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## OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

### Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Remembrance Day Liturgy

Thank you to Year 4 for leading our Remembrance Day Liturgy. Our students displayed reverence and respect for this significant event and learned a little more about the significance of Remembrance Day.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down or the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget

Thank you also to Miss Smith and our School Captains and Vice Captains for representing OLD at the Chatswood Remembrance Day Service last Saturday.

The Kindergarten 2024 students joined us for their second transition to school session. It has been a delight having the newest members of our school community joining us as they start to become familiar with the school. We will see them again next week for their last transition session before they join us full time in 2024 to begin their primary school journey.

The swimming program has now reached the half way mark and students are having a wonderful time developing their swimming skills. Thank you to Fitness First for facilitating these weekly classes for all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to enjoy and to have the opportunity to prepare for our upcoming swimming carnival.

We are looking forward to a busy last few weeks of term with our last transition to school session, our annual school swimming carnival, infants splash day, Year 6 graduation and Christmas FESTA.

Finally if your child will not be returning to OLD in 2024 could you please let the school office know as soon as possible.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten orientation - Tuesday 21 November

Year 6 Graduation - Friday 1 December

Swimming Carnival Year 2 - Year 6 Monday 4 December

Splash Day Kindergarten - Year 1 Monday 4 December

Christmas Festa - Friday 8 December

> Friday 15 December - term 4 concludes



Enrolling now for 2024

# Stage 2's STEM project in action



#### Growing Together: Stage 2 transforms "Grower's Corner"

In response to the Level 3 STEM problem, "Grower's Corner is not usable, functional, or safe for students – What can we do about it?," Stage 2 has been hard at work.

Over the last two terms, students designed, revised, and collaborated with school leaders to finalise a plan for revitalising the "Grower's Corner". With the support of Mr. and Mrs. Gale and Stage 2 teachers, all students were hands-on onTuesday, pre-watering plants, digging holes, and revitalising the garden.

This was a student-led, student-focused project to ensure the sustainability of Grower's Corner. We're excited for the school community to enjoy this transformed space!





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# Kindergarten 2024

Our Kindergarten 2024 students have been thriving during their transition to school sessions. We can't wait for them to join our school community full time next year.





# Student Spotlight



Congratulations to year 5 students Greyson, Freya, Bella and Sarita on their recent success in teh Willoughby Wildlife book competition. These students will have their work published in the annual wildlife book.





### Congratulations

Sophia won 2x Gold medals at the 2023 Gymnastics New South Wales State Championships on Saturday 11 November. Competing in Level 2 Acrobatic Gymnastics senior trios this year and defending first position from last year's Level 1

### Football opportunity for 2024

Dear parents,

We are pleased to offer an opportunity to OLD boys & girls students to form class teams with friends that will compete in the Northern Suburbs Football Association winter competition under Mongo Football Club in 2024. The player winter experience will cover the following: Coach: Yes Competition: Yes Training: Yes Location: Chatswood & Killara Team name: I.e. Mongo Football OLD U6 etc Manager: A Parent Training Start: February 5th Competition Start: March/April Each team will be allocated a coach and will have a minimum of 1 training session/week. Cost: TBC (Waiting for NSFA to Confirm the 2024 team registration fee. For all enquiries please email: <u>cyrille@mongofootball.com</u> or call 0428284847 Friday December 8th - 5.30pm - 8.30pm CHRISTMAS FESTA

# INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$5 FAMILY TICKETS \$20 UNLIMITED RIDE TICKET \$20

ENTRY TICKETS INCLUDE A RAFFLE TICKET AND ENTRY TO THE PETTING ZOO TO HOLD, FEED AND BRUSH THE ANIMALS.

