

MARCH 2023 EDITION 3

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Community connections are now up and running for 2024 with our Grade Parent Nominations complete and an amazing group of volunteers forming our Events Committee 2024. I thank all those that have stepped up to volunteer this year in a variety of capacities. While most roles have now been filled we would welcome any other members of our community that would like to be involved to join us, please email the school office with your interest. Next week will see us hold our first Parent Group meeting for the year, on Wednesday 15 March at 6pm in the Innovation Station, all are welcome to attend.

It was wonderful welcoming new families into the school last week for our annual Open Day, we have now begun processing enrolments with interviews for enrolling in 2024 to begin in the coming weeks. If you have a sibling at home who will be ready for school in 2024 please contact the school office to access your application for enrolment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 15 March - Parent Group Meeting 6pm Innovation Station

Sun 19 March - Kindy Blessing Mass

Tues 21 March - Harmony Day Celebration

Mon 27 March - Cross Country/Walk Along

Thurs 6 April - Last Day Term 1

Mon 24 April - Staff Development Day

Enrolling now for
2024



Grade Parents 2023

CLASS	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE	CLASS	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
KB	Erin Seeto	3B	Shuting Wang
KG	VACANT	3G	Wendy Der Stepanian
KW	Rebecca Koura Melissa Surjan	4B	VACANT
1B	Noelle Wilkin-Smith Jennifer White	4G	Jacklyn Wallace
1G	Angella Cakmak	S3B	Ellys Sie Ali Henderson
2B	Tina D'Souza Nicole Chan	S3G	Rosalie Keledjian
2G	Fiona Chang Tamara Robbins	S3W	Rowan Element

Advisory Council 2023

S	Marco Ianni
S	Kelly Clouston
S	Olivia Smith
S	Lauren Montgomery
	Fr David Ranson
P	Francesca Mustaca
P	David Shao
P	Mahesh Kulkarni
P	Cris Barancik

Thank you to all who have volunteered for 2023, we look forward to working with you to strengthen our community.

Would you like to volunteer but don't feel you can commit to a specific role?, please keep an eye on COMPASS for

opportunities to assist in singular events throughout the year.



MERCY VISIT

FROM MRS CLOUSTON

Last week the principal from Mercy College, Mrs Brenda Timp, visited our students from Years 2-6 to talk about the wonderful opportunities Mercy Catholic College has to offer. Mrs Timp was accompanied by an ex-student from OLD – Ivana, who spoke so positively about her time at Mercy so far. The students asked Mrs Timp and Ivana a variety of questions and were very excited to hear all about the exciting possibilities ahead. We encourage you to take time to speak with your daughter about this experience and remind you that as a priority feeder school you have a direct pathway to Mercy if you choose this wonderful school for your child's secondary education.



NAPLAN

We wish all our Year 3 & Year 5 students well as they prepare to sit their NAPLAN assessments commencing next week. We are extremely proud of our students' hard work and dedication to their learning. NAPLAN is one form of assessment that we use to monitor student patterns, growth and achievement. Our teachers also have a deep knowledge of where each student is at through their day to day assessments and observations in class.



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KINDIES HAVE REALLY SHINED AND SETTLED WELL INTO OLD WITH THE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT OF THEIR BUDDIES. ONE PARTICULAR BUDDY FLOYD, FROM 5B HAS DEMONSTRATED THE TRUE VALUES OF BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL TO HIS BUDDY JONATHAN FROM KB. FLOYD HAS TAKEN JONATHAN UNDER HIS WING AND HAS SHOWN COMPASSION, KINDNESS AND COMMITMENT WITH A SMILE, TO ENSURE HIS BUDDY IS ALWAYS HAPPY AND CARED FOR.

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THE SEASON OF LENT CONTINUES

ALL ARE WELCOME!



KINDY Blessing

19 March 9:00am Family Mass
Our Lady of Dolours
 94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

For any queries contact: Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Lady of Dolours

All families are warmly welcomed to attend the 9am Family Mass service at the OLD Parish this coming Sunday and to participate in the special Kindy Blessing. This special service will welcome the newest and youngest members of our community into the Parish.

Is a language other than English your native tongue? Would you like to improve your conversational English skills? If so please contact the OLD Parish to join their conversational English classes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH?

JOIN OUR
LIFESTYLE ENGLISH CONVERSATION PROGRAMME(LECP)

2023 PROGRAMME COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH



G'day

You're here! Fabulous! Maybe you speak a little English; maybe you speak a lot!

Would you like to improve your conversational English?

What is Lifestyle English Conversation Programme?

As a person with a language background other than English, this programme may be of particular interest to you.

LECP gives people (over 18) of all cultural backgrounds who are not comfortable with the use of everyday English, the opportunity to improve their language skills and build confidence through conversations in English with the support of our mentors.



What is involved?

Each week mentors will select 'topics' of interest as the basis of our conversations in English.

You will have the opportunity to develop your speaking skills and increase your confidence in a friendly space!



Still interested?

For more information please contact Anthony on 0414364522 / anthony@churchinthecity.com.au (Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Catholic Church)

If you know friends or family members who could benefit from LECP, please let them know!

WHEN DO WE MEET?
 EVERY WEDNESDAY
 FROM 9:30-11:00AM
 DURING SCHOOL TERM

WHERE:
 MAGNIFICAT PARISH
 MEETING ROOM, O.L.D. CHATSWOOD

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 this time of Lent each year, our school proudly participates in Project Compassion to raise funds for the world's poor.

Caritas AUSTRALIA End poverty Promote justice Uphold dignity



FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS
PROJECT COMPASSION



caritas.org.au/project-compassion 1800 024 413 #projectcompassion

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Please send your Project Compassion in on Friday Week 9 to allow the office to collect and count donations. Remember to fill in the details on the box if you would like to receive a receipt. We thank you for your generosity!

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PROJECT COMPASSION



INTRODUCING YEAR 2

FROM MRS
MONTGOMERY &
MS TYGH

Learning and growing is well underway in Stage 1, 2G and 2B.

Mrs Jennifer Tygh (2G) and Mrs Lauren Montgomery (2B) are loving getting to know all the beautiful children in Year 2, 2023.

We started the year with a special focus on the book 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers, and discussed and shared the many ways that we can create a happy, positive space for learning, something that we will continue to build on throughout the year as we share fun learning experiences and create memories together.

We are knee deep in learning about patterns and their core, 2D shapes, as well as quickly counting large quantities of objects. Our "Show Don't Tell" writing samples will help you get a clear picture in your head of whatever we are writing about and our ice cream artwork and simile poems will have your mouth watering. Check them out as Week 7's foyer display!



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WORKING
TOGETHER
CREATING 2D SHAPE
PATTERNS HAS BEEN
SO MUCH FUN!
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HARMONY DAY



This month Our Lady of Dolours will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is all about celebrating Australia's vibrant multiculturalism, ranging from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians, to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate our rich cultural diversity at Our Lady of Dolours. As part of Harmony Day, we will gather to celebrate at 9:00 am on Tuesday, the 21st of March and you are warmly invited to join us in the school hall.

The colour of Harmony Day is **orange**, as the colour signifies social communication and mutual respect. We invite the students to wear their traditional cultural clothing, or a touch of **orange** on Tuesday, the 21st of March.

We are looking forward to a week of Igniting, Innovating and Including in Mercy, as we come together to appreciate the diversity of cultures that is integrated within our school community.

We hope you can join us for this special event.

Kind regards,

Lauren Watts

EAL/D Teacher



“Where else do you get to have water activities and a mud kitchen in the playground to cool down on a hot day???”



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.

Our focus expectation this fortnight is "We care for our belongings and the environment". By doing this, we can make sure that our school is a safe and clean place ready for playing and learning! This week some of our year 2 children helped Miss Baynie sort all the new supplies for our outdoor mud kitchen, and some Kindergarten students helped to store our lunch time toys in brand new storage containers built by Mr Gale!

Respectful Learner



We care for belongings and the environment.



NORTH SHORE CLUSTER SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Congratulations to the OLD representative swimming team that competed at the North Shore Cluster Representative Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic Centre last week.

The team of 24 strong swimmers made all at OLD proud as they competed with fierce determination and showed great sportsmanship.

Numerous personal best times were broken on the day and smiles remained on all our competitors face.

A special congratulations must go to Hannah from Year 2 who came 2nd overall in the U8's 50m freestyle and will now represent the North Shore at the Broken Bay Carnival on the Central Coast.

We thank Mr Matthew Rowland for his organisation and behind the scenes work and accompanying our students on the day.



"Well done to all our amazing swimmers"





Awards



Save the Date!

Friday 31 March from 7pm
OLD's Cheese and Wine evening
A great event to get together as a
parent community and meet up
with friends old and new.
Tickets are now available to
purchase through the Qkr! app.
for \$25.00 per person.
More details regarding the event
will be available shortly.



2023 FIRST PARENTS WINE & CHEESE

SAVE THE DATE

March 31 | from 7 PM
OLD School Grounds

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK THE
BABYSITTER!**



WHAT'S 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:
chatswoodmusicbbccatholic.org.au
mona.saoumaebccatholic.org.au

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	Esay 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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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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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.



SAVE \$100 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
pour nous

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

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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St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga



Open Evening & Expo

Wed 22 March
4-7pm

Register at:
stleos.nsw.edu.au

ENROLLING NOW for Year 7 2025 & 2026

Limited places remaining for Year 7 2024

PRIORITY ENTRY for students from
St Leo's Priority Feeder Schools



Priority
Feeder School