

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

All Saints and All Souls Day

On November 1st, the Catholic Church celebrated All Saints Day. This is a special day in the Church in which we commemorate all saints. We pray thanks for these Saints, thank God for their presence and pray to live by their example. On November 2nd we celebrated All Souls' Day. All Souls' Day is a day to remember the souls of all who have died. This feast is a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. This day may bring a feeling of sadness, but also a time of joy in which we celebrate the special people in our lives who now live with God in Heaven. We extend our prayers to the souls of those close to our OLD community, family and friends.

This week we welcomed our newest school community members, our Kindergarten 2025 class. Our newest students will be joining us on Wednesdays as part of their transition to school program. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them and their families to our wonderful school.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 6 students on the wonderful Bake and Craft Stall they ran last Monday. Thank you also to our school community for supporting Year 6 with their stall as they raised money to help contribute to their end of year celebrations.

Upcoming Events

Monday 11 November - Remembrance Day

Monday 11 November - Year 5 Excursion to the Rocks

Wednesday 13 November - Kindergarten 2025 Transition to School session 2

Monday 18 November - Just Like You Incursion

Tuesday 19 November - Year 2 - Year 6 Swimming Carnival and Kindergarten & Year 1 Splash Day

Wednesday 20 November - Kindergarten 2025 Transition to School Session 3

Enrolling now for 2025

Limited places available in our senior classes



Welcome to our 2025 Kindergarten Students



Wednesday saw our newest school community members join us for their first transition to school day. Students were so settled and enthusiastic during their visit to big school. We saw many smiles, new friendships made and lots of keen students ready to start learning. We can't wait for them to join our school community full time next year.



Year 1 Excursion to The Zoo



Year 1 have been on an excursion to the zoo. They had such a great time - here are some of the highlights -

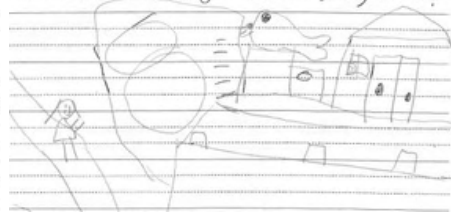
I think my favourite thing was touching the snake.

Xander

My favourite thing in the Zoo was the seal show. Because at the end the big seal jumped really high and splash so hard.

Yuna

At Taronga zoo I saw the Koalas. They were so cute and they climb up trees in the afternoon they sleep sleep sleep. my favourite part was the Seal show. They did tricks and splashed. it was really so, so, so, fun!



My favorite part of Taronga Zoo is when I got to pat a snake!

I learnt a type of lizard has a tail that is the exact same shape as its head.



Buddies



Kindergarten and Year 6 spent some quality time together this week. With Kindergarten students impressing their Year 6 buddies showing how much they have learnt this year while they read together.



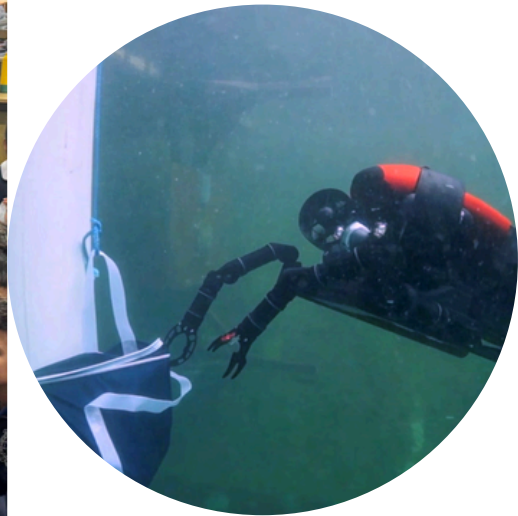
Year 6 Bake and Craft Stalls



This week we saw our Year 6 student leaders in action as they demonstrated their entrepreneur skills as they ran stalls for the school community selling delicious baked goods and craft items. Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 students for this annual event. Thank you to our Year 6 teachers Mr Swales and Miss Gallagher for their mentoring and the Year 6 parents who wholeheartedly supported our students to make this event a wonderful success.



REACH Robotics - a special visit to year 1



Year 1 was visited by Beidi, Lexie's mum, who showcased the robotic arm she has been developing over the past two and a half years. Beidi has engineered advanced manipulator arm solutions designed for harsh environments. The students were mesmerised by the arm and took great delight in watching it operate.

Arisa: I think it was cool because it helps scientist know about things in the water without letting the people get hurt.

Camille: The robotic arm was amazing because it can put blocks of different sizes on top of each other.

Adela: The robotic arm is fantastic because it can go into the water and won't break.

Alexander: I thought it was cool because it can easily hold things with its claw and it also kind of looks like a crab claw.

Angus: The claw was very cool because I didn't know that you could pull the lever to open and close the claw.

Vida: It was kind of amazing that it can help in the water instead of using human arms.

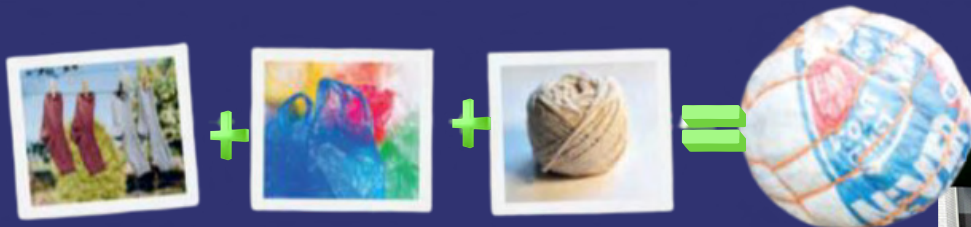


Socktober



Throughout Socktober students have been invited to learn more about supporting vulnerable children in Timor-Leste facing malnutrition and food insecurity. During weeks 2 and 3 students participated in the OLD Socktober challenge where they designed and made 'sockballs' and then used their balls for a range of sporting activities. Sock balls were made out of old clothes, rags and recycled plastics.

We thank all who were involved and supported this social justice initiative.



New OLD uniforms are here!



The new OLD school uniforms have arrived! Students are looking very smart indeed as they proudly wear their new uniforms. Uniforms are now available from [Cowan and Lewis](#).

The school community will be transitioning to this wonderful new uniform over the next 12 months. There is very limited preloved items and new discontinued items that will be on sale next Thursday 14 November 8.15 -8.45am.



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





You're invited..

TO AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do all the wonderful things we do without you!

Please join us on Wednesday 20 November to celebrate you, our wonderful school volunteers. This celebration will be part of our last Parent Engagement Meeting for 2024.

RSVP for catering purposes:
[Volunteer Thank you](#)

Time: 6pm
Wednesday 20 Nov 2024

The School Library
94a Archer St, Chatswood



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SCHOOL BAND

JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2025 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

What do you need to do?

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](https://teachingservices.com.au/EOI) form. Your child will then meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

<https://teachingservices.com.au/EOI>



More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2025. If your child is an existing band student with TSA, no need to re-enrol.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.



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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

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!



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.



RED WEDNESDAY

**PRAYER & SUPPORT for
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

Please join us for

MASS

*to remember and pray for persecuted
Christians around the world.*

Celebrant:

Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo

Bishop of Broken Bay

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church

94 Archer Street Chatswood

7pm Wednesday 20 November 2024

*Light refreshments
will be served after the Mass.*



Information

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