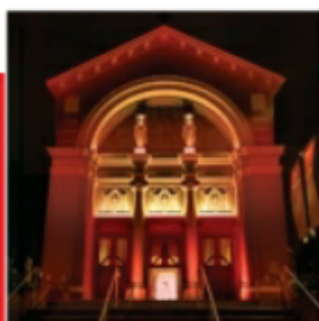
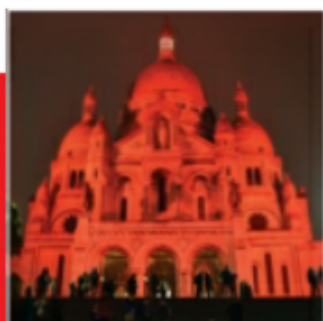
Please unpack boxes of stock (if any) and refill fridge/freezer, etc. .

The kids thank you for your assistance !

The updated canteen roster will be regularly posted on the OLD Parents' Communication Group on Facebook

RED WEDNESDAY

STAND UP FOR FAITH & FREEDOM



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94 Archer St Chatswood
7:30pm, Wednesday 23 November 2022

All are invited to Mass to
remember and pray for persecuted Christians around the world,
including our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Celebrant:

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay



INFORMATION:

evangelisation@bbcatholic.org.au

Light refreshments will be
served after the Mass.

SUPPORTED BY:



RED Mass

The RED Mass is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) remembering and praying for persecuted Christians.

CAN is a Pontifical Foundation and the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the pastoral and spiritual support of what is estimated to be more than 200 million people who cannot freely exercise their faith and suffer oppression and persecution for their love of Christ.

RED Wednesday was launched in 2016 when Cathedrals, Churches and public buildings around the world were illuminated in red, the colour of blood and martyrdom, to draw attention to those who suffer or have died.

This RED Mass Wednesday, the Diocese of Broken Bay will also remember and pray for persecuted Christians around the world, including our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD JCL will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 November to which everyone is welcome.

The façade of Our Lady of Dolours will be floodlit in red. Following Mass, a guest speaker from CAN will outline the work of the organisation and the people they help. There will be refreshments in the courtyard.

Students, parents, and teachers are all welcome to lend their support. For more information see <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/latest-news/red-wednesday-2022>



SAVE THE DATE!



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHRISTMAS FESTA

A FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

5.30PM - 8.30PM

MORE INFO TO COME



Want to help?
Contact Angella
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