

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL**  
*All Saints and All Souls Day*

On November 1st, the Catholic Church celebrated All Saints Day. This is a special day in the Church in which we commemorate all saints. We pray thanks for these Saints, thank God for their presence and pray to live by their example. Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 attended Mass in the church to celebrate this special day. On November 2nd we celebrated All Souls' Day. All Souls' Day is a day to remember the souls of all who have died. This feast is a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. This day may bring a feeling of sadness, but also a time of joy in which we celebrate the special people in our lives who now live with God in Heaven. We extend our prayers to the souls of those close to our OLD community, family and friends.

We keep the students, families and friends of the St Lucy's community close in our prayers as they mourn the tragic and sudden loss of one of their students. We pray that they are comforted by the warmth and love of those around them.

Next Tuesday we look forward to welcoming our newest school community members, our Kindergarten 2023 class. Our newest students will be joining us for the next three Tuesdays as part of their transition to school program. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them and their families to our wonderful school.

This week has seen the start of our swimming program. It has been great to see the enthusiasm displayed by all students during the first of their lessons with Fitness First. We look forward to seeing our students skills develop in the coming weeks in preparation for our annual swimming carnival.

### *Uniform Reminder*

We have noticed an increase in students wearing 'accessories' to school, such as jewellery, nail polish, coloured hair ties and fancy headbands. Could you please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform each day. It is also important for those students with long hair to tie their hair up neatly, especially as we begin the swimming program this week.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 6 students on the wonderful Bake and Craft Stall they ran last Monday. Thank you also to our school community for supporting Year 6 with their stall as they raised money to help contribute to their end of year celebrations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten orientation - Tuesday 7 November

Kindergarten orientation - Tuesday 14 November

Kindergarten orientation - Tuesday 21 November

Year 6 Graduation - Friday 1 December

Christmas Festa - Friday 8 December

Friday 15 December - term 4 concludes

Enrolling now for 2024



# Year 6 Bake and Craft Stall



# Student Spotlight

## Student Spotlight

On the last week of Term 3 two of our Year 5 students they went to Gold Coast to compete in the Gymnastics National Clubs carnival.

Congratulations to Freya and Emily. Freya came 2nd Overall and Emily 5th! What a fantastic achievement girls



## Soccer Ball Donation

Thank you to Cyril from ..... for his generous donation of 20 soccer balls to add to our sports equipment resources. Our current sports captains accepted the balls on behalf of the school and as you can see from the video below they were an instant hit! I'm sure we will see some highly contested soccer games taking place in the playground in the near future.



# Position Vacant - Chancery

## Safeguarding Training Officer vacancy

The Safeguarding Office (Chancery & Parishes), based in the Chancery at Pennant Hills is seeking someone with a passion and drive in child protection, justice, compliance and community engagement to join a welcoming and supportive team in the role of Safeguarding Training Officer. While this is noted as a full-time position, there is flexibility with the working schedule for the right candidate.

This is an exciting role providing a focus on best practice and by building the awareness and competency across the Diocese of Broken Bay. This role requires strong relationships and connections with clergy, Chancery and parish staff to ensure Catholic Church values and principles are reflected in a safe environment for children and adults at risk.

You will have the opportunity to strengthen a culture of safe practices for children and adults at risk providing education and training, sharing your expertise and contemporary knowledge of research and best practice principles adhering to compliance requirements relevant to the delivery of training while providing support to parishes with safeguarding education and awareness initiatives and commitment to continuous improvement. Pivotal to this role is the requirement to assist with preparations for internal and external audits, providing advice on processes and offering recommendations for improvements, educating, and supporting clergy and Chancery employees to develop an understanding of, and compliance with NCSS requirements.

The role requires qualifications or relevant industry experience in adult education and training, workplace professional development, safeguarding, child protection or social welfare and a thorough understanding of the requirements for delivering and developing adult education and training in a workplace.

The Chancery is committed to supporting its workforce and strives to create a working environment that allows our people to do their best work. In this role you will be rewarded with flexible working arrangements, ongoing professional development, and a supportive work culture with a passionate and fun team.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to child abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

## How to apply

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). To apply submit a CV and brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required via email to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au). Applications close Friday, 17 November 2023.