#### OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Last week we said a sad but fond farewell to our much loved staff member of 19 years Mrs Christine Cook. Mrs Cook was a valued member of the Diverse Learning team and her love and dedication to both our students and their learning was second to none. I thank Miss Baynie and Miss Brown for the preparation of Mrs Cooks farewell liturgy and to all our students and staff who gathered to wish Mrs Cook well as she embarks on her well deserved retirement.

Our last couple of weeks of term will be busy as we host our School Zumba Disco, see our school band perform, our Primary students will enjoy a day of sport participating in either their netball or rubgy gala days and our teachers look forward to meeting with parents at our annual parent teacher interviews.

A reminder to parents that Semester 2 reports will be available on COMPASS on Friday 23 June with Parent Teacher interviews to follow in week 10. Parent Teacher interviews will be able to be booked through COMPASS shortly.

A reminder to families that may have a child at home ready to commence school in 2024. Applications for enrolment are now due and positions are almost filled. Please see the school office if you are yet to submit an application.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 21 June - 11.15am band Performance (School Hall)

Fri 23 June - School Disco

Tues 27 June - Primary students Netball & Rugby Gala Day

Mon 26 & Wed 28 June -Parent teacher Interviews

Fri 30 June - Staff Development Day

Mon 24 July - Save the Date Grandparents Day

Enrolling now for 2024







#### Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Foodbank Appeal







The Jesuit Refugee Service is a Catholic social justice outreach group that supports refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations in Sydney.

We invite all our families at Our Lady of Dolours to join together in support of the Jesuit Refugee Service. A list of donations has been attached. Please bring in your donations by the *end of Week 9 (Friday the 23rd of June)*. You are welcome to drop heavier items at the office if your child is unable to carry them.

- Cooking oil 912L bottles)
- Long Life Milk (1L bottles)
- Basmati Rice (1-5kg)
- Tuna in oil (425g can)
- Pantry Essentials (sugar, salt, instant coffee, tea bags)
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

We are also looking for *volunteer drivers who can deliver* these donated items to the JRS in Parramatta using their personal car. Please contact Miss Camilla Brown if you may be interested in helping us distribute the materials. JRS is open 9:30-4:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for supporting JRS!



The JRS outreach community, along with the refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations are immensely grateful for your kindness.



#### With Sympathy



It is with sadness that we share the news of a passing of a family member of our school community.

Mr Anthony Mustaca OAM, was an upstanding part of the Chatswood community for 60+ years, a parishioner of Our Lady of Dolours Church and a councilor on Willoughby Council for 20 years. He was dearly loved by his big beautiful Italian family.

We ask that you keep the Mustaca family members in your prayers at this time

We also pray for others within our community who have recently experienced loss.



#### Year 4 excursion to the Maritime Museum

Year 4 had a fabulous day this week at the Australian Maritime Museum learning about Australian history.















#### From the Library



## Local Library use PLEASE TAKE CARE!

It is always wonderful to hear and see many Our Lady of Dolours students utilising our incredible Local libraries, including Chatswood Library on the Concourse. However, please be mindful not to mix up our different library books. We are often asked to come and collect OLD Library books that have been returned to Chatswood Library by mistake and to add to this - we often receive Chatswood Library books in our returns shoot! Chatswood Library fiction books are marked with a yellow spine sticker and do not have our school barcodes and stamps.

### Significant Library Events National Simultaneous Story time, National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week

Over the recent weeks, the students have been participating in significant national events during our library lessons.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were registered for National Simultaneous Storytime. We read the excellent story "The Speedy Sloth" by Rebecca Young simultaneously with millions of other school children across the country in more than 60 000 locations. The children also engaged with resources from the Australian Library and Information Association who ran this event.

Students in all grades have also been reading stories to help us learn about National Sorry Day. Storytelling was also used to expand upon our knowledge of Indigenous Culture throughout National Reconciliation Week (May 27-June 3



The students read both Imaginary and Non Fiction titles that looked at the wrongdoings of the past and ways of moving forward through reconciliation. The children were encouraged to borrow from a range of First nations book titles we have in our very own library to share with their families at home.

## Upcoming Events Year 3 Walking Excursion to Chatswood Library

Year 3 have been invited to take part in a workshop with Australian author and illustrator, Dub Leffler. The students will meet Dub and will participate in a presentation as part of the Gaimaragal Festival – a celebration of the oldest living culture on the planet! Dub's recent text "Our Dreaming" has just been announced as a short-listed title in this year's Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week awards.



Our Lady of Dolours will celebrate Book Week next term across Weeks 5 and 6.

The theme for 2023 is *Read, Grow, Inspire!* We have some special balloons in the Library reminding us of this theme and the power of books to inspire us in a variety of ways. Students might like to start to think about their favourite books and characters for our annual parade event. Watch this space for more details next term.

# NELL BEING WEEK







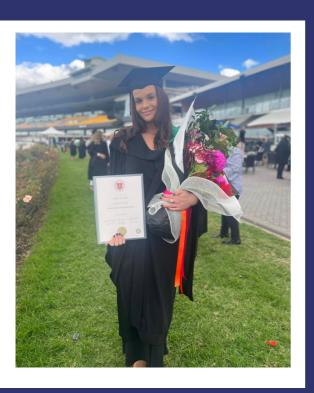








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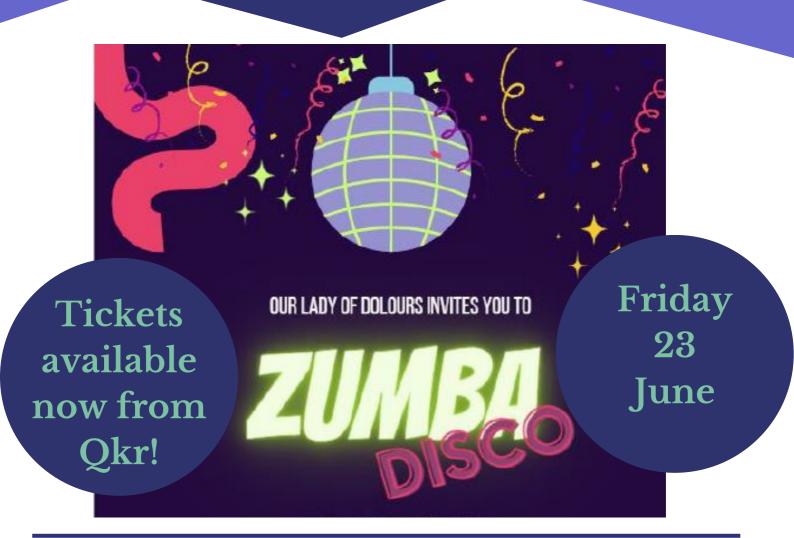


We extend our congratulations to two of our fabulous **OLD Staff members** on their recent graduations. Miss Maggie Hull receiving her bachelor of **Education Early** Childhood and Primary and Miss Meg Fletcher receiving her Bachelor of Applied Science (Community Service).











### Yummy Bears Kiosk canteen operator is Hiring!!

Locations: Mercy Catholic College - Chatswood

Permanent part time position, 3 days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) 40 weeks per years/School calendar

Salary : Fast food Industry award hourly rate plus annual leave, personal leave plus 10.5% superannuation

Essential,

- Previous experience in working in School canteens (desirable)
- Great customer service and communication skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and in a busy, fast-paced environment
- demonstrated understanding of healthy eating and ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
- Employees are required to hold a current Working with Children Check

Please email your interest to: Ybkinfo@yahoo.com