

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Well done to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students on completing their recent NAPLAN assessments. We are extremely proud of our students' hard work and dedication to their learning. NAPLAN is one form of assessment that we use to monitor student patterns, growth and achievement. Our teachers also have a deep knowledge of where each student is at through their day to day assessments and observations in class. Thank you to Mrs Watts, Mrs Charlton and Miss Ferrero as NAPLAN Co-ordinators, the Grade 3 and 5 Teachers and Support Staff involved.

We are looking forward to a busy final few weeks to finish our term with our Cross Country/Walk Along, Parents Wine & Cheese social event, Holy Week celebrations, senior band performance and Easter raffle for Caritas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 25 March - Cross Country/Walk Along

Thurs 28 March - Holy Week liturgy 2pm in OLD Parish

Tues 2 April - Staff Development Day

Fri 12 April - Last Day Term 1

Mon 29 April - Staff Development Day

Tues 30 April - Term 2 commences

Enrolling now for
2025



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Next week, OLD will begin to commemorate the significant events of Holy Week. Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. It is a special time devoted to the Passion of Jesus. Holy Week leads up to the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday (celebrated during our school holidays). The Resurrection reminds us of God's unconditional love and gives us a great source of hope for our future with God! Pope Francis reminds us "Let us start over from amazement. Let us gaze upon Jesus on the cross and say to him: "Lord, how much you love me! How precious I am to you!" Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realising that we are loved."

We invite all those in our community to gather with us on Thursday 28 March at 2pm in the OLD Parish for our Holy Week Liturgy.

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.



Please send your Project Compassion in on Friday Week 9 to allow the office to collect and count donations. Remember to fill in the details on the box if you would like to receive a receipt. We thank you for your generosity!



Easter raffle for Caritas

A reminder tickets are now on sale through Qkr! for our Easter raffle with all funds raised going to Caritas. Tickets are available to purchase until Friday 5 April with winners being drawn on Monday 8 April.

All donations for raffle prizes can be left at the school office. Thank you for your support.



HARMONY DAY

Thank you to Miss Olivia Smith for organising our Harmony day celebration and Liturgy. It was wonderful to see so many of our students come in traditional dress and for them to share insights into their culture and heritage. The diversity at OLD is one of the many things that make our school so special. Thank you also to Year 6 for leading our Harmony Day Liturgy and for our wonderful foyer display.



A Prayer for Living in Harmony and In Peace

Good and gracious God,
 who loves and delights in all people,
 we stand before you,
 knowing that the light of life within each
 person is the light of your divine life.
 Differences among cultures and races lead
 us to your light.

May our hearts and minds be open to
 celebrate our similarities and differences
 with others.

Please send your healing and reconciling
 Spirit in order to bind the wounds created
 by racism, and to promote understanding,
 justice, and love.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in
 our committed action and in your living
 presence in our neighbourhood.
 May all peoples live in peace and
HARMONY!

Amen.



Meet our Parent Engagement Co-ordinator - Rebecca

Meet Rebecca Molinaro the newly appointed Parent Engagement Co Ordinator for OLD.

Rebecca's role is to encourage parents and students to become more involved in the school community and strengthen our connection with the parish. We hope that this will help create an inclusive bond between families and also help improve students learning and wellbeing.

Rebecca will be looking to facilitate this by informing the school community when events are happening at the church and to create events, such a prayer and meditation groups, parent outings and incorporating special spiritual elements to the school events that already exist.

So please come and introduce yourself to Rebecca either at the office, at school liturgies or at church. She looks forward to meeting you and is happy to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Together with you, Rebecca hopes to help enrich our faith and community spirit at OLD.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon our OLD students celebrated the Sacrament of their First Reconciliation at the Church. We would like to congratulate Caleb, Ashleigh, Hayley, Ella, Micaela, Nathan, Chloe, Sum Yuet, Elise, Kina, Cassius, Anna, Mary, Arabella, Isla, Sara, Michelle, Rachel, Rafael, Annabelle, Lucia, Alexelle, Aiden, Fergus, Lucas and Tatsumi. We ask you to keep them in your prayers as they experience another step in building their faith and relationship with God.

*Jesus searches for us
when we go astray and
brings us back home
with joy.*

*May you know the
greatness of Gods love
and forgiveness.*



SPORT

Broken Bay Rep Netball Trial

On Tuesday 5th March, Sybella, Bella, Alannah, from Year 6 and Olivia, from Year 5 represented Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at the Broken Bay Netball Representative Trial. Below is a recount of Alannah's experience on the day:

"On the 5th of March, Bella, Sybella, Olivia and I all went to St Leo's Catholic College to try out for the Diocese of Broken Bay Netball team. The first half an hour was warming up and doing drills before we went further into competing with our peers. We versed at least 45 people, all from different Catholic Broken Bay Schools. The judges only were allowed to pick 8 people out of the whole 45 of us as they judged us on our netball ability. For example, our forms of shooting, defending and our passes throughout the court. We performed 15 games that went for 10 minutes each to see if we are capable of making it through the Polding team. The judges were super supportive and kind as well as all the kids on the courts. We all really enjoyed the whole experience and a huge thank you to the Broken Bay team as well as Mr C and Our Lady of Dolours, for giving us this opportunity."

Mr. Caltabiano and the Chatswood community are very proud of the girls for representing our OLD and giving it their all on the day. Terrific effort girls. We wish you all the best for the netball season ahead.



Broken Bay Football (Soccer) Rep Trial

On Thursday 7th March, 2 girls from Year 6; Caryne and Bella and 5 boys from Years 5 and 6; Zareh, Go, Curtis, Maxwell and Joshua attended the Broken Bay Football (Soccer) Rep Trial at Forestville War Memorial Playing Fields (Melwood Oval). The girls had their trial in the morning session and the boys had theirs in the afternoon session. From all accounts, all students played extremely well and put in their best efforts on the day.

Here is a recount by Joshua of his experience of the day:

"At the start of the day, I was nervous because I thought I was not going to make it to the next stage and then we started getting into our teams and playing the matches. I played goalkeeper and there were lots of really good people playing. While we were playing a match, the coach asked me what my number was. After we finished playing the matches, we took a break and they picked who made it to the final 25 people and then we played a final game. They told us who made it the day after and I made it."

Mr. Caltabiano would like to congratulate all the students who went to trial on the day and representing our school with passion and pride. We as a school community are all very proud of you all. A big congratulations to both Caryne (girls soccer trial) and Joshua (boys soccer trial) in making the Broken Bay teams which will be held in Tamworth in May. We wish Caryne and Joshua all the very best for the next trial and I am sure they will make the school proud. GOOOOOOOOOOO Caryne and Joshua!!!



SPORT

Broken Bay Swimming Championships - from Mr C

Last Tuesday 12th March, Hannah (Year 3) and Conor (Year 6) competed in the Broken Bay Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

A highlight for Hannah was she broke her own zone 50m record of 44.7 seconds. At the championships, she got 42.41 seconds and came 4th. She just missed out on 3rd by 0.16 milliseconds.

Conor's highlight was achieving a swim of 33.35 seconds in the 12yo 50m Freestyle coming 3rd overall.

I would like to congratulate both Hannah and Conor on their achievements so far in swimming. They have definitely made myself and the school very proud of them both. I know if they both continue swimming, we will definitely be seeing them in the Olympics in years to come. Conor will proudly represent our school at the Polding Swimming Championships for the 12yo 50m Freestyle event in April at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. The OLD Chatswood community wish Conor all the best in his race in the next stage of the trials. Goodluck!!





Awards



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY



Our Lady OF DOLOURS

Join us for
EASTER EGGS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

MARCH 31
9:00AM & 10:30AM
MASS EASTER SUNDAY

Get ready for an egg-citing visit! The Easter Bunny is scheduled to make a special appearance after our 9:00am and 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 31st.

After the 9:00am Family Mass, there will be an Easter Egg hunt.

All are welcome!

Easter Raffle tickets now available on Qkr!

Donations can be dropped at the front office from Monday 25 March through to Thursday 28 March (please no nuts or 2nd hand items).

Hamper making will take place on Thursday 4 April with prizes being drawn Monday 8 April.

Tickets can be purchased through Qkr! with all money raised going towards Caritas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

AUSTRALIA'S MOST POPULAR CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM



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