

Our Lady of Dolours News

From the Principal

As we approach the end of 2022 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff for all their efforts in what has been a remarkable year. 2022 was the year we came alive again as we saw an end to Covid restrictions and a return to a more normal way of life. As a community we have risen to the challenge and continued to Ignite, Innovate and Include in our Mercy tradition with enthusiasm and compassion with our faith at the heart of what we do.

I would especially like to thank the leadership team, especially Kelly Clouston as Assistant Principal and Camilla Brown as REC for their tireless work in assisting in keeping our wonderful school running to provide the quality education that we do and the office staff for their tireless support for the school as a whole. I would also like to thank Fr David Ranson and his team for being the heart of our wonderful community.

As we farewell staff that are leaving us we thank them for their years of service and look forward to welcoming our new staff in 2022. I wish you all a very happy, safe and merry Christmas and look forward to an even better 2022.

God Bless.
Marco Ianni



Orientation to new 2022 classes:

Students in Years K - 5 has their 'Orientation to new classes 2023' yesterday. In this session, students had the opportunity to meet their teacher and class members for the coming year.

Students' Semester Two Reports:

Student Reports are now available on Compass.

Please don't forget if you are leaving OLD at the end of 2022, you need to download all reports off Compass as you will no longer have access to them when your child leaves the school.

Return to school for 2023 (all dates found on the school website)

Friday 27/1/23 - Staff Development Day

Monday 30/1/23 - Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) assessments

- Yr 1-6 MAI
- Kindergarten Best Start

Tuesday 31/1/23 - First Day of 2023 for students Yrs 1-6 ONLY

- Kindy Only: Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) Best Start

Wednesday 1/2/22

- Kindy Only: Assessment day for timetabled individual (1:1) Best Start

Thursday 2/2/22 - First Day of 2022 for Kindergarten students

Reminders for the new year:

- Add your child's new class into Qkr! prior to the commencement of 2023.
- Update any new/pre-existing medical information with the office.
- Keep an eye on Compass for MAI details and/or changes for the start of the 2023 school year



Upcoming events

December

Mon 19 Dec - Staff Development Day

Tues 20 Dec - Staff Development Day

January

Fri 27 Jan - Staff Development Day

Mon 30 Jan - MAI Assessments

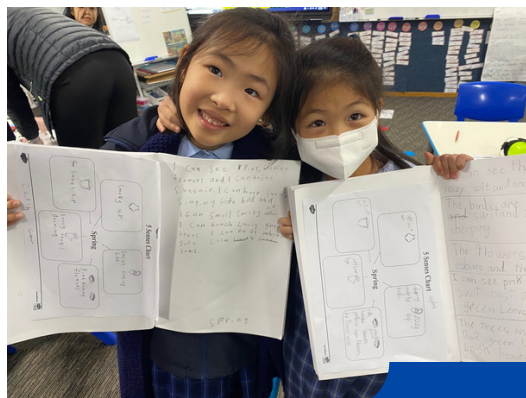
Tues 31 Jan - Term 1 commences
Year 1 - Year 6

February

Thurs 2 Feb - Kindergarten commences

School calendar [click here](#)





2022 a year of learning



What a fantastic year we have had at Our Lady of Dolours! The students have engaged in many learning opportunities in the classroom, on excursions and as extra-curricular learning. Throughout the year we have celebrated the academic, social, emotional and spiritual growth of our students and we can finish this year knowing that we are a community of learners who strive to be our best.

The teachers have also continued their learning journey throughout the year, engaging in Collaborative Coaching on a weekly basis. During this time, we have analysed student learning to plan for our students' needs. I thank the teachers for their professionalism and dedication to student learning. Thank you also to the parents for your continued support of your child's learning needs and for trusting your children in our care. It is a privilege to work in partnership with you all.

We also thank the office staff, in particular Jane and Sandra who keep the wheels turning and attend to the students with care and compassion.

Finally, thank you to Marco for leading our school with passion and enthusiasm. Your experience and care of each student is evident in your daily interactions with the parents, staff and students. OLD is fortunate to have you as our principal.

I wish all our OLD families and friends a happy and holy Christmas.

Kelly Clouston
Assistant Principal



End of School Prayer

At the end of this school year we give thanks
to God,

For all the teaching and learning that has
taken place in our school,

For the talents and gifts that have been
shared and the challenges that have been
faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the
hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have
just begun,

For the faith that has been lived in lives,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts,
and for the love that has kept us going.

We ask that our loving God will bless our
students, staff and families with confidence,
calmness and love.

As we say farewell to our staff and students,
We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of
them,

for wisdom and guidance to be beside them,
and for grace and truth to be behind them,
pushing them onwards into your goodness.

We know that you will always love and protect
them, wherever they go.

Amen.

Advent

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As we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus on Christmas day, we reflect on the themes of each Advent candle: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We thank our Year 5 students for leading these liturgies. Thank you to Stephanie, Esther & Cassie for our Week 10 Advent liturgy. This week we focus on the pink candle that represents Joy!



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Thank you for your donations to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We really appreciate your generosity and support of Catholic outreach this Christmas season. Together we created 23 hampers to donate to the appeal. Thank you to Branka, Bianca and Paul for volunteering their time to put these hampers together.



School leaders 2023

We are immensely proud of all our Year 5 students and are delighted to announce our Senior Leaders for 2022. CONGRATULATIONS!



School Captains

Aarjun
Anastasia

Vice Captains

Xavier
Lana



Creative Arts
Leaders

Martina
Catherine
Zack
Brodie
Maddison

Cana House
Captains

Luca
Stephanie

Environment
Leaders

Luke
Pippa
Zyrox
Robyn

Nazareth House
Captains

Amaya
Iris

Bethlehem House
Captains

Cassandra
Logan

Literacy
Leaders

Nicholas
Alessandro
Dominic

Galilee House
Captains

Esther
Alicia

ICLT
Leaders

Olivia
Tracy

Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Emma from 4G who won 2 Gold medals at the Australian Taekwondo National Championships in Melbourne.



Congratulations Noah, Benji, Zachary & Floyd who won the U12 Grand Final Basketball game at Norths Basketball on Saturday.



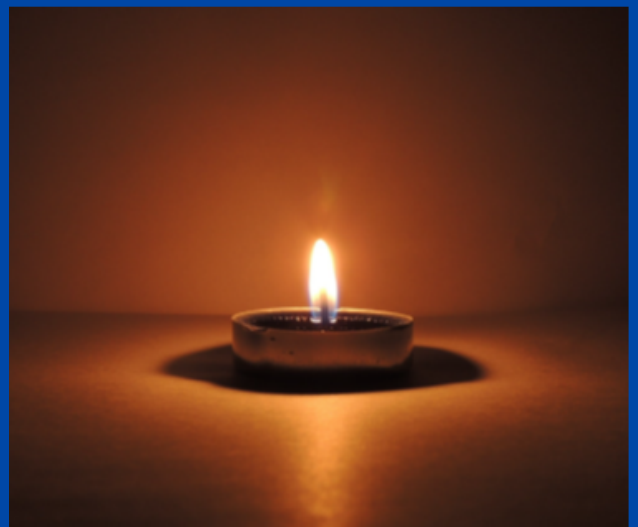
Congratulations to Sasha, Sybella and Emily from 4G for their medals at the SXL Gymnastics end of year concert.



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!





Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a \$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit service.nsw.gov.au, call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dom - 14".

Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier



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Join one of our free webinars for parents and carers to learn the latest strategies for helping children stay safer online.

www.esafety.gov.au



Parent and carer webinar schedule 2023

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2022. To meet the growing demand, we are expanding the program in 2023 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Term 1

Safer Internet Day (7 February)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Setting your child up for success online

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Getting the most out of gaming

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

Navigating online friendships

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

Term 2

National Families Week (15 to 21 May)

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Suitable for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram

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Online relationships and consent: sending nudes and sexting

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Term 3

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (18 August)

National Child Protection Week (3 to 9 September)

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Term 4

Mental Health Month (October)

Wellbeing and digital technologies

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LOWES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE... **NSW BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM**

**What is covered by
NSW back to school
program?**

3 x \$50 Vouchers

Eligible purchases are limited
to the following

School uniforms (K-12)

- Your complete school uniform
- Hats
- Socks
- Shoes
- Umbrellas
- Raincoats

Trade Schools (pathway program)

- High Vis Polo Tops and Shirts
- Industrial Pants and Shorts
- Steel Cap Boots
- Socks Protectors
- Safety Equipments

***T&Cs Apply. No returns, exchanges
in accordance with our returns policy**



STAY TUNED!

ONCE THE NSW SERVICES APP
RELEASES THE PROGRAM, REDEEM
YOUR VOUCHERS INSTORE OR ONLINE