OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

As we approach the end of 2024 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents and staff for all their efforts in what has been a remarkable year. As a community we have risen to the challenges of 2024 and continued to Ignite, Innovate and Include in our Mercy tradition with enthusiasm and compassion with our faith at the heart of what we do. I would especially like to thank the leadership team, Kelly Clouston as Assistant Principal, Ashleigh Ferrero acting REC and Co-ordinators Lauren Watts, Beth Charlton and Lauren Montgomery for their tireless work in assisting in keeping our wonderful school running to provide the quality education that we do and the office staff for their tireless support for the school as a whole. I would also like to thank Fr David Ranson and his team for being the heart of our wonderful community.

Congratulations to our class of 2024, you have lead the school with enthusiasm and integrity. May the foundations from OLD stand by you as you move into this next chapter. We wish you all every success as your primary school journey comes to an end and your high school journey begins.

As we farewell staff that are leaving us we thank them for their service and look forward to welcoming Miss Camilla Brown back in 2025.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and merry Christmas and look forward to an even better 2025.

Enrolling now for 2025 Limited places available

Upcoming Events

Friday 31 January - Staff Development Day

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

Monday 3 February - Tuesday 4 February - Kindergarten Best Start assessments

Wednesday 5 February - Term 1 commences for Kindergarten 2025

Friday 11 April - Term 1 concludes

Friday 18 - Monday 21 April Easter





Farewell to the Class of 2024

This week we said a fond farewell to our graduating class of 2024. It has been a year filled with new challenges and wonderful opportunities. You have lead the school with enthusiasm and integrity during 2024. May the foundations from OLD stand by you as you move into this next chapter of your schooling journey.









Sport end of year wrap up

Years 2-6 Our Lady of Dolours Swimming Carnival 2024

On Tuesday 19th November, Years 2 – 6 students participated in the annual Our Lady of Dolour School Swimming Carnival held at Lane Cove Leisure Aquatic Centre. What a great day it was, the carnival was a great success and enjoyed by everyone.

All students participated eagerly in their events, and no matter what place they finished, all students tried their very best and had fun. It was wonderful to see the comradeship amongst all the students as they cheered for their house colour team members when they were participating in their swimming events. The cheering in the centre was exhilarating. Student's behaviour on the day was exceptional as all students followed the procedures and instructions given by the teachers. Well done OLD students!!!

A carnival cannot be a one man show but needs many hands and minds to make it a successful carnival. A BIG Thank You must go to Mr. lanni and Mrs. Clouston for giving me the opportunity to organise this day. Your support was

greatly appreciated. Also, I must thank Mrs Watts and Miss Bolger for arriving early at the Aquatic Centre to set up and have the

carnival up and running by the time the students, teachers and parents arrived and helping to pack up at the end of the day. Also, to Miss Bolger for being in the water all day, helping the students feel comfortable and making sure they all made it to the finish line. Also, to Miss Fletcher and Miss Ferraro and the help of Brigitta. T and Emma.K (Year 6 students) for helping with the Novelty Races.

We must not forget to mention the wonderful teachers and staff of OLD. They must be commended for their outstanding supervision of the students on the buses as well as at the centre. Every staff member was engaged in their role.

Staff members thank you for ensuring the students came to their events promptly and making sure that all students were having fun. Thank you also to all staff members (you know who you are, there are too many to name) who had allocated roles on the day and did their role tremendously. Also, I must thank the office staff for all the work behind the scenes. They are the secret angels that help to make these carnivals come together.

Last but not least, I would like to give a BIG shout out Thank You to our wonderful OLD parent helpers who assisted on the day. Your help and time was greatly appreciated as all events ran smoothly on the day. Also thank you to the parents who came to support the students during our swimming carnival. It is wonderful to see the community spirit of OLD, come together during these sporting events. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Until next year.......

The results from our Swimming Carnival for 2024 are as follows:

HOUSE SWIMMING SPIRIT TROPHY

2nd CANA
3rd GALILEE
4th NAZARETH

HOUSE SWIMMING WINNERS

1ST GALILEE 291 POINTS

2ND NAZARETH 280 POINTS
3RD CANA 231 POINTS

4TH BETHLEHEM 214 POINTS



Broken Bay Tennis Representative Trial

Year 4 student, Julian, was given the opportunity to represent OLD at the Broken Bay Tennis Rep Trial, which was held at Queenwood Tennis Centre, Oxford Falls on Wednesday 11th December.

On behalf of myself and the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Julian on his amazing effort on the day and from the report back from the staff trialing the students, how extremely well he played and good sportsmanship he displayed. I would like to congratulate Julian who made it into the Broken Bay Boys Tennis team. The next trial is next year on Friday 7th February at Tamworth. All the best to Julian. I am sure you will put your amazing tennis skills on display and wish you the best of luck at the next trial.

Broken Bay Basketball Representative Trial

On Friday 22nd November, the school was excited to have our future basketball stars Evelyn (Year 5), Liam (Year 5) and Annabelle (Year 4) participate at the Broken Bay Basketball Rep Trial at St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga.

Here is a recount by Annabelle and Evelyn on their experience at the trial: *Annabelle*: I had my Basketball trial on Friday 22nd November. When I first arrived, we got told by the Broken Bay staff what role we played and then were assigned a bib to wear for the rest of the day. We split into teams and practised our basketball skills lead by four sixteen-year-old students. We did skills like layups and three-man weaves. I thought I did a great job. After our skill practice, we played basketball games for the rest of the day in quarters. I felt I put in 110% and I felt great about how I played.





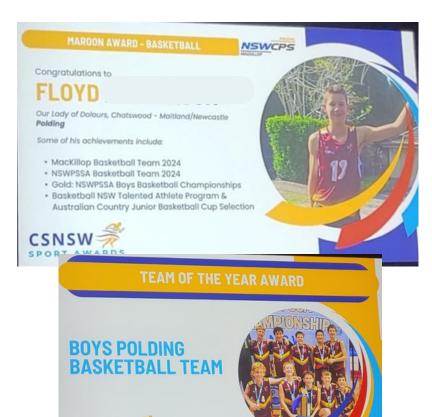
Evelyn: At the girls' basketball rep trial, I experienced and learnt a lot of things. When I first arrived, I got signed in and got given a bib for the rest of the day. The first thing we did was warming up with lots of shooting drills. We did one drill which some people called 'The Weave'. Then we played a game with 30-minute quarters and there were substitutions. There were 2 teams, a red team and blue team. I was on the blue team, and we won the game. There were 15 girls in total trialling out across 6 schools. I had a very fun and exciting time at the trial.

What a fantastic achievement Annabelle and Liam for reaching the next trial. The school and community are so proud of you both and wish you all the best of luck in the next trial, the Polding Basketball Trial in Tamworth. Goooooo Annabelle and Liam.

CSNSW Sports Awards Evening

On Wednesday 11th December, CSNSW Sport had their annual Sports Awards night at the Sydney Cricket Ground to celebrate those students who have excelled in sport in 2024. Mr. Caltabiano attended the evening to witness Floyd (Year 6) get the NSWCPS Maroon Award in Basketball (award given to a student who has been outstanding in that sport). Congratulations Floyd!

Also, on the night two of our Year 6 students Greyson and Floyd each got the NSWCPS Team of the Year Award for being part of the Boys Polding Basketball Team 2024. This team showcased exceptional teamwork, commitment and resilience to claim the NSWPSSA Basketball State Championship. Winning nine consecutive games, the team made history as the first team in NSWPSSA basketball to play and win this number of matches and to secure the gold medal. Greyson and Floyd should both be proud of their achievements in being part of this amazing team. Well done Greyson and Floyd!



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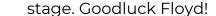




Broken Bay Sport Achievements

In 2024, we had some exceptional achievements by Broken Bay students. I would like to congratulate all students in OLD, Chatswood who were nominated to represent the school in the Representative Sport Pathway (Year 5 and 6) this year.

One student, I would like to congratulate is Floyd.H in Year 6. Not only did he make multiple Polding teams (Basketball and Athletics), but he also made the NSW team in Basketball. Mr. lanni presented Floyd with his certificate and medal from Broken Bay Sport on Wednesday. Floyd should be proud of his achievements and representing the OLD, Chatswood community in his sports with pride and great skill. I am sure we will see him one day on the big sporting





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Student Spotlight





Congratulations to Caroline from year 6 who performed carols with the senior Australian Girls Choir on Sunrise recently, despite a very early start to the day (drop off at 5.15am)!

It was a very interesting and insightful experiance of seeing how the live parts of the program are made. And a geourgeous Sunrise that morning with an amazing backdrop off our iconic Harbour Bridge and Opera House, followed by a cruiseliner entering harbour in a hazy scenery...





Neil from 2B recently won 1st place in the Willoughby Council Emerging Writers (age 8 category) for his poem titled "Gifts" (participants were required to base their work around the theme of "gifts").

Congratulations Neil, we look forward to reading more of your fabulous work.



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



Children's Christmas Eve Mass

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
- 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.haque@bbcatholic.org.au



A fun space to meet new people, see old friends and continue growing in friendship with Jesus!

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH DURING SCHOOL TERM OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH

MEETING ROOMS

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

AFTER THE 5:30 PM YOUTH MASS

Parents, please contact us to join our mailing list and stay updated!

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VACATION CARE DEC 2024 & JAN 2025

Our Lady Of Dolours Catholic School OSHC

7.30am - 6.00pm

P: 0421 869 943 | E: oshc.chatswood@catholiccaredbb.org.au









GRINCHMAS!

Join us for a day of all things Grinchy. We will have a Grinch scavenger hunt, taste test a variety of green foods and plenty of Grinch inspired creative crafts.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.





20 DEC

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Can you hear the jingle bells ringing? We will be looking at different Christmas traditions from around the world while having a little celebration of our own.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.







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MONDAY 13 JAN

TUESDAY

14 JAN

THURSDAY 16 JAN



LAZY MONDAY

Feeling exhausted! We totally get it! Join us today for a laid back hangout session. We will create our own squishy, make pizza and icecream and unwind with a G/PG movie.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

SCOOTER MANIA

Grab your scooter and roll into OSHC as we turn our hall into your chance to ride along with your friends in a glow in the dark arena. Bring along your helmet to make sure your fun keeps rolling on uninterrupted Lights out and away we go!

No helmet no riding.

Please bring, recess, water bottle, lunch and hat.

OLD TENNIS OPEN

Welcome to OLD own grand slam! We hope to see you all with your game faces and tennis gear to join us in a friendly tennis match. Children will learn how to serve and swing their racquet like pro.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

PAINT AND SIP

Get creative, artistic and show us you inner Picasso as we paint the day away while sipping on some delicious fruity drinks and make our own slushies.

Please bring, recess, water bottle, lunch and hat.

IT'S GOOD TO BE WICKED

Join us for a wicked good time as we journey to the magical kingdom of Auradon and Isle of the Lost to enjoy lots of games, craft and experience based on the Disney movie Descendants. We will be making Mal's love cookies, Fairy Godmother's magic wand, potion making, fencing and much much more

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.









INCURSION \$91.50

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7.30am - 6.00pm

FLOWER POWER DAY

where we will decorate pots,

heads and plant flowers to

take home along with other

Please bring recess, lunch,

flower themed activities.

water bottle and hat.

Join us for a day of flowery fun

plant some seeds, make grass

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COLOUR WARS

Game on! Team up with friends for an epic colour war showdown. Compete in fun challenges and see who will come out on top.

Please wear clothes that can get messy and bring spare clothing to change into.

Please bring, recess, water bottle, lunch and hat.

SPLASH ZONE

WEDNESDAY

Splash into fun with an exciting water relay and water games. You'll also build and race your own rubber band powered paddle boats in a thrilling science experiment and explore the wondered of science with water rising experiments.

You will get wet! Remember to bring a towel and extra dry clothes.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCURSION \$85.50

THURSDAY 23 JAN

MOVIES AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Today 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 Paddington in Peru. We then head to Orchard Park for a picnic lunch and play in the park

Please bring, recess, water bottle, lunch and hat.

Depart: 9:30am Return: 2:30pm

\$ EXCURSION \$101.50



THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

G'Day mate! Let's celebrate Australia Day with plenty of Australian treats, craft and games. Put your zinc on and get ready to have some Aussie fun

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

We are closed today for Australia Day. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



SURREAL RACING

28 JAN

Back by popular demand!! Let's hit the track and race your friends in one of the greatest racing games of all time using the most popular gaming console for children in our era.

Please bring, recess, water bottle, lunch and hat.



29 JAN

NINJA MOVES AND GYMNASTICS

Get ready for some Ninja moves and gymnastic fun! Children will experience the excitement of Ninja Warrior challenges and the joy of gymnastic, all under the watchful eye of coaches at My

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

Depart: 12:00pm Return: 3:30pm



\$101.50



THURSDAY 30 JAN

SUMMER SIZZLE AND BEACH DAY

Today, we're bringing the beach to you and turning our outside area into a beach with water and sand. We will also be playing volleyball and lots of beach themed games. You will get wet today.

Lunch provided

Please bring hat, water bottle, recess, swimming gear, towels and dry clothes to change into.





SENSORY LAB

Explore the wonders of our Sensory Lab! Engage your senses with hands-on experiments and interactive activities designed to stimulate sight, sound, touch, and smell. From intriguing textures to delightful scents, it's a day of discovery and sensory excitement for everyone!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.





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Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School

Our Open Day is a structured morning that will provide you with an opportunity for meaningful insight into our school.



Meet our Principal, teachers, students, parents.



Learn about Our Lady of Dolour's faith led approach, including and inclusive model of education.



Visit our classrooms, play area, library, specialised media room, music rooms.



Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolour's community.

Tuesday 4 March 2025 9am - 10.30am

Come and experience first hand why Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is a great choice for your children.



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