

FEBRUARY 2023 EDITION 2

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



WELCOME TO 2023

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

We are looking forward to having our current and prospective parents, wishing to enrol their child in 2024, visit Our Lady of Dolours on 28 February for our Open Day.

Open Day tours will take place between 9.00am and 10.30am followed by an address by me at 10.30am.

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 Hall.

Enrolment packs for 2024 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 28 Feb - Open Day

Thurs 2 March - North Shore
Cluster Representative
Swimming Carnival

Mon 6 March - Cross
Country/Walk Along

Sun 19 March - Kindy Blessing
Mass

Thurs 6 April - Last Day Term 1

Mon 24 April - Staff
Development Day

Open Day Tuesday 28
February 9-11am



THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS

In his message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them through the Scriptures and through others. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need.

ASH WEDNESDAY



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.

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.



This year, the theme asks us to think about the great yes that Mary spoke when the angel told her she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted God's invitation to take up a unique place in the history of the human family.

Her yes is for all future generations. May ours be too! We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Each family has received a Project Compassion box for their donations OR you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

INTRODUCING STAGE 3

FROM OUR STUDENTS

We commenced Year 6 with many exciting leading opportunities and we swiftly adapted to our new leadership roles. All the students adopted their new jobs, taking initiative in our classroom with enthusiasm. The long awaited badges were presented to us at the Beginning of School Mass where we were initiated into our positions and congratulated by our fellow students, teachers and families who attended. It was a memorable experience receiving a symbolic item of our roles and our badges are a positive reminder that we are now role models to the younger students and to the wider school community. (Anastasia)

In Stage 3, we are learning about persuasive writing. Lately it has been about modal words, conjunctive/ordinal adverbs, structure and now the importance of cohesion in our writing. We have learnt that high modality is the most convincing way of writing persuasively. Persuasive writing was made to convince people to think a certain way or even sell something. Our success criteria is helping to make our writing so much better! (Simon)

For Visual Arts we have been learning about famous pop artist Andy Warhol. Andy Warhol teaches us how to use bold and contrasting colours to decorate everyday items. He paints items from soup cans to portraits of famous people. I'm personally excited to learn about different types of artistic skills like collage. Art is my favourite subject! (Bella)



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THE ADORABLE KINDERGARTEN BUDDIES HAVE BEEN A LOVELY ADDITION TO OUR SCHOOL. WE HAVE GONE TO THEIR CLASSROOM FOR FUN BUDDY PLAYS, AND HAVE SAT WITH THEM AT RECESS. IT HAS BEEN SO ENJOYABLE TO PLAY WITH THEM, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY ARE ENJOYING OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL.

SOMETIMES WE SEE THEM WALKING TO THE BATHROOM, OR RUNNING AROUND AND PLAYING WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND THEY GIVE US A LITTLE SMILE AND WAVE. OUR BUDDIES ARE SO AMAZING AND WE LOVE HANGING OUT WITH THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE SUCH CUTE, FUNNY AND DELIGHTFUL PEOPLE TO BE AROUND. (PIPPA)

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TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CHILD MEETINGS

MRS KELLY CLOUSTON

Last week our teachers, parents and carers met in the library with the focus on finding out as much as possible about the strengths and interests of each child. These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to ensure we know as much as possible about your child to ensure the social and emotional wellbeing of each child is thoughtfully considered. We thank you for taking the time to meet with the teachers and thank our dedicated teachers who value this opportunity to meet with all of you. It is through working in partnership with our families that we provide optimal opportunities for all our students.



ATTENDANCE AND INDEPENDENCE

Learning Every Day Counts

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Absences add up!

Being 10 minutes late per day can lead to 6 days missed per year.

Missing 2 days of school a month means over 1 entire year of missed learning in a child's school life.

Missing 2 days of school a month

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Missing more than 1 year of learning over 15 years!

Each day missed:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up.
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy.
- Can lead to gaps in learning and impact on social and emotional skills.

ATTEND MORE. LEARN MORE. BE MORE.

Good habits begin early

Be on time each and every day.

Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets your child up for success in school life.

What parents can do

- Be firm. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
- Develop good sleep and morning routines.
- Schedule appointments after school.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- Limit screen time.

Schools are there to help

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

Additional resources
www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance

Student attendance at school is a shared commitment by students, families, schools and the community. It is important that students attend every day and that time out of school is minimised as this can have a significant impact on learning and development especially with young children. We ask for appointments for students are kept out of school time where possible to avoid a loss of learning time and that any regular appointments during school time to be approved by the Principal, such as speech therapy and Occupational therapy. A form is available at the school office to apply for this leave and you are asked to attach a letter from your treating practitioner to support this.

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In Stage 3 we are practising to read, order and represent numbers up to tens of millions including decimals! We have also been doing difficult word problems that challenge us to use division and multiplication strategies. The most fun activities include maths games like COMBO and the snake game. But my personal favourite is the ‘mystery number’. I am extremely excited to learn about multiplying and dividing decimals together. To me, maths is the most fun and most interesting subject in the world! (Rachel)

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PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND LEARNING) AT OLD



A graphic titled 'PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND LEARNING) AT OLD'. At the top, three crayons are shown: a red one labeled 'SAFE', a blue one labeled 'LEARNERS', and a green one labeled 'RESPECTFUL'. To the right, an orange crayon is labeled 'RESPONSIBLE'. In the center is the school crest. Below the crayons, the text reads: 'At Our Lady of Dolours, we strive To Be Our Best, by being a:'. This is followed by three columns of expectations, each with a colored header: 'Safe Learner' (red), 'Respectful Learner' (green), and 'Responsible Learner' (yellow). Each column lists several behavioral expectations.

SAFE LEARNERS

- We have safe and caring hands.
- We are in the right place at the right time.
- We make good choices.
- We wear a hat outside.

RESPECTFUL LEARNER

- We speak and act with kindness.
- We share and take turns.
- We include others and follow the rules.
- We care for our appearance.
- We care for belongings and the environment.

RESPONSIBLE LEARNER

- We are active listeners.
- We are prepared to learn.
- We learn and let others learn.
- We do our best and persist.

WE LEARN AND LET OTHERS LEARN

MRS CLOUSTON, MISS BAYNIE & THE PBL TEAM

PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) is an evidence-based framework that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

The framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people (NSW Government: Education).

At OLD, we have a PBL Matrix where we learn about what makes us Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learners. You might have seen these words on the crayons at the front of our school. Each fortnight, we focus on one expectation for these rules.

This fortnight, our focus expectation is "We learn and let others learn"... We are life-long learners! This means we prioritise our learning through responsible learning behaviours such as active listening and trying our best. We respect our peer's learning and encourage them to do their best also! We embrace our learning journey with a positive attitude. We would love families to have a learning chat at home this week using probing questions such as "What do you love about learning?" ... "What can you do to be an even better learner?"

Responsible Learner



We learn and let others learn.





WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We are excited to welcome our new staff members to OLD in 2023.

We know you will help us to make them feel warmly welcomed as they get to know and become part of our wonderful community.



Ms Amanda Simcic

Amanda has excitedly joined our teaching team for 2023. She is the proud mum of two teenage/ adult children, 2 dogs and 2 rabbits. She has a Master of Teaching, Primary, a Bachelor degree in Psychology and over ten years Primary teaching experience. Prior to teaching, Amanda ran her own business in Recruitment and Human Resources. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, trying to surf, swimming and playing the piano

Miss Meg Fletcher

Hi, my name is Meg Fletcher and I have recently just completed my studies of Applied Social Science (Community Services). I am looking forward to working with the amazing staff and students we have here at Our Lady of Dolours. To be given this amazing opportunity, I am feeling very grateful to start my journey here in the OLD community.



"A word from the classroom"



In Stage 3 Blue, we are learning about how energy transfers from one object to another. For example, a Rube Goldberg machine is just one example of a transformation of many objects crashing into each other. We've also been learning about how roller coasters work & it's actually very interesting, if you ask me. A man called 'William Kamwamba' made a machine that changed his life, that machine was a windmill. He made a windmill out of scraps and I think everyone should be inspired by science. Science is an endless world of possibilities and experiments. Even if you don't like the sound of it, just have a go at it! We look forward to more learning in Stage 3! (Curtis)



MRS CHARLTON - TEACHER/LIBRARIAN



We have had a wonderful start to the year in the Library. The children have returned to school ready for reading! We encourage all students to borrow school library books regularly to support their literacy development and enhance their enjoyment of learning. A reminder that students will need a school (or suitable) library bag to assist them in keeping their books protected and dry, these can be purchased from LOWES either in store or online.

Students are asked to please return their books in the morning on their library day through the Library returns slot. These are then returned on our computer system before school begins. An extra big thank you to our team of parent volunteers who work tirelessly every Wednesday and Thursday morning to return books and get them back on the shelves ready for more student borrowing. If you are interested in volunteering to help in our library please speak to the school office for more information - old@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC for 2023 opens next week for student entries. Last year we had an incredible number of children participate in and complete this reading challenge. The aim of this initiative is to support our children to enjoy their reading through selected quality literature. In order to complete the challenge, interested students must read a certain number of books from a predetermined list and then log these online. The number of books needed to be read depends on the student's grade level. More information about participating in this challenge and how to log on to the online site will be made available shortly. This will also be explained in Library sessions next week.

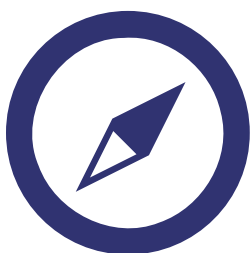


Awards



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COMPASS is the main communication app for the school and where you will note student absences, find school reports and book meetings with teachers. In the case of a full day absence parents must enter their child's absence before 9am. If your child is 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.



A reminder that all parents must email teachers via the school email (old@dbb.catholic.edu.au) this gets forwarded to each teacher. A teacher is unable to reply to emails or phone calls during school time, as their main priority is the education of your children and every teacher has a duty of care for their students. If a message is urgent please call the school office for the message to be communicated to the teacher as soon as possible



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.



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. Instead we encourage you to assist your child/ren to develop a routine in packing their school bags the night before—you will quickly be amazed by how independent and responsible your child becomes.

Dismissal confirmation & Photo permissions:

Please remember to complete your dismissal & photo permission forms on COMPASS. If you need assistance, please drop into the school office.

WHATS HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

Are you interested in volunteering in our school? Maybe you have a budding sports, coding or chess champion in your midst. There are many opportunities for activities for both you and your child to become involved in within our local community.

Kid's Choir

If you are in **Year 2 to 6** in primary school and you **LOVE to SING**, we would love for you to join our **Kid's Choir** at **Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish**

We meet after **9am Mass** on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the parish meeting rooms so we can sing at the **9am Mass on the 3rd Sunday**.

For more information contact Patrick or Mona at:
chatswoodmusicabbccatholic.org.au
mona.saoumaabbccatholic.org.au

Our Lady of Dolours Primary School SY 2023, Term 1 Canteen Roster					
Week commencing:	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
30 January 2023	Blanka Posa	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
6 February 2023	Kun Yang		Aris Josef		Jan Konglankul Xi Yu
13 February 2023	Kun Yang		Aris Josef		Xi Yu Kun Yang
20 February 2023	Easy Lay Lim				Lisa Giacometti/Vivian Lu
27 February 2023	Blanka Posa				Cris Baranich
6 March 2023	Ann Bacsi		Jerry Ko		Kun Yang
13 March 2023	Ann Bacsi		Jerry Ko		Jan Konglankul
20 March 2023	Ann Bacsi		Jerry Ko		Lisa Giacometti
27 March 2023	Blanka Posa		Jerry Ko		Donna Ng
3 April 2023	Blanka Posa				

HURRAY! We are back to two persons per shift!

The canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:15pm till 2:00pm (first 15 mins students have to eat their lunches)

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**



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Office: (02) 9745 1170



CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2023
Y1 - Y6 Students

CREATIVE CODING

Our Lady of Dolours
In-person

Every Thursday
9 Feb - 6 April | 9 weeks

BEGINNER
7:45 - 8:45 am
Y1 - Y5 beginner students

ADVANCED
7:45 - 8:45 am
Y3 - Y6 experienced students

Laptops are provided

\$243 per student per term

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info@code4fun.com.au
or call 0452 525 453

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Year 1 to Year 6 students are
welcome to join. STEM focused
programs - students develop
critical thinking and problem
solving skills by learning to code.



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ON YOUR CHILD'S
ENROLMENT

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Our Lady of Dolours Primary School (Chatswood) is held on Thursdays from 1:15pm to 2:00pm, starting on 9 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal
St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary

Thank you for participating in the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Christmas Appeal.

We appreciate you joining with us to help make a difference to people's lives this Christmas.

Paul Burton
NSW State Council President
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW

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Our Lady of Dolours
Catholic Primary
School

Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.



Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Learn about Our Lady of Dolours's faith led approach, including and inclusive model of education.



Visit our classrooms, play area, library, specialised media room, music rooms.



Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolours's community.

Tuesday
28 February
2023

9am – 11am

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for your children.



**Scan Now
To
Register**

Marco Ianni, Principal
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
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Chatswood
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to love learning, to use their talents
to be the very best they can be.***



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OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023
10AM – 1PM



Mercy Catholic College is part of the Catholic Schools Broken Bay system. It is built on the rich tradition of the Sisters of Mercy. We are an inclusive community that offers girls from Year 7 – 12 an authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.



Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses, trains and the Metro.



The College is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and families. We have integrated and structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programmes overseen by specialised staff who all work closely with students and families to support learning and flourishing.



Recognising that student needs are diverse, curriculum and pedagogy is dynamic and responsive to 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.



Outstanding results in 2022 HSC Mercy Catholic College is ranked in the top 15% in the state of NSW.



The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms designed to cater for 21st century learning.



Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer opportunities for students to participate in over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Broken Bay

***Inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning,
to use their talents to be the very best they can be.***

If your child is currently enrolled in any CSBB Primary School you are eligible for priority enrolment.