

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term 2, I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break with your families over the school holiday period.

I thank our school leaders for joining me for the dawn service on ANZAC day and our Year 3 students for leading us in our whole school ANZAC liturgy this week.

On Monday next week we will be welcoming representatives from Catholic Schools NSW into OLD for a photo shoot and year 4 will be attending an exciting excursion to Reverse Garbage as they learn more about recycling. Next week we also look forward to welcoming our Mothers' into the school for our Mothers' day breakfast, liturgy and open classrooms.

To all our Mothers, Grandmothers and significant women in our community I look forward to celebrating you in our upcoming liturgy and I wish you a blessed and happy Mothers' Day , may the day see you celebrated with your families

Upcoming Events

Mon 6 May - Year 4 excursion to Reverse Garbage

Mon 6 May - CSNSW photo shoot

Tues 7 May - Kindergarten Incursion

Thurs 9 May - Mothers' Day stall for students

Fri 10 May - Mothers' Day breakfast, liturgy and open classrooms - 8.15am on the COLA

Mon 27 May - School Athletics Carnival

Enrolling now for
2025



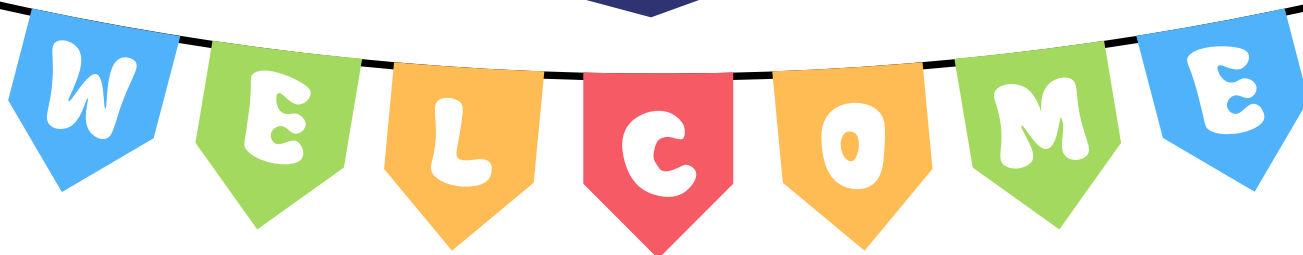


Thank you to our Year 6 leaders who joined Mr Ianni on ANZAC Day to represent OLD at the ANZAC dawn service. Thank you also to our year 3 students who lead us in a beautiful liturgy as a school community.



Our Year 6 Leaders - proudly displaying their new Year 6 shirts!

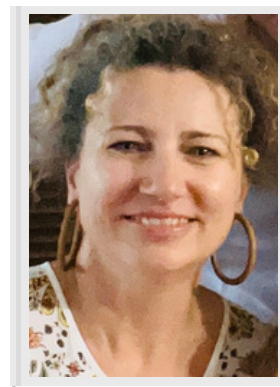




My name is Miss Kate Gallagher. I qualified as a primary school teacher from Maynooth University, Ireland in 2019. Since then I have gained experience teaching in Ireland, and internationally in the UAE and India. I recently moved to Sydney and I am excited to begin my new role teaching in 6G in Our Lady of Dolours.

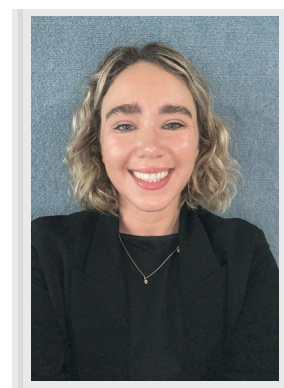
I enjoy playing Rugby, Gaelic Football and the Piano. I like to travel, spend time at the beach and read.

Ms Catherine Brown has been teaching at MacKillop Catholic College on the Central Coast for the past 6 years. She started her teaching career in the Sydney diocese where she gained valuable experience teaching Refugee children. Catherine loves to travel and learn new things and is really excited about starting at OLD.



Hi my name is Mrs Svetlana Konakov and I'm excited to have recently joined the OLD community. I've been teaching in primary schools for 14 years and prior to this I worked in Early Childhood for 6 years. I have a special interest in early literacy and numeracy. At home I like to spend time gardening and keep myself busy with my 2 year old daughter. I look forward to getting to know you and your children as I join them on their learning journey.

My name is Miss Lisa Bolger. I qualified as a primary school teacher from St. Patrick's College, Dublin, Ireland in 2019. I have worked as a teacher for the past number of years in both Ireland and Sharjah, UAE gaining valuable experience. I moved to Sydney in 2022 and quickly settled into an Australian lifestyle. I love to swim, play Gaelic football and spend time at the beach. I am very excited to be working with 4G this term!



For Parents



FREE

TERM 2 PARENTING PROGRAMS

**1-2-3 MAGIC
TUNING INTO KIDS
TUNING INTO TEENS**

Free parenting programs delivered by CatholicCare during Term 2. Parenting is the most important job that any of us ever have – raising children to become responsible, caring, compassionate and resilient. It is also one of the most challenging and frustrating so we provide a range of parenting programs to help you do the best you can in this critical task. We work with you to build on your strength as a family and help you to create a home environment where children thrive. By gaining important insights and learning new skills parents via our parenting programs, you'll be better equipped to help your children reach their potential.

Kicking off in May CatholicCare have the following programs running - all are free – some are run in-person and others online. School families are welcome to attend. Please note these courses are for parents residing in Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Northern Beaches suburbs.

Visit [Parenting Programs](#) for more information and to register but be quick as spots are limited.



Invitation for Parents and Carers

ASCENSION LITURGY FOR
PARENTS TO BE HELD ON THE
THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2:30PM IN
OLD GARDEN.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PRAYER
AND REFLECTION OF THE
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
JESUS.

Spotlight



On Monday 15th April, Ayuna 5G performed classic ballet solo at IRBD (I'D RATHER BE DANCING THE DANCE CHALLENGE) and Ayuna received a Highly commended award.

Ayuna is looking forward to more ballet performances.



VOLUNTEERING AT OLD

Are you interested in volunteering at OLD in 2024?

It is always wonderful having our parent community join us in the many volunteering opportunities at OLD such as, joining us on excursion, in the OLD Canteen, the preloved uniform stall, morning teas and more.

If you are interested please click on the below link to complete your volunteer form

[Volunteer Declaration](#)

The students thank you in advance for playing an active role in our school community



Canteen Volunteers needed

Looking to volunteer in but don't have much time?
Why not sign up for the OLD Canteen, we only need

30-45 minutes of your time and the students thank you in advance
for your contribution

[Canteen sign up](#)





MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY 10 MAY

We would like to invite
our Mothers',
Grandmothers, and
other significant women
in our lives to join us as
we celebrate and thank
you for all you do for us.

Our Special Mothers' Day
breakfast will commence at
8.15m on the COLA. This
wonderful welcome will be
followed by a Liturgy with guests
then invited into your child's
classroom to enjoy a short
Mothers' Day activity together.
Our Mother's Day Liturgy will be
led by our Year 3 students.

As part of a school tradition, we
would like to create a Mother's
Day slideshow to share with our
school community. We invite our
families to send a photo of their
child with their mother or
mother figure. If you would like
to include your photo in this
presentation, please send a
photo via email to Jane through
the school office,
old@dbb.catholic.edu.au by
Friday 3 May. Unfortunately, any
photos received after this time
may not be included.



Our Parish-in-Council III

Belonging in Community - Charisms, Connection & Contribution

Dear Friends,

On Saturday 18 May, we will once more come together as a community, to encounter one another, listen to each other, and experience the bond of communion with one another through a shared participation at our third Parish-in-Council meeting.

Starting with a free lunch, followed by a range of conversations, Parish-in-Council is a wonderful opportunity for us all to discern and shape the future of our parish together.

When is our Parish-in-Council III?

On the afternoon of Saturday 18 May from 12 pm to 5 pm in Harrington Hall.

Who can participate?

All parishioners and anyone associated with the life of the parish are invited to attend and participate.

Can my children come?

Absolutely! We warmly welcome children to participate in our Kids-in-Council.

Do I need to register?

To assist our organisers, it is essential to register your attendance before Sunday 5 May.



Simply scan the QR code or fill out a paper registration form.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 18 May as we come together and discern where the Holy Spirit might be guiding our parish.

