

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL AN EASTER MESSAGE

When you ask most children what Easter is about what do you think their answer would be? A lot of them would probably say Easter bunnies, eggs, chocolate, getting their Easter baskets etc.

It is hoped that many of our children at OLD would say that Easter is about Jesus and His death and Resurrection. After all, this is the true meaning of Easter. Easter is the most important date in the Christian Calendar. The mystery of the Resurrection is not easy for us to get our minds around, let alone try to explain to young children the amazing gift of new life that Jesus has given us. From Easter Sunday, leading to Pentecost Sunday, we will journey with the apostles and they come to understand that Jesus continues to be with us in a new way. The Easter Season follows on from the Easter Vigil and continues for fifty days until Pentecost. It is a time of rejoicing in Christ's resurrection and Ascension and a time of great hope.

The OLD teachers and staff wish you a happy and holy Easter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 24 April - Staff
Development Day

Wed 26 April - Term 2
commences

Wed 3 May - Transition to
high school parent info
evening

Mon 8 - Wed 10 May - Stage 3
Camp to Milson Island

Thurs 11 May - Mothers Day
Stall

Fri 12 May - Mothers Day
Liturgy

Enrolling now for
2024





HOLY WEEK

 Palm Sunday	 Maundy Thursday	 Good Friday	 Easter Sunday
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Thank you to all our students for leading us through two beautiful liturgies for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Thank you also to our teachers for the preparation and guidance you gave our students for these events.



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.



FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS
PROJECT COMPASSION



Thank you to all who contributed to project compassion during the season of Lent. Your generosity has seen us raise \$2700. Your generosity will go a long way to assist many of those less fortunate than ourselves.



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INTRODUCING YEAR 3

FROM MRS PIDCOCK,
MRS CROALL & MISS
FERRERO

Over the past two weeks in mathematics, Year 3 has been learning to measure accurately in metres and centimetres. We applied the skills we have learnt by measuring lengths and distances in the playground. The trundle wheel was a very popular measuring device!

Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying our Tuesday STEM lessons. This term we have been collaboratively solving simple real life problems using everyday materials.



Rugby came to visit OLD



This week the students of OLD were treated to some professional rugby skills and drills thanks to Chatswood Rugby. Much fun was had by all during sports lessons where the students learnt to pass, kick and dodge their way through new rugby skills. Thank you Chatswood Rugby for taking the time to visit us and to show us what a fun game rugby can be.



PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND LEARNING) AT OLD

SAFE LEARNERS

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

At Our Lady of Dolours, we strive To Be Our Best, by being a:

Safe Learner	Respectful Learner	Responsible Learner
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 HAVE SAFE AND CARING HANDS

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 have safe and caring hands”. This means that we treat others as we wish to be treated. We can have safe and caring hands by helping others when they are upset or hurt. If we are upset or hurt, we use our words to communicate our feelings and ask for help. We have safe and caring hands by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and not touching others. This makes us safe and respectful friends!

Safe Learner

We have safe and caring hands.

Wine & Cheese Evening

Thank you to our parent Event Committee volunteers for putting together our wonderful Wine & Cheese night. A great night was had by all with good food and great company.



Library

Children are borrowing this week as per normal and they will be allowed to keep books over the holiday break. If students could please take care of our school books and bring all books back in their first library lesson next term. Happy reading and hoppy Easter!



Musical 2023

Just in case you missed our big reveal the 2023 OLD musical production will be High School Musical Jr. Performing at the Concourse Chatswood in September 2023.



*Transition to
high school*



*the K-12
journey*



Do you know Our Lady of Dolours (OLD) Chatswood is a Priority Feeder school for Mercy Catholic College Chatswood, St Leo's Catholic College and St Paul's Catholic College?

We invite you to a parent information evening about the K-12 journey and transition from Primary to High School.

Join us to learn how the priority feeder school program works and hear from current High School Principals, alumni students and senior primary staff. Please note this evening is open to all parents and carers regardless of the high school you wish your child to attend.

When: Wednesday 3 May

Time: 6-7pm

Where: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School - 'Innovation Station'

Register to attend: [The K-12 Journey](#)



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.](#)

FUN



COMMITMENT

SAFETY



RESPECT



CONFIDENCE

TRYTIME RUGBY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Players of all levels are encouraged to attend. Specialist coaches will work with all players to further enhance their skills whether they are new to game or have played for a number of years.

We place a large emphasis on safety, including coaching the correct body position in scrums, how to tackle effectively, and to be aware of body position to decrease the chance of injury and increase enjoyment and success.

We thrive on assisting young players by encouraging them to be the best they can be, both on and off the field.

We promote hard work, commitment, dedication and respect to ensure players have good habits even when no one is watching.

Players receive:

Specialised team and individual positional coaching from highly qualified coaching staff

Improved fitness and skills

A healthy mindset for on and off the field

A great enjoyable and fun experience

For camp details, dates, locations & to register go to:

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