

DECEMBER 2023 EDITION 19

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Tonight will see us celebrate our Year 6 students during their graduation liturgy and dinner. This is a special occasion for our senior students as they reflect on and celebrate the end of their primary school years with their families and class mates.

We have a very busy few weeks coming up to end the term. Next Monday our Year 2 - Year 6 students will head to Lane Cove pool for our annual swimming carnival while back at school Kindergarten and Year 1 will have a fun filled splash day. Year 1 are heading out to the Zoo, Year 2 are heading to the Rocks and Year 3 will be exploring the Australian Museum while Year 6 will finish the year with a trip to Luna Park. And we can't forget the OLD Christmas FESTA next Friday 8 December where we look forward to our community coming together in celebration of the year.

End of Year Liturgy - December 15th

We warmly welcome ALL families to join us for our End of Year Liturgy at 10:00am in the church on Friday the 15th of December.

We will celebrate the wonderful year we have shared together as well as farewelling valued students and our staff members who will be moving on from Our Lady of Dolours at the end of the year. Year 6 will also present their special Graduation liturgical dance at this liturgy.

Semester 2 Reports

End of year reports will be available on COMPASS at the end of week 9. If you will be leaving OLD at the end of 2022 remember to download all reports as you will not have access to COMPASS after 15 December.

Meet your 2024 teacher

On Thursday 14 December students will meet their teacher for 2024. This is an exciting day for students to their teacher and classmates for next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 30 January - Staff
Development Day

Wednesday 31 January - Term 1
commences Year 1 - Year 6

Enrolling now for 2024



ADVENT

Advent
The Season of Hope and Expectation

There are many times in our lives when we prepare for something special. We take time to make sure that everything is ready. Soon, our families will be getting ready for Christmas. But it is most important that we get ourselves ready in another way. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus on Christmas day. We do this during a time called Advent, which means 'coming'.

We thank our Year 5 students for leading us in our first Advent Liturgy. Each week we will gather together at our school assembly to celebrate each week of Advent. All families are welcome to join us at assembly and celebrate the joyful waiting for the coming of Jesus this Advent!



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An Advent Prayer
God of light and hope,
look upon us in love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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WELL BEING WEEK

The wellbeing team organised another wonderful wellbeing week at OLD. The week started with a fabulous whole school picnic in the park and week long entertainment during Time to Shine.



A Taste of Highschool



A Taste of High School

On Friday, 17 November, two very excited OLD Year 6 students, Ralph and Brodie, attended their high school Orientation Day at St Leo's College, Wahroonga.

The students were divided into their Colour Houses right away to meet others who will be in their Mentor Classes next year. From here, they spent the day with their St Leo's Year 9 Peer Support Leaders, working through a series of activities to give them a taste of high school and familiarise them with the College. Some of the activities included decorating (and eating) biscuits in the food tech kitchens, science experiments in the labs, woodwork or art classes, and finding their way around the campus in the 'Leo's Discovery Dash' scavenger hunt!

To finish off, students were presented with their Leo's caps, and treated to an ice block too. All in all, they enjoyed the activities, and said it helped them to be less nervous about starting high school

St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga



**Priority
Feeder School**

**NOW ENROLLING for
YEAR 7 2026 and beyond**

Priority entry for Priority Feeder School students, however applications must be made online within application windows to be eligible - enrol NOW for Year 7 2026 and 2027.



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.**



**SCAN QR CODE
FOR TICKETS**





Christmas Eve Nativity Role Play

Calling all children who would like to be involved in the Nativity Play at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass to come to the Blue Room (where we hold Children's Liturgy) after the 9:00am Family Mass on

Sunday 10th December

We will allocate roles and have a quick first practise at this meeting.

There will be two further practises on:

Sunday 17th December in the Blue Room after 9:00am Mass

Saturday 23rd December rehearsal in the Church at 1:00pm

For queries about the Children's Christmas Mass contact Angela
on 94109033 or angela.hague@bbccatholic.org.au



BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

Vacation Care program for December & January now available

CatholicCare's Vacation Care service at our school 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.

See the latest program here www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care. Get in quick, programs filling fast! We hope to see your children there!

What's on at Willoughby City Library



Build a Box City! (5+ years)
Come along and use your imagination and architectural skills to help us build a Box City at Chatswood Library! Bookings open Monday 18 December.



Summer Reading Challenge:
Passport to everywhere! (0-16 years)
Join our challenge and get excited about reading over the summer holidays! Registrations open from Monday 4 December.



Miniature worlds (5-9 years)
Create your own miniature terrarium at Castle Cove and West Chatswood Libraries. Bookings open Monday 18 December.

Visit our website to register,
and for more information on upcoming events
libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au



STEM workshops for kids! (3-7 years)
Held across 4 one-hour sessions at Chatswood Library. Help unlock your child's natural curiosity, as they begin exploring how the world works!
\$40 + booking fee.

