

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

This week we celebrated our Year 6 students during their graduation liturgy and dinner. This was a special occasion for our senior students as they reflected on and celebrated the end of their primary school years with their families and class mates.

End of Year Liturgy - December 18th. We warmly welcome ALL families to join us for our End of Year Liturgy at 11:00am in the church on Wednesday the 18th of December.

We will celebrate the wonderful year we have shared together as well as farewelling valued students and our staff members who will be moving on from Our Lady of Dolours at the end of the year.

Semester 2 Reports - End of year reports will be available on COMPASS today. If you will be leaving OLD at the end of 2024 remember to download all reports as you will not have access to COMPASS after 18 December.

Meet your 2025 teacher - On Tuesday 17 December students will meet their teacher for 2025. This is an exciting day for students to meet their teacher and classmates for next year.

FESTA 2024 - And we can't forget the OLD Christmas FESTA next Friday 13 December where we look forward to our community coming together in celebration of the year.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10 December - Year 6 Excursion to Luna Park

Friday 13 December - Christmas FESTA

Tuesday 17 December - Meet your 2025 Teacher morning

Wednesday 18 December 11am - End of Year Liturgy

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 December - Staff Development Days

Monday 3 February - Term 1 commences Year 1 - Year 6

Enrolling now for 2025
Limited places available in our senior classes



Year 6 Graduation Liturgy



On Tuesday evening we celebrated our class of 2024 with a beautiful Liturgy and graduation dinner. Thank you to Father David, Miss Ferrero, Ms Gallagher and Mr Swales along with the OLD staff and Year 6 parents for your support of our students. Thank you also to the Year 6 parent graduation committee for your tireless work ensuring the night was a success.





Junk Kouture



I found Junk Kouture super fun and I learnt a lot of skills like teamwork and determination while doing it. We had to do a lot of trial and error which showed us different ways we can do things. I really enjoyed the runway as it was like we were all in it together and everyone had a part to do. Especially as models because everyone was so supportive and it really made it easier and less nerve racking. Overall I loved Junk Kouture and I am so glad we had the opportunity to do it. (Grace)

I thought Junk Kouture was a really good experience to have. I loved how we got to be able to make our own costumes from different materials and we got to do it all by ourselves. The fashion show was really fun and I loved the reason behind Junk Kouture. Which was to try and not buy materials but recycle and use used materials which I thought was good. (Conor)

I am very grateful that we got to participate in Junk Kouture because it showed me that kids like me could help stop global warming by making clothes out of reusable materials. Making the clothes was very difficult but it was very rewarding when we got to showcase our creations to the whole school on the catwalk. I would like to thank our teachers for letting us do Junk Kouture. (Benji)





Junk Kouture



On Monday, 6G and 6B performed the first ever Junk Kouture hosted at O.L.D! Overall, we spent every second getting the finalised piece finished and it turned out to be the biggest hit! Claps, laughs and singing were all to be heard at the hall. The lesson taught me all about teamwork, determination and hard work. It also taught me that you don't need to spend an awful lot of money to look half decent. We made all of our dresses come to life by using scraps we found around our houses. I enjoyed Junk Kouture so much and I will definitely be looking back at these memories with a huge smile on my face (Alannah)

Junk Kouture was an experience I'll never forget. It strengthened my leadership skills and my ability to go with the flow. We had to work hard to problem solve when bumps in the road came up. I learnt about the world of fast fashion and how disastrous it is for our planet. We never realised how hard it was to design dresses and hand sew them. It became difficult making the clothing that looked good but in the end, we persisted and we got it done. I loved every single second of it. (Brigitta)





Junk Kouture



Seniors Christmas celebration



On Thursday about 10 year 5 students went to the church meeting rooms to go to an elderly Christmas party. It was interesting, because we heard lots of great stories, for example Victoria's husband competed in the Olympics! We sang some Christmas carols and everyone sang along. It was a very fun experience and I am glad that I was able to spread some Christmas spirit with some unfamiliar faces. (Noah)

Yesterday at the Seniors Christmas Party a few Year 5s went to the church and we did a lot of fun things like singing carols, talking to the elderly and one of them had 14 kids! She had given birth to all of them, none of them were adopted. After talking to them we were surprised by having to sing carols, since some of us hadn't known beforehand. We sang songs like Jingle Bells, Away in a Manger, The First Noel and Deck the Halls, although we didn't get to sing some songs since we had to leave early we still had an amazing time! (Hayley)



Library wrap up



Library News

What a year it has been for our students in the Library in 2024.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Firstly - a huge thank you to all of our Library volunteers for 2024 led by our dedicated Library Volunteers leader - Ellys (Freya Shahlie Year 6). A number of parents have committed countless hours throughout the week to ensure books are returned and shelved and that the Library is ready for our students. I could not conduct Library lessons without their support! We are especially grateful to our volunteers for assisting me in the packing up and the unpacking of ALL our Library books whilst the Library was being re-carpeted. It was a huge job! They packed, unpacked and stacked with smiles and ensured our students were borrowing again this term as soon as possible. These hard-working volunteers were thanked in person at our Volunteers Thank you evening but they deserve additional recognition in our school newsletter!

If you are interested in volunteering in 2025 in any capacity, the Library is a great place to connect with parents and support our school. Volunteers are always welcome on a casual basis to return books using our borrowing system and shelve books according to their correct location. You are welcome at 8.30am on Wednesday or Thursday mornings in the Library. Returning time usually takes 20-30 minutes. Please inquire at the office about our Volunteer Declaration form.

Another huge thank you to Fiona Chang who has assisted me in covering many brand new Library books this year. Fiona regularly takes a bag of books and has them beautifully covered and ready for the children! If you are interested in helping with book covering next year please leave your name at the office. You don't have to be a covering expert by any means, just willing to give it a go!

Premier's Reading Challenge

Over the past 2 weeks we have used morning assemblies to congratulate and recognise all our Premier's Reading Challenge award winners for 2024. There were so many participants from OLD this year we had to spread it across 2 weeks! How incredibly exciting to witness so many of our students so eager for reading this year. Across NSW, a record 323,328 students completed the Challenge this year. They read a combined total of 9,115,211 books - with this year's most read book being Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker (the 2024 National Simultaneous Storytime book). Well done to our 85 students completing the challenge plus our Gold and Platinum certificate recipients. These students have completed the PRC for either 4 or 7 consecutive years. What an achievement!

End of borrowing dates:

Library borrowing for Term 4 will finish on Thursday December 5th

Please check at home on bookshelves, behind cupboards and under beds for any outstanding OLD Books.

Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Nicolo on his achievement last Saturday where he performed on the End of Year Concert for his music school - Archadenia Music Academy (Chatswood). He sang "When You Wish Upon A Star" and he won the Best Performer Award. Well done Nicolo.

On Friday night Ampy Avila (Kindergarten) was presented an award from Mayor Tanya Taylor for her winning artwork in the festive flag festival competition. Her artwork is called 'Rainbow Christmas Night' and can be seen on Victoria Ave outside the Priceline. Congratulations Ampy on being one of the youngest recipients of this award.



In an impressive showcase of talent, Sophie and Francesca of 3G, dominated the under-9, under-30 kilogram division at a recent National KIKO Kyokushin Karate tournament. Sophie secured first place with outstanding technique and focus, while Francesca earned a commendable second place, displaying agility and a powerful defence.

As great friends, it was challenging in the end for them to compete against each other in the final after a full on day of tournaments. Their match was a heartfelt display of sportsmanship and mutual respect, embodying the true spirit of martial arts and the spirit of Mercy, with a big hug together at the end in front of a praising crowd.

Sophie and Francesca have set a high benchmark for young athletes in Kyokushin Karate for their age group and we can't wait to see where their journeys will lead.



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





CHRISTMAS FESTA

RIDES . FOOD . MUSIC & MORE

FRIDAY

**13
DEC**

5:30-8:30PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

ENTRY \$5 PER PERSON

FAMILY \$20

UNLIMITED RIDES WRISTBAND \$25

<https://www.trybooking.com/CXIQQ>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CONTACT 0479 077 655



CHRISTMAS FESTA

LOLLY GUESSING COMPETITION

\$1 FOR 1 GUESS

\$2 FOR 3 GUESSES

GUESSING STARTS ON
MONDAY SO BRING YOUR
COINS IN!



KISS THE GOAT COMPETITION

TEACHERS IN THE RUNNING
ARE:

MR IANNI

MR C

MRS CRINO

MRS ZAHRA

TEACHER WITH THE MOST
MONEY IN THEIR JAR HAS
TO KISS THE GOAT LIVE
ON STAGE AT THE FESTA



Carols

at the Concourse

**7:30PM Saturday
14 December, 2024**

Gather your loved ones, grab a chair or rug, and warm up your singing voices to join us in singing Carols at the steps of the Chatswood Concourse!

A gift to you, from the Christian Churches of Willoughby City



Children's Christmas Eve Children's Mass Nativity Play

All children who would like to be involved in the Nativity play at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, please come to the Blue Room, where we hold Children's Liturgy after the 9:00am Family Mass on Sunday 15th December.

We will allocate roles and have a quick first practise at this meeting.

There will be two further practises as follows:

·Sunday 22nd December in the Blue Room after 9:00am Mass and ·Monday 23rd December Rehearsal in the Church at 2:00pm



Singing at Christmas Eve Mass

Any children and/parents who would like to be involved in the Choir for Christmas Eve, please contact Angela at the contact details below. We will arrange to send you the music and songs for the Mass to practise at home. We will also come together with the Nativity Play children for the rehearsal in the church at

2:30pm Monday 23rd December

Any enquiries about the Children's Christmas Mass please contact Angela

in the parish office on 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

Come and try cricket at a Sydney Sixers holiday bash, perfect for boys and girls aged 5-10. No experience or equipment required.

Location: Gore Hill Oval
Date: Friday 17th January
Time: 9:00am-3:00pm
Cost: \$49
Contact: danielle.chivers@cricketnsw.com.au
Register using QR code, or contact Dani

REGISTER NOW!





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ENROLMENT**

CODING FOR KIDS

Term 1, 2025

Y2 - Y6 Students

Our Lady of Dolours

In-person coding classes

New students welcome

Every Thursday

13 Feb - 10 Apr | 9 weeks
7:45 - 8:45 am

GAME DEVELOPMENT

Y2 - Y4 students

INTRO TO PYTHON

Y5 - Y6 students

Laptops are provided

\$252 per student per term

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