

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Thank you to Year 4 for leading our Remembrance Day Liturgy. Our students displayed reverence and respect for this significant event and learned a little more about the significance of Remembrance Day.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest we forget

Thank you to our School Captains and Vice Captains for representing OLD at the Chatswood Remembrance Day Service in the Chatswood Garden of Remembrance.

The Kindergarten 2025 students joined us for their final transition to school sessions. It has been a delight having the newest members of our school community joining us as they start to become familiar with the school.

The swimming program is now complete and students have had a wonderful time developing their swimming skills. Thank you to Bluefit for facilitating these weekly classes for all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to enjoy. Thank you also to Mr Caltabiano for organising our annual swimming carnival and splash day.

We are looking forward to a busy last few weeks of term with our whole school wellbeing picnic, Year 6 graduation and Christmas FESTA.

Finally if your child will not be returning to OLD in 2024 could you please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 24 November - Year 6 End of Year class
Mass 5.30pm

Monday 25 November - Whole school wellbeing
picnic

Wednesday 27 November - Senior band
performance at Westfield

Thursday 28 November - Choir perform at Westfield

Tuesday 3 December - Year 6 Graduation Mass and
Dinner from 5pm

Wednesday 18 December last day of school for
2024

Enrolling now for 2025
Limited places available in our
senior classes



ADVISORY COUNCIL WRAP UP

“Last week the School Advisory Council came together for our last meeting of the year.

We discussed enrolments, budgeting and improvements with the school, upcoming school events and the roll out of our new uniforms.

For some of us this meeting was the last of our two year term and therefore will not be continuing next year. Being part of the School Advisory Council has been a great opportunity to be involved with the particulars of school and a good source of communication between the parents and teachers.

Thank you to all Advisory Council members - Fr David Ranson, Jennifer White, David Shao, Francesca Mustaca, Tina Dsouza, Kelly Clouston and Lauren Montgomery, Additional thanks goes to Francesa and David who have served on the Advisory Council for the past 2 years. A call out for two new members will be made early in 2025.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all the members of our wonderful community that have supported our staff and students during 2024 by volunteering.

It was wonderful to get together with some of you at our last Parent Engagement meeting for 2024 and to celebrate your contribution to OLD. Thank you to our PEC, Rebecca, for bringing our volunteers together for a great night.



Life Skills Go



Here at OLD we are excited to be rolling out an exciting new well-being initiative called Life Skills Go. You may have already heard about it from your child? Children are now completing a quick daily emotion check in via an online portal. They are asked to select one of six options to reflect how they are feeling - happy, sad, calm, tired, worried or angry. They can also nominate where they are predominantly feeling this emotion - classroom, playground or home.

The purpose of Life Skills Go is to help students get familiar with emotional literacy and support learner needs. Teachers can then use this information to assess learner readiness and identify students that may need support.

Teachers are reporting so far that they love being able to see an instant snapshot of students' readiness to learn and whether any students are in need. This enables them to move into a preventative/proactive space by quickly identifying student emotions before they start the day and identify longitudinal patterns. - Chandra Kennedy



Year 5 visit the Rocks



Year 5 students have recently been on an excursion to the Rocks which supported learning in both the history and geography units from this year. Students participated in the 'Ngarra' tour which allowed students to learn some of the local Aboriginal (Gadigal) language through place names and greetings.



Infants Splash Day



On Tuesday 19th November, whilst the Years 2-6 were having their School Swimming Carnival, the K-1 students were at school and participated in the Water Fun Splash Day. The students all were eager to get wet and have some fun with the water activities.

Thank you to all the students who participated and showed good and responsible behaviour on the day. From all reports from the teachers, the students enjoyed the water activities and were well behaved. Thank you to the parents who came to support the students and for taking time out of your busy schedules, to come and support this event. Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs Clouston, the teachers and staff of OLD who ran and assisted the event, without your help and assistance, the event would not have run has smoothly as it did. You were all fabulous in your setting up, explaining the activities and assisting with each activity. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!



Kindergarten 2025 Orientation



This week saw our Kindergarten 2025 students join us for their last transition to school session. We are looking forward to these youngest members of our school community joining us in 2025. Students explored the Kindergarten classrooms, listened to stories and engaged in numerous interactive activities.



Remembrance day



Our school captains accompanied Mr Ianni to the Chatswood Garden of Remembrance for the Remembrance Day ceremony, representing OLD with pride. Thank you to year 4 students who lead us in our school liturgy.



Bettina - OLD Parish youth co-ordinator visits stage 3



"Thank you to Bettina from the Parish for coming over to talk to our Year 5 and Year 6 students about the Youth Groups on offer at the church. The students were very interested about the fun activities they do after mass and also how they get to eat pizza! Bettina played games with our students and did a reflection on what they are grateful for and what they are looking forward to in 2025!"



Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Imogen and Angus on their recent Baptism.

Emma and Elly recently participated in the 2024 Taekwondo National Championship in Brisbane for three days. Emma won silver medals in Individual Poomsae and Freestyle Poomsae and she won bronze medals in Sparring and Pair Poomsae as well.

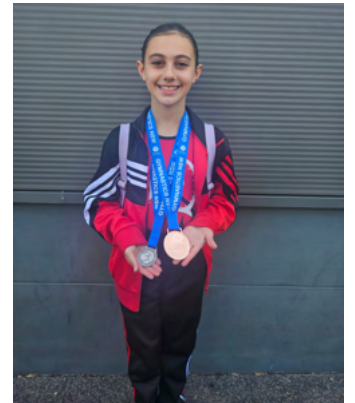
And Elly won a gold medal in sparring and a bronze medal in Team Poomsae.

Emma and Elly have put a lot of effort into this competition and are to be congratulated on their achievements.



Congratulations to Rosie and her gym partner Gabby, who finished with silver medals in the NSW Gymnastics state championships for level 1 Senior pairing. They performed two routines with the second gaining the highest scoring of the afternoon. Both Rosie and Gabby only started in gymnastics this year making it more of an achievement for both of them!

Talia attended the 2024 junior state Championships for acro gymnastics on Sunday. Talia is in the Level 2 senior Trio and got a silver medal for their routines and came overall 3rd in the state. Congratulations Talia we can't wait to see her progress in 2025.



Congratulations to Sophia who recently won the NSW State Championships 2024 competing in level 3 Acrobatic Gymnastics. She received two gold medals, one for the highest score and one for best overall score.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Go and Jo who have been selected for the SAP Team of Lindfield Football Club for 2025.

Both Go and Jo have been working hard this year. So this is a great achievement, especially considering how competitive the U12 trials were this year, with nearly 100 players vying for a spot.



Well done to Keziah and Maya who have both excelled together in dance competitions this year, representing their dance studio, Centre Stage Academy, the girls have achieved remarkable results in

three prestigious competitions:

- Curtain Call Dance Competition (September): 2nd place in U8 Performance Jazz Troupe
- Hollywood Bound National Dance Competition (October): 2nd place in U8 Performance Jazz Troupe
- EEE (Energy Express Eisteddfod) Dance Competition (November): 2nd place in U8 Performance Jazz Troupe

It has been a really tough competition season and these achievements are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for dance.

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



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!



CSNSW SPORT

AQUATHLON

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2020

Age Groups:

8 Years - 19 Years

Cost:

Entry - \$40 6 Dec

Late Entry - \$55 13 Dec

Eligible Students:

Catholic Schools in NSW

Register Now!



First Race: 8:30AM Max Parker Leisure & Aquatic Centre

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