

Our Lady of Dolours News

From the Principal

End of Year Liturgy - December 16th

We warmly welcome ALL families to join us for our End of Year Liturgy at 10:15am (for a 10:20am start) in the church on Friday the 16th of December. We will celebrate the wonderful year we have shared together as well as farewelling valued students and Our members who will be moving on from Our Lady of Dolours at the end of the year. Year 6 will also present their special Graduation liturgical dance at this liturgy.

Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council met on 22 November 2022. Topics covered included:

- Enrolments - growing steadily
- School budget, including repair and maintenance works
- Transition to new out of school hours care provider, CatholicCare
- Uniform - to be reviewed in 2023
- Parent representatives on the Council - their term concludes and new parents will be needed for 2023

Semester 2 Reports

End of year reports will be available on COMPASS at the end of week 9. If you will be leaving OLD at the end of 2022 remember to download all reports as you will not have access to COMPASS after 16 December.

Meet your 2023 teacher

On Thursday 15 December students will meet their teacher for 2023. This is an exciting day for students to their teacher and classmates for next year.

Congratulations to our Swimming carnival house winners Nazareth & winners of the spirit cup Cana. Thank you to our sports coordinators Mrs Sargent and Mr Rowland for their hard work and organisation resulting in a spectacular carnival. Thank you also to all our parent helpers on the day, without you these events would not be able to take place.



Christmas Card Competition

Catholic Schools Broken Bay invited students to participate in a Christmas Card Competition. The winning card will be used by Danny Casey, Director of Schools and other executive staff to send out CSBB Christmas wishes.

We congratulate Eva (1B), Hayley (KB) and Micaela (3G) for entering their beautiful Christmas cards into this competition.



Upcoming events

December

Fri 2 Dec - Year 6 Graduation

Fri 9 Dec - 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

January

Fri 27 Jan - Staff Development Day

Mon 30 Jan - MAI Assessments

Tues 31 Jan - Term 1 commences Year 1 - Year 6

February

Thurs 2 Feb - Kindergarten commences

School calendar [click here](#)



Advent



There are many times in our lives when we prepare for something special. We take time to make sure that everything is ready. Soon, our families will be getting ready for Christmas. But it is most important that we get ourselves ready in another way. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus on Christmas day. We do this during a time called Advent, which means 'coming'.

We thank our Year 5 students Iris, Lana and Anastasia for leading us in our first Advent Liturgy. Each Monday we will gather together at our school assembly to celebrate each week of Advent. All families are welcome to join us at assembly and celebrate the joyful waiting for the coming of Jesus this Advent!



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

- o Bon Bons
- o Fruit mince pies

Year 1

- o Christmas pudding
- o Custard

Year 2

- o Cereal
- o Muesli bars

Year 3

- o Tinned fruit
- o Tinned vegetables

Year 4

- o Christmas cake
- o Christmas napkins

Year 5

- o Jelly
- o Jam & vegemite

Year 6

- o Tea/Coffee/Milo
- o Long-life milk

Other additional options (any grade)

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

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Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Mass

All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the Blue Room (Where we hold Children's Liturgy), after the 9:00am Family Mass on Sunday 11th December. We will allocate roles and have a quick first practice at this meeting.

There will be two further practices as follows:
Sunday 18th December: in the Blue Room after 9:00am Mass
Friday 23rd December: Rehearsal in the Church at 2:00pm

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela in the parish office on 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



**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

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

CHRISTMAS Bake Sale Fundraiser

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

CHURCH FORECOURT
94 Archer Street, Chatswood
FROM 8:30AM

X-MAS PHOTO BOOTH, COOKIE JARS, MINCE PIES, CHRISTMAS CAKES, SHORTBREAD, BROWNIES, GINGERBREAD, JELLIES, HAMPER, CUPCAKES & more!

All proceeds go to support our parish youth participating in World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

Drop offs 9 Dec 8:15am-3:15pm OLD Primary School
10 Dec 10am-5:30pm St Paul's meeting room
11 Dec - anytime before 9am Mass
Please label all goods with ingredients
No drop offs of perishables on Friday please

Interested in helping?
Contact Noelle 0401331326

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.



Student Spotlight



Congratulations Sophia who recently competed in the Gymnastics NSW State Championships 2022.

Sophia came first in her division level 1 senior trios. She got a gold medal for band and gold medal for the highest score (54.1). This was Sophia's first gymnastics competition ever and an absolute success! Well done Sophia.



Awards Week 8





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@bbccatholic.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!



Swimming Carnival



Wellbeing week Picnic



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

Tickets
available
now
through
Qkr!

SAVE THE DATE!

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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
0479077655

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