

# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 4. Students and staff have hit the ground running full of energy and enthusiasm ready for a term full of learning and celebration. We look forward to welcoming the newest members of our community, our Kindergarten 2025 students in the coming weeks as they will join us for their transition to school days. I am sure if you see our newest students around the school you will join me in making them feel very welcome.

During our first weeks back for the term week we have seen Kindergarten head off to the farm and our Year 2 students visit the Rocks to explore Aboriginal education. This term also sees the launch of Socktober where students learn about those less fortunate than themselves and generously raise much needed funds for Catholic Mission.

Our parent community have had a busy start to the term as they have assisted us with volunteering for excursions, assisting with swimming lessons and preparing for the annual Year 6 bake and craft sale, graduation and end of year Christmas Festa.

## Upcoming Events

Monday 28 October - Pastoral Discernment North  
Shore parent Forum

Tuesday 29 October - Year 1 Excursion to Taronga  
Zoo

Thursday 31 October - Swimming lessons continue

Friday 1 November - Swimming lessons continue

Friday 1 November - All Saints Day

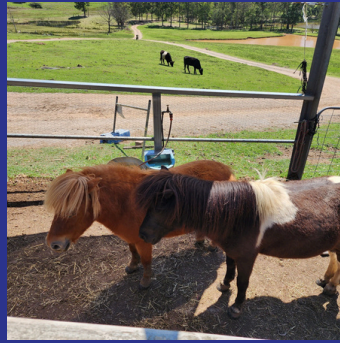
Monday 4 November - Student retreat day

Enrolling now for 2025

Limited places available in our  
senior classes



# Kindergarten visit the Farm



Did you hear about the wonderful excursion Kindergarten had recently? Kindergarten's learning in their Science unit on "Living Things" and their Geography exploration of "Places" has been enriched with a trip to Calmsley Hill City Farm. Students explored how living things have different features and basic needs that can be met. Students also learnt that plants and animals can be used for food and clothing. It was a wonderful day full of learning and fun. Thank you to our Kindergarten teachers for organising this excursion and for our parent volunteers who assisted on the day.



# Advisory Council

At our Term 3 Advisory Council Meeting, we shared some important updates on the school's annual plan, enrolment, and promotions. Enrolment for 2024 and 2025 is looking strong, and orientation sessions are ready to go. A listening panel on secondary school options, part of the North Shore Review, was held on 5 September. This review aims to develop future plans and identify opportunities for growth and improvement in our systemic Catholic schools.

We're happy to report that the school musical was a big hit, and we're excited for the upcoming Christmas Festa later this year. Wellbeing programs are expanding, and resources including wellbeing and sensory kits, table tennis tables, and craft activities have been added. Additional reading resources have also been purchased, and planned renovations for the library and outdoor areas were carried out during the term break. Finally, a Parish Sacramental Retreat Day was held in Term 3, with positive feedback from parents about the new format. The half-day session was a success and focused on Blessed Carlo Acutis.

## Pastoral Discernment North Shore Project



Bishop Anthony Randazzo has invited everyone in our community the opportunity to participate in the Pastoral Discernment North Shore Project. The Project aims to understand the unique challenges and opportunities in the North Shore Catholic Churches and to consider new possibilities for both the growth and future of the region.

All members of our community are invited to participate in the consultation phase of the project to help shape our submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration.

We would like to invite Our Lady of Dolours School Community to be involved in the consultation process to respond, reflect and share your insights with each other. The OLD staff, parents and students will all take part in answering 5 questions to help with our submission. Our Parents Consultation forum will be held on Monday 28th October 9am in the school meeting room. We will answer the 5 questions Bishop Anthony wants us to consider in a group conversation.

If you would like to participate, please email Rebecca Molinaro [rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au) if you can attend. If you cannot attend and would still like to participate, please contact Rebecca and she can email you an individual questionnaire.

Let's listen to one another and be guided by the Holy Spirit!





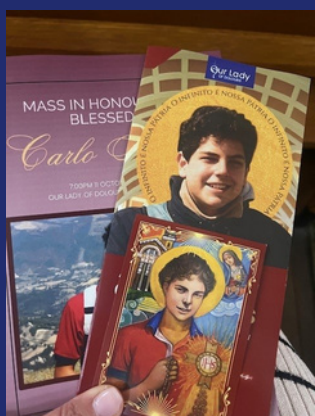
# Blessed Carlo - our first Millennial Saint



Blessed Carlo has arrived in Chatswood! On the 11th October 2024 the night before Blessed Carlo's feast day – Our Lady of Dolours Church held a special celebration for the installation of Blessed Carlo's Relic in the new Chapel of Eucharistic Devotion. The church was filled with parishioners, school staff, several priests, and the angelic choir, creating a truly sacred atmosphere. Blessed Carlo will be canonised and become the first millennial saint in 2025 inspiring young people with his example of faith.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo announced that the Parish of Chatswood will become a Shrine of Hope and be a focal point when Blessed Carlo is canonised in 2025 Jubilee Year.

The relic of Blessed Carlos is now permanently available for veneration at Our Lady of Dolours Church. We invite you to visit and pray for your personal intentions.



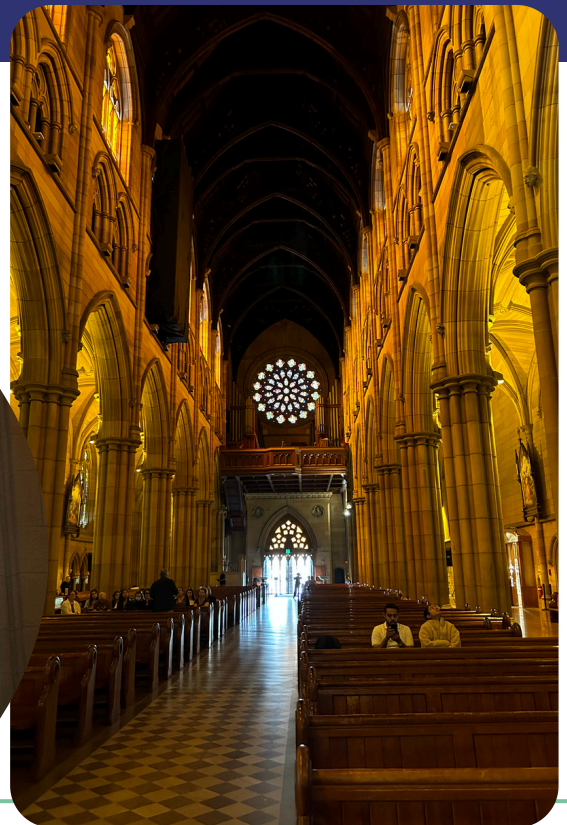
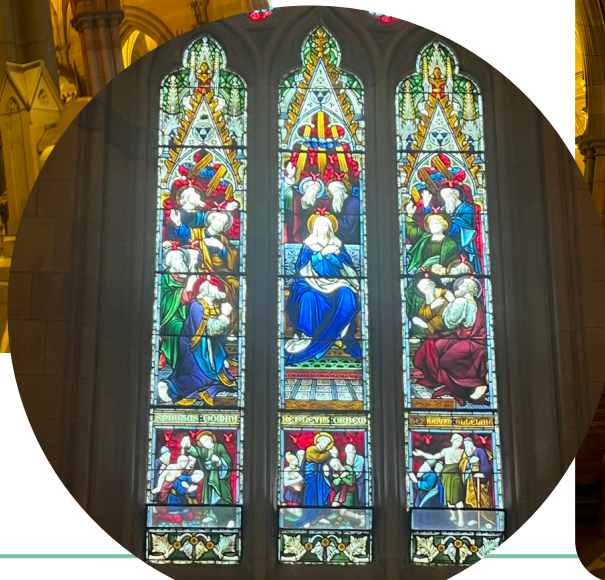
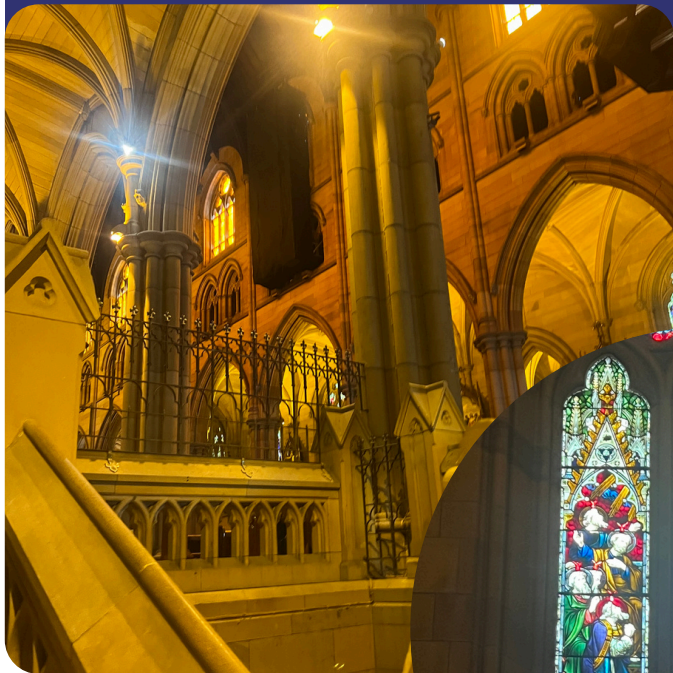
# Staff Spirituality Day



To start the term staff made a pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral which represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Staff journeyed together to remember Our Lady of Dolours and Our Lady Help of Christians. Together we were inspired by the discipleship of Mary and strive to live a life of peace, faith compassion and love.

During the day we also focused on the Foundational Pillars of Catholic Schools Broken Bay - COMPASSION, COMMUNITY and COMMON GOOD.





# SOCKTOBER<sup>®</sup>

*for Mission Month*



Dear Parents & Carers

This October is [World Catholic Mission Month](#). Our Lady of Dolours is engaging in the social justice initiative 'Socktober', a mission-based learning program designed to help students to learn about our call to social justice around the world. This will officially launch Week 1, Term 4.

Throughout Socktober, students will be invited to learn more about supporting vulnerable children in Timor-Leste facing malnutrition and food insecurity. Our Catholic Mission projects will help sustain and enrich the lives of vulnerable children who are in need of our support.

Our Lady of Dolours is calling on your support to keep the Socktober mission project running! We invite you to register your child/ren for Socktober. Please click [here](#) to register your child (registering does not require you to make any payment and only takes a few minutes). Then simply share the page and encourage family and friends to get behind your child/ren's Socktober journey. Your participation in Socktober is completely voluntary - there is no obligation, just invitation!

Students will also be invited to participate in our OLD Socktober Challenge in Weeks 2 and 3, where students design & make a 'sockball' and use their ball for a range of sporting activities e.g. soccer shootouts, knee ups, shooting a basketball hoop and so on! You are invited to start collecting old clothes, rags, materials and recycled plastic. You might even try to make your own sockball at home and bring it to school next term. Check out this [video](#) for how to create a sockball.

Thank you for your support and for helping your child 'sock it to poverty!'

Yours sincerely,

Ashleigh Ferrero

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



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# Catholic Mission Mass



This week, our senior leaders travelled to Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara, with Miss Ferrero to take part in the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Mission Mass. This mass is a very special event for CSBB, where many primary and secondary schools in the Broken Bay diocese come together and celebrate the work of Catholic Mission.

## Library Update

The Library has new carpet and a new shelving configuration! We have been busily rearranging the shelves to allow improved accessibility. The shelves have also needed cleaning before any books are able to be returned to them. We appreciate the patience of all the students as we work to put the Library back together. It is starting to look fantastic. A HUGE thank you to our team of Library volunteer parents, led by Ellys (Freya Year 6) who have given up many mornings to shelve and tidy books. What Library super stars!

Library borrowing will commence next Wednesday (Week 3 - October 30th). We request that all students please bring their Library bags for their Lesson on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Book Club: Issue 7 has been handed out already. Book Club is due by Thursday October 31st. In this issue we have been informed by Scholastic that there are 7 x \$3 value books. Plus there are 184 items for \$10 or less. Don't forget that you can also spend your \$5 promotional code from Issue 6 and get another for Issue 8.

The image shows the cover of Scholastic Book Club Issue 7, 2024. The cover is colorful and features various book deals and a '3 FREE BOOKS' offer. The main title is 'Scholastic Book Club' with 'INSPIRING HOLIDAY READING!' below it. The issue number '7' and year '2024' are prominently displayed. A large yellow starburst graphic on the right says 'GET UP TO 3 FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU ORDER ON THIS ISSUE'. Below this, it says 'See back page for more details. Conditions apply. Redeemable only on 100% orders.' The cover lists several book deals with their original and discounted prices. For example, '001 NEW! 7 in 1 Red Super Spy Sleeve' is \$28.00, '002 NEW! Scary Time! A visit to Banana Waterfalls takes a spooky turn! 128 pp. AGES 6+ \$14.99' is \$9.00 (40% off), '003 NEW! The Bad Guys: Episode 20: One Last Thing It's the Final Episode ... 192 pp. AGES 7+ \$16.99' is \$9.00 (47% off), '004 NEW! Taylor Swift: All Access Everything you ever wanted to know about Taylor Swift! 96 pp. AGES 7+ \$14.99 \$12.00' is \$12.00, '005 NEW! Adventure Island Ella and her class are going on a school trip to Adventure Island! 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$14.99' is \$9.00 (40% off), '006 NEW! Karen's Grandmothers Karen has more grandmas than anyone she knows: five! 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$16.99' is \$10.00 (41% off), '007 HALF PRICE! \$10 NEW! Mina the Lightning Dragon Can Mina restore balance to the lightning storms with her roar? 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$22.99 \$10.00', '008 Kaala Candy Journal A sweet place to keep all your dreams! 60 pp. furry hardcover. AGES 7+ \$19.99 \$14.00', '009 NEW! Brunocorn Bruno the Unicorn is clumsy and his magic never works properly! 24 pp. hardcover. AGES 3+ \$10.99' is \$10.00, '010 HALF PRICE! \$10 NEW! The Speedy Sloth Meets her Match A joyful story about finding friends in unexpected places. 24 pp. hardcover. AGES 3+ \$19.99' is \$10.00, and '011 EXCUSE ME, SANTA! Will Christmas test Martha May's marvellous manners? 32 pp. AGES 3+ \$16.99' is \$3.00 (82% off). The cover also mentions 'EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK' and '3'.

# Student Spotlight



We are pleased to share a wonderful news about Alba from Year 4. Alba recently participated in the Sydney Harp Eisteddfod (a harp competition held every two years) for intermediate level musicians under the age of 11.

Alba was successful in winning 3rd prize. The competition was judged by Louisic Dulbecco, the principal harpist of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. This achievement reflects Alba's hard work, dedication and passion for music. We are proud of her accomplishments.



Looking for more opportunities for your  
Year 5 or Year 6 student? Limited vacancies  
available for 2025



# Parish-in-Council V



Join us on **Sunday 10 November**, and help to discern and shape the future of our parish at our fifth Parish-in-Council meeting.

The afternoon will feature lunch, thought-provoking conversation, the opportunity to meet new people, and for each and every one of our voices to be heard.

**Date:** Sunday 10 November

**Location:** Harrington Hall

**Time:** Arrive between 11.30 am to 12.10 pm

**Kids:** Children are warmly invited to our special Kids-in-Council!

**Register Now:** visit <https://parish-in-council-v.rsvpify.com>, scan the QR code or contact the Parish Office.

The Catholic community of Chatswood invites  
Year 6 children and their families to our

## Year 6 End of Year Class Mass

**24 November 2024 | at 5:30PM**

During this Mass each Year 6 student will be presented with a small gift as part of our end of year celebration to mark the end of their primary years.

**If you plan on coming please RSVP Angela at  
[angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)**

This will help us with catering for food and gifts. We also want to include Year 6 children in the Mass so if your child would like to read a prayer, please let Angela know at the above email by Tuesday 19 November.

After Mass the Year 6 children are invited to join our Cornerstone youth group for food and fun activities in our Magnificat Parish Meeting Room until 8:30pm

All Welcome!





FOUNDATION YOUTH MINISTRY  
PRESENTS

# PARISH HOLYWINS TRIVIA

Food and  
drinks  
provided!

Prizes to  
be won!

**Saturday 26th October**

Come dressed as any Saint, or in white or red clothing  
for the Saints, angels and martyrs

**Bring your friends and family of all ages for a fun night  
with the parish to fundraise for our youth ministry!**

**Time:** 6:30pm - 9:15pm

**Location:** Harrington Hall

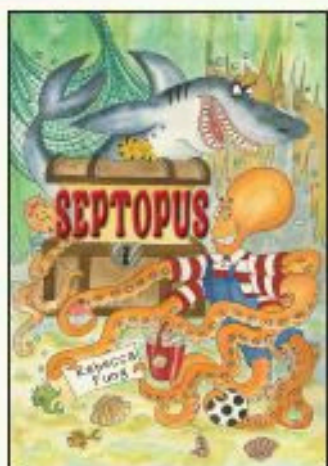
**Price:** \$20 per person

Discounted tickets available  
for group registrations of 10!



REGISTRATIONS  
ESSENTIAL

## SEPTOPUS by Rebecca Fung



Illustrations: Kathy Creamer

### DATE

Sat 26 Oct 2024

TIME 11am

### WHERE BOOK FACE

St Ives Shopping Village  
166 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives  
\*Parking available, or  
catch the 195 or 196 bus to  
St Ives Shopping Village

### RRP

\$16.99 inc GST

### What's the book about...

*'Five ... six ... seven ... wait, I must have counted incorrectly. Where's his eighth limb?*

*He's supposed to be an octopus. Let me start over. One ... two ... no, only seven.'*

*'Count again,' demanded my father.*

Stanley is a septopus – a seven-tentacled octopus. Life can be difficult when the octopus world is built for the eight-tentacled types. Games don't work the way you expect, clothes don't fit and even things like preparing a meal are a challenge.



What's worse, Stanley's parents worry about him so much that they're scared to let him do anything fun. His sister and brothers tease him and bully him. All Stanley wants is a chance to get on with a normal life in the ocean... and to find some friends. Is that too much for a septopus to hope for?

This book is a story about family, friendship, sports, school, action and humour.

### What our young readers are saying...

*'I really like it because it is very original.'* – Olivia, aged 13

*'When I was reading, I didn't want to stop. I would rate this a 5 out of 5!'* – Chansie, aged 9

*'The parents are overprotective and paranoid, but I love how Stanley just wants to be himself.'* – Elisa G, aged 11

*'Brilliant! Fantastic! Septacular!'* – Lois, aged 9

### HOW TO ORDER YOUR COPY...

The book will be available at the launch and the author will also sign it for you!  
Come and enjoy some refreshments! We can't wait to see you there.

BUT if you can't make the launch, you can also order the book by emailing [sales@owlitude.com](mailto:sales@owlitude.com)  
Any orders made before the launch date will not incur a delivery fee (Australia only).

GET A FREE SHARK PEN  
AT THE LAUNCH  
WITH YOUR  
PURCHASE - WHILE  
STOCK LASTS!



### Who is the author...

**Rebecca Fung** is an author who grew up in St Ives and attended school in the area. She has strong ties to the community and is excited about having the launch of her new book, *Septopus*, at Book Face in St Ives.

She has written two chapter books, *Princess Hayley's Comet* and *A Very Special Moon Mission*. She is involved in the Author Pen Pals program which promotes children's literacy and love of reading and writing.

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