

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Well done to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students on completing their recent NAPLAN assessments. 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. Thank you to Mrs Clouston, Miss Brown as NAPLAN Co-ordinators, the Grade 3 and 5 Teachers and Support Staff involved.

We are looking forward to a busy final two weeks to finish our term with our Cross Country/Walk Along, Parents Wine & Cheese social event, Holy Week celebrations, senior band performance, Easter raffle for Caritas and our much awaited musical announcement!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mon 27 March - Cross  
Country/Walk Along

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Fri 31 March - Palm Sunday  
lead by Kindergarten 9am

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Mon April 3 - Holy Week  
Liturgy, Parish Church 2pm

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Thurs 6 April - Last Day Term 1

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Mon 24 April - Staff  
Development Day

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Wed 26 April - Term 2  
commences

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Enrolling now for  
2024



# HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Next week, OLD will begin to commemorate the significant events of Holy Week. Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. It is a special time devoted to the Passion of Jesus. Holy Week leads up to the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday (celebrated during our school holidays). The Resurrection reminds us of God's unconditional love and gives us a great source of hope for our future with God! Pope Francis reminds us "Let us start over from amazement. Let us gaze upon Jesus on the cross and say to him: "Lord, how much you love me! How precious I am to you!" Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved."



Kindergarten will begin our Holy Week Liturgies with Palm Sunday on Friday 31 March. During this Liturgy we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey,

with crowds of people welcoming him with palms. They proclaimed 'Hosanna!' which means 'The Lord saves us!'

**When:** Friday 31 March at 8:45-9:00

**Where:** Outside assembly (or in the hall if wet weather)

On Monday 3 April the whole school will congregate for a reflective Holy Week Liturgy. This will include small groups acting out The Washing of the Feet (Year 1), The Last Supper (Year 2), The Garden of Gethsemane (Year 3), The Arrest of Jesus (Year 4) and The Stations of the Cross (Year 5/6).

**When:** Monday 3 April **Time:** 2pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Dolours Church.

This coming Easter, we wish you a happy and Holy Easter in which you feel the beauty and grace of God's love.



## 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.*

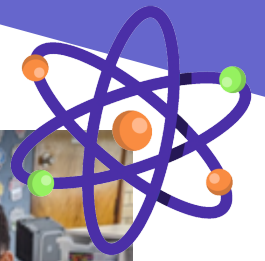
*During this time of Lent each year, our school proudly participates in Project Compassion to raise funds for the world's poor.*



*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!*







# INTRODUCING YEAR 4

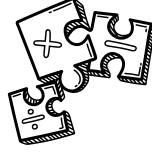
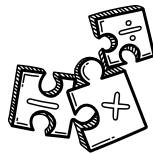
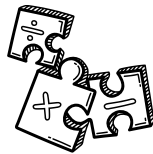
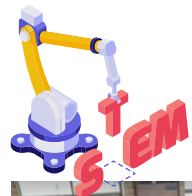
FROM MRS COOK, MRS  
ONISHE & MR MARTIN

What an exciting and thrilling start to the year!

Year 4 students have continued to learn about the importance of having a growth mindset and embracing and learning from their mistakes!

In Science, students have been learning 21st century skills like collaboration, communication and critical skills to apply in their STEM activities. The STEM focus for this term is to design and create an air powered car prototype. Students enjoyed testing their prototype using a fan and comparing the distances.

Year 4 have also embarked in creating their own Pop Art with their face, using bright colours of paper to create their masterpiece.



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REMINDER TO ALL YEAR 4  
PARENTS/CARERS, PARENT  
STEM ENGAGEMENT  
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2PM.  
THIS IS YOUR  
OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH  
YEAR 4 IN ACTION WITH  
STEM.

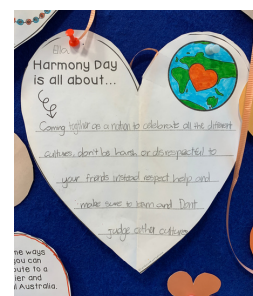
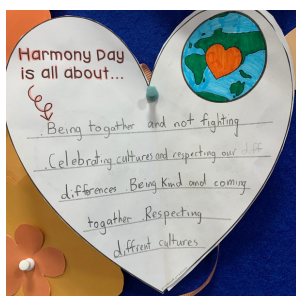
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# HARMONY DAY

Thank you to Mrs Lauren Watts for organising our Harmony day celebration and Liturgy. It was wonderful to see so many of our student come in traditional dress and for them to share insights into their culture and heritage. The diversity at OLD is one of the many things that make our school so special. Thank you also to Yr 3 and Yr 2 for our wonderful Harmony day foyer display.



## A Prayer for Living in Harmony and In Peace

Good and gracious God,  
who loves and delights in all people,  
we stand before you,  
knowing that the light of life within each  
person is the light of your divine life.  
Differences among cultures and races lead  
us to your light.

May our hearts and minds be open to  
celebrate our similarities and differences  
with others.

Please send your healing and reconciling  
Spirit in order to bind the wounds created  
by racism, and to promote understanding,  
justice, and love.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in  
our committed action and in your living  
presence in our neighbourhood.

May all peoples live in peace and  
**HARMONY!**

Amen.



Congratulations to students Stephanie, Selina, Sienna, Alannah, Lilliana and Zareh for participating in the Armenian Sydney Dance Company over the weekend at Glen street theatre.

Celebrating and preserving the beauty of Armenian music and dance and representing their rich culture to the Australian community.

Harmony Day is all about celebrating Australia's vibrant multiculturalism and a chance to come together to appreciate the diversity of cultures that is integrated within our school community.





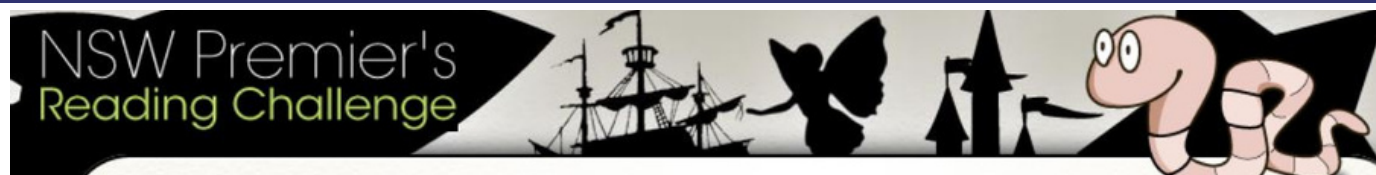
# LIBRARY NEWS

MRS BETH CHARLTON



## BOOK CLUB

Edition 2 of Scholastic Book Club was given out last week and all students should have received a copy. Have a look online if a hard copy was not received. So that orders can be dispatched in time, the Scholastic Book Club Loop will close on Wednesday 22nd March so please place your orders by this date.

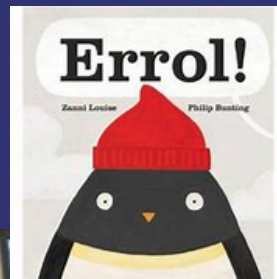


Already so many of our students have logged into the PRC and have started to log books that they are reading. This challenge is to encourage regular reading and the titles that have been selected on the PRC list are intended for student enjoyment. A few login and password issues have been sorted out during library lessons. These need to be addressed by the end of the term. The students have until August to complete the challenge.

## Storytime Online with Zanni Louise!

On Wednesday, Kindergarten participated in a live storytelling session with author Zanni Louise. This was hosted by the State Library of New South Wales. Zanni entertained us with the telling of 3 of her titles: Pigasus, Errol! And This Is Love. She wore funny hats and even a pig nose! Kindergarten particularly loved the story of Errol the cheeky penguin. Thank you to the State Library and to Mrs Femia, Ms Smith and Ms Rotherham for participating in story time!

Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers (some of who are pictured here!) who work hard on Wednesday and Thursday mornings to return and shelve library books. There are opportunities remaining to contact/cover books if that is your skill! Please email the office if you are interested.





# PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND LEARNING) AT OLD



A graphic for the PBL framework. 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:'. Underneath this, there are three columns, each with a colored oval header and a list of expectations.

<b>Safe Learner</b>	<b>Respectful Learner</b>	<b>Responsible Learner</b>
We have safe and caring hands.	We speak and act with kindness.	We are active listeners.
We are in the right place at the right time.	We share and take turns.	We are prepared to learn.
We make good choices.	We include others and follow the rules.	We learn and let others learn.
We wear a hat outside.	We care for our appearance.	We do our best and persist.
	We care for belongings and the environment.	

## WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

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.

### Safe Learner

**We are in the right place at the right time.**



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 are in the right place at the right time". This means that we try our best to be actively following instructions both in our learning spaces and on the playground. We make an effort to be seated when we need to be seated, to play in designated areas where teachers can see us and line up when our teachers ask us too (also at the end of recess and lunch!). By doing this we can make sure we are always in a safe space ready for learning. We encourage families to talk about the importance of being in the right place at the right time!





# Awards




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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

*Last chance*



  
**2023 PARENTS <sup>(only)</sup> WINE & CHEESE NIGHT**

**Our Lady of Dolours Primary School**  
is hosting a cheese & wine parents night out  
and you are invited!

RSVP by  
purchasing  
the tickets by  
March 24th

**March 31 | from 7 PM**  
**OLD School Grounds**  
Tickets on sale now via QKr!  
**\$25 per person**  
inclusive of food, drinks, music and laughter!

→ Don't forget to book the sitter! ←

*Last chance*

## Easter Raffle tickets now available on Qkr!

Donations can be dropped at the front office from  
Monday 27 March through to Friday 31 March (please no  
nuts or 2nd hand items).

Hamper making will take place on Tuesday 4 April with  
prizes being drawn Thursday April 6.

Tickets can be purchased through Qkr! with all money  
raised going towards Caritas.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY



Book Now's

## VACATION CARE

APRIL 2023 PROGRAM  
NOW AVAILABLE

*CatholicCare*  
Diocese of Broken Bay

Vacation Care program for April now available

CatholicCare's Vacation Care service offers a wide range of activities catering to children of differing ages and interests.

We also head out and about on a range of fun local excursions each holiday period. We provide a stimulating and enjoyable environment and activities which harness the children's interests and strengths whilst respecting their need for leisure.

We hope to see you there! [Click here for more information.](#)





# YEAR 7, 2025 ENROLMENT

The Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) enrolment policy states that those attending Catholic primary schools have priority when it comes to enrolment offers into Year 7 at any of our CSBB schools.

If you already have a child enrolled at Mercy Catholic College or have a child currently enrolled in a local Catholic primary school, to ensure that your children who are currently in **Year 5 are guaranteed an offer of enrolment in 2025**, we require you to complete and submit an enrolment form by **6 April 2023**.

From 2025 Mercy Catholic College will be the only single-sex Secondary school in the Sydney area within Broken Bay Diocese and our waitlists are nearing capacity.

## DISCOVER [MERCYCHATSWOOD.NSW.EDU.AU](https://mercyCHATSWOOD.NSW.EDU.AU)

### Why you'll love Sandcastles Chatswood

We love inspiring young minds! We embrace the concept that children thrive when they're encouraged to explore the world around them and learn about themselves through interactive play.



Qualified and experienced educators providing education and care from nursery to kindergarten



Kindergarten program guided by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), taught by an Early Childhood Teacher



Engaging programs in movement and sport



Nappies, wipes, formula and bed linen provided for your convenience



Quality learning resources, including Interactive Whiteboards and Touch Learning Tables



Stay connected to your child with regular photos, learning observations, and updates on our app



Spacious outdoor areas that encourage exploration and learning through play



Nutritious meals and snacks created daily by our qualified in-house chef



### BOOK A TOUR

1800 413 958 | L 4 1 Cambridge Lane, Chatswood

Open weekdays 7:30am to 6:00pm

 Sandcastles Chatswood 1

### GREENWOOD Early Education Centres

#### DISCOVER WHY FAMILIES LOVE OUR CENTRE:

- Our team of qualified and experienced educators provide high quality child care and early education for children from six weeks to six years.
- We offer an interest-based curriculum guided by the national Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and a preschool program taught by a qualified early childhood teacher to prepare your child socially and academically for school.
- Our brand-new facilities feature a large outdoor play area including cubby houses, water play areas and veggie gardens.
- We have abundant modern early learning resources, including a SMART Board and touch tables.
- Nappies, wipes and bedding are included for your convenience.
- Fresh and nutritious meals and snacks are created daily by our in-house chef. We cater for all dietary requirements.
- Get real-time photos, videos and updates on your child's routine through our parent communication app.
- We provide specialised programs including sport, language, yoga and music to build a solid foundation in learning and skill development.
- Regular excursions into the community to extend their learning.
- We offer Flexible Hours and Child Care Subsidy.



CENTRE HOURS: 6:30AM - 6:30PM

For more information please contact 1800 413 921  
4 McCabe Place, Chatswood NSW 2067