

JUNE 2024 EDITION 10

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Thank you to our Stage 3 teachers and support staff that attended our annual Stage 3 camp to Canberra last week. Students had a very busy 3 days exploring the nations capital and have come home with a wealth of knowledge about politics, history, science and sport plus much more.

The last couple of weeks have also seen students participate in our second student retreat day. We thank Father David and the Parish staff for their involvement and running of this day. We thank our pre-service students for all the wonderful contributions they have made during their time at OLD and a special thanks goes to Ms James who has been with Year 1 and shared a very special personal story with us during national Refugee week.

Lastly I thank all our teachers and parents who have attended parent teacher interviews this week.

This evening we look forward to our students enjoying the annual OLD disco, thank you to all the parent volunteers that have made this event possible and Vic's Meat for your sponsorship of the event.

I wish you all a wonderful week 10 and a safe and restful holiday term break.

*Reminder last day of term 2 is Thursday 4 July and the first day of term 3 is Tuesday 23 July.*

## Upcoming Events

Monday 1 July Challenging gender stereotypes  
Careers pathways day stage 3

Tuesday 2 July - Year 3 Excursion to Hyde Park  
Barracks and Botanical Gardens

Wednesday 3 July - 11.15am Junior Band  
Performance School Hall

**Thursday 4 July - Term 2 Concludes**

**Friday 5 July - Staff Development Day**

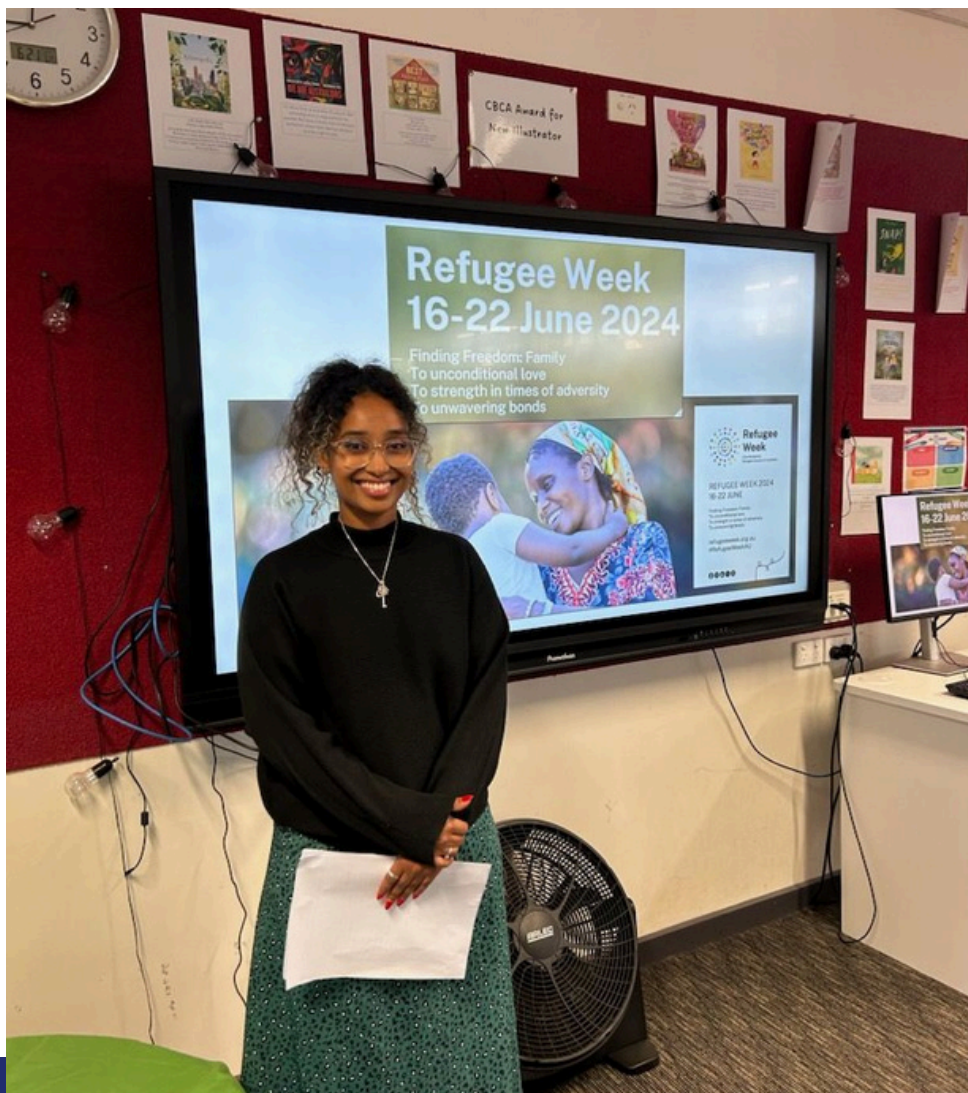
**Monday 22 July - Staff Development Day**

Enrolling now for  
2025





# National Refugee Week



Last week we reflected upon refugees for National Refugee Week. It is a time to reflect upon how fortunate we are both in our country Australia and in our community. Ms James who has joined us as a pre-service teacher in 1B this term shared a story about a little refugee girl. Ms James was this little girl! Born in a refugee camp in Ethiopia, she left Africa and journeyed across the seas thanks to the United Nations, the Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the sponsorships of several Christian church families, the Australian Government and the kindness of strangers. Ms James is now a registered Nurse and almost a fully trained teacher. We are grateful she has shared her story with our children today. Ms James - you have come a long way! You have shared a special story! We thank you.





# Student Retreat Day

On Monday OLD held their second student retreat day. The purpose of our retreat days is to nurture the spiritual faith formation and sacramental journey of our students and to build stronger connections with our parish.

We thank Father David and OLD Parish staff for celebrating our special children's mass.

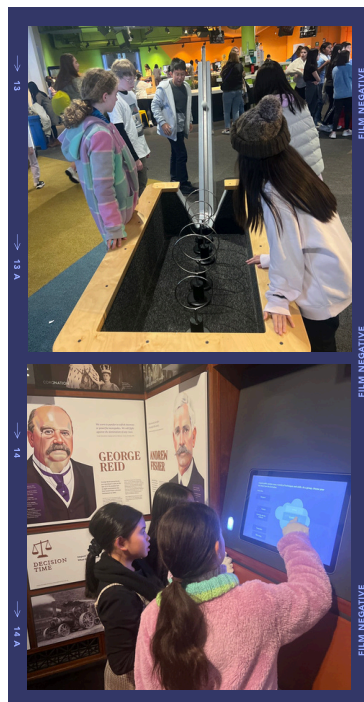




# Stage 3 Camp - Canberra 2024



*Thank you to our Stage 3 teachers and support staff for travelling to Canberra last week with our Stage 3 students. What a wonderful time was had by all as students explored so many wonderful learning experiences that Canberra has to offer. Students learnt about politics, nature, sport, history, science and so much more as they visited the National Arboretum, Institute of Sport, Old Parliament House, Questacon, The Dinosaur Museum and Cockington Green and more.*





# Congratulation Yvaine



## ***Congratulations to Yvaine in Year 6.***

Yvaine has just been chosen as a finalist in the Young Archie 2024 competition.

There were over 4000 entries from all over Australia with 20 finalists being selected from her age group. Yvaine's artwork is currently on display until 8 September at the Art Gallery of NSW.

<https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/young-archie/2024/691/>



# VACATION CARE JULY 2024

## Our Lady Of Dolours Catholic School OSHC

7.30am – 6.00pm  
P: 0421 869 943 | E: oshc.chatswood@catholiccaredbb.org.au



### KEEP THE FIRE BURNING

Join us to celebrate NAIDOC week with this year's theme 'Keep the Fire Burning'. Get ready to play traditional Indigenous games and create clay land animals that are native to the Indigenous lands you're on. Let's honour and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**\$ INCENTRE**  
**\$82.00**



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### WINTER MESSY DAY

Winter is here!! Bring your gum boots and wear old clothes because today is going to get messy. We will be making mud pies, shaving foam snow and ski fields.

**\$ INCENTRE**  
**\$72.00**



### LASER TAG WAR & HOLE IN ONE

Back by popular demand. Today we venture out to Strike Bowling in Chatswood to play an epic game of Laser Tag followed by a game of mini golf at Holey Moley. Who can score a hole in one?

Departs: 11.45am  
Returns: 2.00pm

**\$ EXCURSION**  
**\$98.00**



### GIANT BALL FRENZY & PICNIC IN THE PARK

Buckle up and get ready for an action-packed day!! Get ready as we dive headfirst into a completely active experience with enormous balls that include challenges and pulse pounding races.

Departs: 10.00am  
Returns: 2.00pm

**\$ EXCURSION**  
**\$98.00**



### PJ & PIE DAY

Do you love wearing your pyjamas? Because we do! So, slip out of bed and jump into OSHC wearing your PJ's while we enjoy baking some hot pies that you will get to take home.

**\$ INCENTRE**  
**\$72.00**



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Of course, it's not Christmas yet but who said you can't get into the spirit of it! We will be celebrating Christmas early with a fun day of Christmas activities including a Christmas movie marathon and hot chocolate.

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 <b>MONDAY 15 JULY</b>	 <b>TUESDAY 16 JULY</b>	 <b>WEDNESDAY 17 JULY</b>	 <b>THURSDAY 18 JULY</b>	 <b>FRIDAY 19 JULY</b>
<b>COLOUR ME IN SUNSHINE</b> <p>Welcome to a bright and colourful day at OSHC. Get ready to learn about diffusions and colour mixing with the skittles rainbow experiment followed by a science skill where you will learn about capillary action and growing a rainbow. Later in the day sunset silhouette art will further develop our colour and mixing skills.</p>	<b>HOYTS CINEMA</b> <p>Join us as we head to Hoyts Cinema to relax in some comfy reclining seats and enjoy some tasty popcorn and snacks while watching the newly released film "Inside Out 2".</p> <p>Departs: 9.45am Returns: 1.30pm</p>	<b>SURREAL RACING</b> <p>Hit the tracks and race your friends, its battle time! Battle your friends on one of the greatest arcade racing games of all time using the most popular gaming console for children of our era.</p> <p>Starts: 1.30pm Finishes: 3.30pm</p>	<b>PASSPORT TO PARIS</b> <p>Get ready to join the excitement of our thrilling Olympics Games. You will be unleashing your competitive spirit in an exhilarating capture the flag challenge! You'll also receive your very own global passport, keepsake lanyard, and be able to collect stamps as you explore different countries.</p>	<b>OLYMPIC ART-LETIC GAMES</b> <p>Let your creativity soar at the ART-letic Games! Showcase your team spirit by designing your own team t-shirt. You'll also get to shape and create your own masterpiece in our clay medal making activity. It's a day filled to the brim with crafty celebrations and a range of competitive sport events such as badminton, relay races, archery and much more.</p>
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**MONDAY  
22 JULY**

**TASTY TOURNAMENT**

Ready, set, cook! Don your chefs hat for a tasty adventure as we get ready to whip up some yummy french crepes. Then, get ready to indulge in some delicious fun with our cookie face race challenge. It's a culinary delight guaranteed to create sweet memories!

**\$ INCURSION  
\$82.00**



**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU AGAIN  
NEXT TIME!**



# For Parents



**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay

**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.

## 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 2024 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](#)





# Thank you



## THANK YOU TO VIC'S CHATSWOOD FOR SPONSORING OUR SCHOOL DISCO!

The team at Vic's have kindly extended the below offer to our school community

**VISIT US IN-STORE AND RECEIVE  
15% OFF WHEN YOU SIGN UP**

- THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY -

**HOW TO REDEEM: PRESENT THIS AD (NEWSLETTER, FACEBOOK OR SCHOOL APP) IN-STORE AT  
VIC'S CHATSWOOD CHASE AND SIGN UP TO REDEEM 15% OFF YOUR FIRST PURCHASE.**

\*Offer is exclusive to Our Lady of Dolours community. Valid until the 31st of July 2024.  
This voucher cannot be combined with any other offer.



*Thank you to all those in our  
parent community that have  
volunteered to organise and  
run the OLD school disco  
for 2024!*





# Confirmation Enrolments Open



Enrolment for preparation and reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open via Our Lady of Dolours parish website.

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they have been baptised and have reached 8 years of age or older. Please see the 'Children's Sacraments' page on our parish website for further details.

## To enrol your child

Scan the barcode or go the parish website:



<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page: click on the **Confirmation Enrolments** Tile.

Information you will need to enrol including all the dates for the program are on this page.

When you are ready to enrol, click on **Book Now** button at the bottom of this page and complete all the details as instructed.

# Enrolments Close on Wednesday 24 July

For queries, contact Angela or Mona in the  
parish office

[chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au)



# Exploring the faith

*Why is the Old Testament so important to our Faith?*

*How can we be so confident in the Resurrection?*

*What takes place on receiving Sacraments?*

*How do we fit in the universal Church?*

*What really is the Good News?*

*Why do we need prayer?*



**STARTING WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024  
(7.15PM-9.00PM)**

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, St Peter's meeting room

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood/ministries/faith-formation)



- NO PREREQUISITES OR OBLIGATIONS TO JOINING.
- 30 WEEK COURSE
- CONTACT ANTHONY ON 0414 364 522 OR EMAIL [EXPLORINGTHEFAITH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EXPLORINGTHEFAITH@GMAIL.COM)







## Learn to code and build your own online projects with CODE4FUN

Year 2 to Year 6 students are welcome to join. STEM focused programs - students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills by learning to code.



**SAVE \$50  
ON YOUR CHILD'S  
ENROLMENT**

# CODING FOR KIDS

**Term 3, 2024**

**Y2 - Y6 Students**

## CREATIVE CODING

### Our Lady of Dolours

In-person coding classes

### Every Thursday

01 Aug - 26 Sept | 9 weeks

### SCRATCH

7:45 - 8:45 am

Y2 - Y4 students

### INTRO TO JAVA

7:45 - 8:45 am

Y4 - Y6 students

**Laptops are provided**

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**\$243 per student per term**

**ENROL NOW AT**  
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If you have any questions email us at

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# What's on at Willoughby City Library



Bushland drawings (5+ years).  
Get creative as you learn about our local bushland at Artarmon, Northbridge, West Chatswood, and Castle Cove Libraries.



Milli and Mike's recycling and sustainability show (4-7 years) at Chatswood Library. Meet Mike and Milli the Hen, as they teach us how to live more sustainably.



Self Guided Creator Kits (8+ years) available at Chatswood Library, including: Edison Bots, mBots, Makey Makey, Stikbots and Stikbot Scorch, and Raspberry Pi.



Creative Writing course for teens (11-15 years only). Join us over five weeks, as we dive into characterisation, plot, research, setting, and self-editing with an experienced facilitator.  
\$25 for 5 sessions.

Visit our website to register,  
and for more information on upcoming events.

**[libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)**

