



APRIL 2025 EDITION 5

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Unbelievably term 1 has come to an end, feeling like it term has flown by in the blink of an eye. It has certainly been an eventful and busy start to the year with Kindergarten commencing their school journey, settling into the new school routine and the OLD community well. We have gathered together as a community for our opening mass, Harmony day celebrations and parent engagement events with our first parent education session for 2025 and our parent welcome evening. Students have participated in their first student retreat day for 2025, our annual cross country carnival, annual Open day and Year 3 & Year 5 students have completed NAPLAN. We have also seen several students represent OLD at Cluster and Polding swimming and basketball.

I thank our staff and parent volunteers for making the above events possible and all a wonderful success.

Interviews for Kindergarten 2026 are now in progress. If you have a child at home due to commence school in 2026 please see the front office as soon as possible for your enrolment pack.

I wish the community a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to an exciting term 2.

Upcoming Events

Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 April
Staff development Days

Wednesday 30 April
Students Commence Term 2

Friday 2 May
ANZAC Day Liturgy
9am COLA

Monday 5 - Wednesday 7 May
Stage 3 Camp
Milson Island

Friday 9 May
Mothers' Day breakfast and
Liturgy from 8.15am

Enrolling now for 2026



Easter

Alleluia!

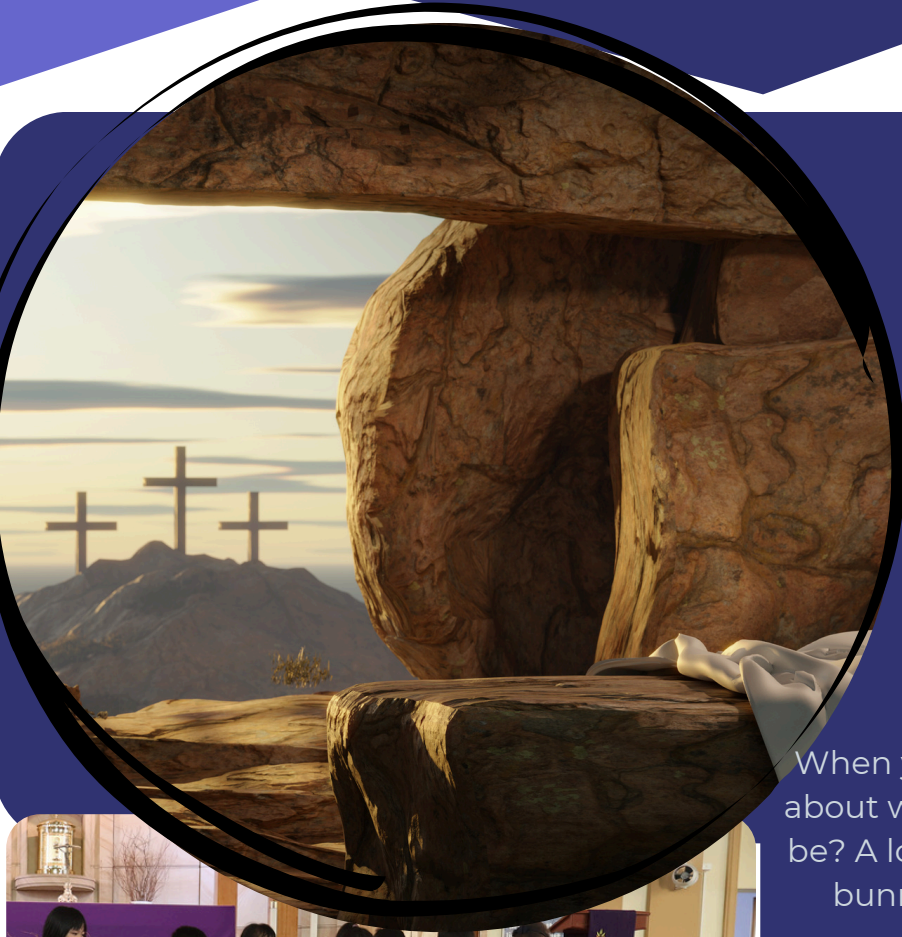
Jesus has risen.

When you ask most children what Easter is about what do you think their answer would be? A lot of them would probably say Easter bunnies, eggs, chocolate, getting their Easter baskets etc.

It is hoped that many of our students at OLD would say that Easter is about Jesus and His death and Resurrection. After all, this is the true meaning of Easter. Easter is the most important date in the Christian Calendar. The mystery of the Resurrection is not easy for us to get our minds around, let alone try to

explain to young children the amazing gift of new life that Jesus has given us.

The Easter Season follows on from the Easter Vigil and continues for fifty days until Pentecost. It is a time of rejoicing in Christ's resurrection and Ascension and a time of great hope.



Parent Connect Corner



Thank you for our Parent Engagement Coordinator, Rebecca for hosting parents at our second Parent Connect corner for 2025. It was wonderful to see so many from our community able to gather together to share a cup of tea and to connect.

LENT AND PROJECT COMPASSION



Thank you

Thank you to all in the OLD community.

So far we together we have raised almost \$2000 for Caritas.

A reminder all donation boxes are due to be received by the school this week - 3B are currently our leading fundraisers followed very closely by 4G!

We pray for all those whose access to food and water is insecure. May the whole human family respond generously in creating lasting justice in the distribution of life's necessities. May we respond to opportunities such as those presented by Project Compassion this Lent to Unite Against Poverty. May we all be one.
Amen



STUDENT RETREAT



Thank you to our members of the OLD Parish that joined our students in their first retreat day for 2025. Students learnt about the Jubilee Year and being a Pilgrim of Hope. While our students attended a special mass to complete the day our parents were welcomed by our PEC Rebecca to join together for our first Parent Faith Circle for 2025.



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all our students who participated in our recent cross country carnival and to Mr C for organising such a fabulous event. A special congratulations goes to the students in Cana - the winning house on the day. Best of luck to the students that will now move on to represent OLD at the upcoming cluster carnival.



SPORT NEWS

Broken Bay Netball Rep Trial



On Monday 7th April, Lillian.D from Year 5 represented Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at the Broken Bay Netball Representative Trial @ St Leo's College Wahroonga. There were over 65 students at the trial, & there was only 1 team of 8 to select from. Below is a recount of Lillian's experience on the day:

On Monday 7th April, I attended the Netball Representative Trial for Broken Bay. When I arrived, the head of the rep trials wrote numbers on our thighs to distinguish players.

There were 10 games, and they put 28 students on at a time, 14 on one court. There were two centres, two goal keepers, two goal attacks, two goal defences, two wing attacks, two wing defences, and 2 goal shooters. They had two in each position, so there was always someone to defend you /try to stop you from getting the ball.

We had to play at least 3 games so the four judges who were choosing the team had time to look at everyone. There were 65 girls trying out and they were mainly Year 5s and at least 10 Year 6s. If you weren't playing that round, you would sit outside or inside to have a snack or watch the other girls play. The judges were only going to choose eight students for the next stage of the trial. After five games, there was a ten-minute break so the judges could discuss. After the ten rounds, the trial finished, the judges told us we would find out via email. I then got picked up and headed back to school.

Mr. Caltabiano and the Chatswood community is very proud of Lillian for representing our school and giving it her best on the day. Although Lillian did not make it into the next stage, she still did a terrific effort. We wish Lillian all the best for the netball season ahead.

Polding Swimming Championships

A big congratulations must go to Julian.C in Year 5 who represented our school with pride in last Wednesday's Polding Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Julian came 15th overall in the Boys 10yo 50m Freestyle beating his PB (Personal Best) with a time of 39.13.

Julian I must say, Mr. Caltabiano, your teachers, your peers, and the OLD Chatswood community are so proud of your achievement. You should be very thrilled with your effort on the day. Keep up the swimming and I know one day, we will see you in the Olympics, trying to win Australia Gold! Gooooooooooooooooo Julian!





Holiday Borrowing

Students will continue to borrow in Week 10 for the School Holidays. Should students wish to, they will be permitted to take home an extra book to assist in keeping up the holiday reading!

This could be an excellent time to also visit our wonderful local council Libraries such as Chatswood or Willoughby Libraries. They have wonderful collections and many peaceful spaces for going on reading adventures.



Dymocks Writing Competition - "Beyond Words"
The School Holidays could also be an opportunity for getting those creative writing ideas flowing! Dymocks are giving young writers the chance to create their own stories on any topic or genre of their choosing. Judges are looking for unique ideas and interesting characters, as well as stories that bring about an emotional reaction be it happy or sad! Stories must be between 500-1500 words. Entries close June 1st with winners announced in October of this year. Amazing prizes are also on offer!

As advertised in the last newsletter, additional information can be found at [Dymocks Beyond Words – Creative Writing Competition](#) or by searching 'Dymocks Beyond Words Competition' in your search browser.

Looking for additional inspiration?

Listen to the PRC podcast, "Between the bookshelves!"

There are six episodes of this podcast series now available to listen to on Spotify. Our older students or parents may enjoy listening to a range of different Australian authors – pitches for their new books, recommendations for similar reads and discussions around nurturing reading.

New episodes will be released every Friday during school terms, with the following episodes now available:

Episode 1: [Yvette Poshoglian](#)

Episode 2: [Matt Ottley](#)

Episode 3: [Danielle Binks](#)

Episode 4: [Nathan Luff](#)

Episode 5: [Will Kostakis](#)

Episode 6: [Ashleigh Barton](#)

You can also listen using a web browser via the [Listen @ The Arts Unit](#) page.

Happing Reading, happy listening and have a
HOPPY EASTER!
Mrs Beth Charlton



NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge

Some students have shared the news that they have finished the challenge or are close to completing it! Excellent effort! For those that have just started... no need to panic! The challenge remains open until Book Week (August) so students have many more months of challenge reading time!

PARENT WELCOME FUNCTION



Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers that form the OLD events committee. Our recent Parent Welcome Function was well attended by our parent community and a fantastic evening was had by all.



CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Quirk.

Miss Quirk recently attended her graduation ceremony where she was presented with her Bachelor of Education (Primary).



The K -12 Journey

Primary to High school



Are you overwhelmed by the information regarding high school enrolment?

Do you know how the K-12 pathway and priority feeder school system works?

Would you like information on assisting your child transition and prepare for high school?

We invite you to a parent information evening about the K-12 journey and transition from Primary to High School.

Join us to learn how the priority feeder school program works and hear from current High School Principals, alumni students and senior primary staff. Please note this evening is open to all parents and carers regardless of the high school you wish your child to attend.

When: Wednesday 14 May

Time: 6-7pm

Where: Our Lady of Dolours Primary School - 'Innovation Station'

Register to attend: [The K-12 Journey](#)





St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

*We are bringing our offer dates forward.
Ensure you have your application in!*



- **YEAR 7 2027:**
Applications must be received by **May 1** to be considered for offers to be made in June 2025.
- **YEAR 7 2028:**
Applications must be received by **June 1** to be considered for offers to be made in July 2025.
- We encourage applications for **2029 and 2030 ASAP**, and welcome applications up to **2035!**

INTERESTED IN ST LEO'S FOR YEAR 7 2027 & 2028?

Note we must receive a completed Enrolment Application with supporting documents (including from Priority Feeder School applicants) in order to be added to our list and be considered for a position at St Leo's. An online Enrolment Enquiry is not an application. Please contact our Registrar before the due date if you are unsure about having completed a full Application.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion 2025



Enrolments for preparation and reception of First Holy Communion are now open via our parish website.

In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for

First Communion once they have been Baptised, Confirmed and prepared for First Reconciliation.

To enrol your child

Go the parish website:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>

From the home page, click on the "First Communion Enrolments" tile.

From this page, you will find all the dates and other details of the program. Scroll to the bottom of this page and click "Enrol Here" and fill out the enrolment details as required.

Enrolments close Monday 28 April

The children will receive their First Holy Communion at the Vigil, 9:00am and 10:30am Masses on the weekends of 14-15 and 21-22 June.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers during this time of preparation.

If you have any queries about the children's sacraments program,

please contact Angela or Mona at:

chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN PRAYING THE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

by Candlelight



7:30pm Wednesday 16 April



Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church
94Archer Street Chatswood

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US FOR

HOLY WEEK

SUN

APRIL 13

Palm Sunday

TUES

APRIL 15
7PM

Mass of the Oils

OLOR Cathedral
23 Yardley Ave Waitara

WED

APRIL 16
7PM

Stations of the Cross

by candlelight

THURS

APRIL 17
7PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRI

APRIL 18
10:30AM

Stations of the Cross

at Chatswood Concourse

FRI

APRIL 18
3PM

Solemn Commemoration of the Lords Passion

Good Friday Mass

SAT

APRIL 19
7PM

Easter Vigil

SUN

APRIL 20
7PM

Easter

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM
No evening Mass

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF

CARLO ACUTIS



27 APRIL – 2 MAY 9PM

**BONFIRE FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE TO GATHER
AND PRAY**



27 APRIL 5:30PM

**MASS WITH CARDINAL
MAFI, ARCHBISHOP
OF TONGA, AND
BISHOP RANDAZZO**



29 APRIL 7PM

**FILIPINO MASS WITH
BISHOP RENE RAMIREZ,
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF
MELBOURNE**



1 MAY

**TBC: EXHIBITION OF
CARLO ACUTIS**



2 MAY

**PRAISEFEST FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE**



VACATION CARE APRIL 2025

Our Lady Of Dolours Catholic School OSHC

7.30am – 6.00pm

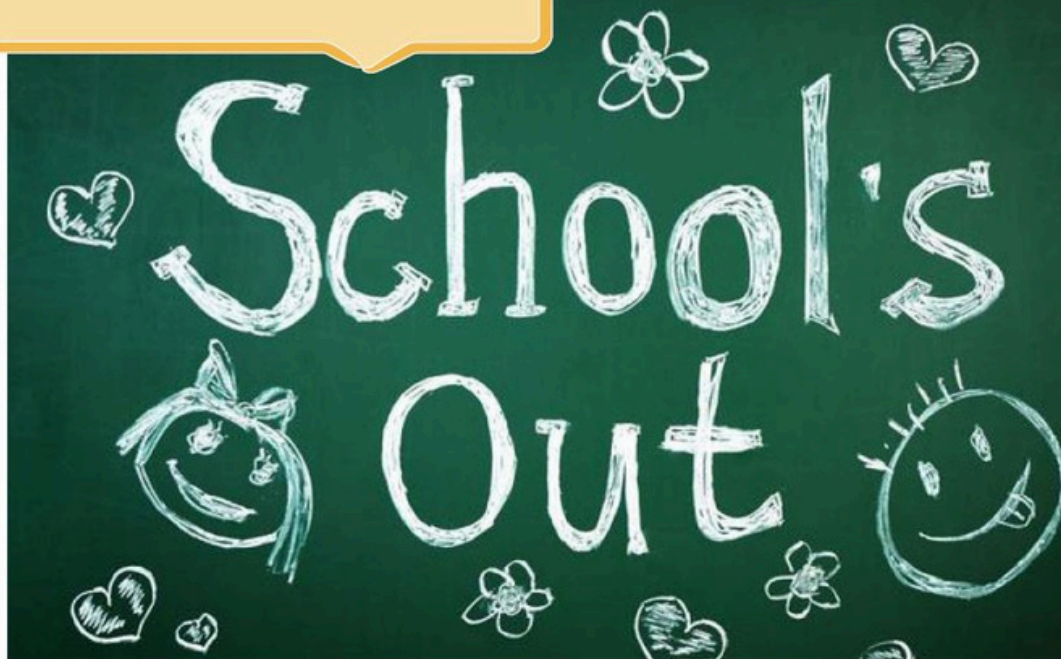
P: 0421 869 943 | E: oshc.chatswood@catholiccaredbb.org.au



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WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAYS!



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CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay



MONDAY
14 APRIL

RALLY DAY

Rev up your engines and let's hit the road! Bring your bikes and scooters on this action-packed day of zooming around our tracks and showing off your cool moves! Remember your helmet for a wheely awesome time!

\$ INCENTRE
\$80.00



TUESDAY
15 APRIL

DUMPLING WORKSHOP

Join us for a hands-on activity where you will learn new culinary skills! Follow the recipe to make two different types of dumplings: meat and vegetarian. While steaming your dumplings, you'll learn how to make a refreshing lychee mojito mocktail.

\$ INCENTRE
\$85.50



WEDNESDAY
16 APRIL

BUBBLE SOCCER

It's time to bring the fun and excitement of soccer to a whole new level where you'll bounce, roll and dodge your way to victory! With everyone inside giant inflatable bubbles, it's guaranteed to be a day full of laughter, epic moments and non-stop fun! There are limited spots for this wild and wobbly game!

\$ INCURSION
\$90.00

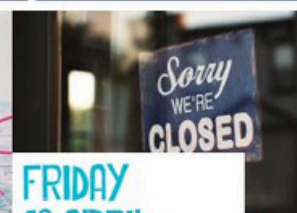


THURSDAY
17 APRIL

EGG-CELLENT EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Get ready for a hoppy day of egg-stra fun for our Easter extravaganza! From thrilling scavenger hunts to crafting our own bunny ears, it's a day packed with laughter, games and sweet treats! Hop on over and join the fun – the Easter adventure is one you don't want to miss!

\$ INCENTRE
\$85.50



FRIDAY
18 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

It's Good Friday. We are closed today, but look forward to seeing you next week.

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 <p>MONDAY 21 APRIL</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>It's Easter Monday. We hope you have a lovely Easter, and look forward to seeing you tomorrow.</p>	 <p>TUESDAY 22 APRIL</p> <p>FIRST AID FOR KIDS</p> <p>Join the Cool Kids Team for a fun, interactive and informative Incursion.</p> <p>You will learn how to make emergency calls, learn basic safety awareness and how to look out for dangers in your environment, how to deal with stings and bites and cool skills like bandaging, CPR and what to do if there is an unconscious person.</p> <p>\$ INCURSION \$101.50</p>	 <p>WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL</p> <p>MINUTE TO WIN IT</p> <p>Today we will be testing our skills and reflexes as we participate in some classic minute to win it games. We hope you all have your competitive hats on as we race to complete our tasks against our competition in under a minute each. Who will win?</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$85.50</p>	 <p>THURSDAY 24 APRIL</p> <p>MOVIE DAY</p> <p>Ready for a blockbusting adventure? Grab your pickaxe as we head to the movies to watch Minecraft: The Movie! Watch your favourite pixelated game come to life on the big screen!</p> <p>\$ EXCURSION \$101.50</p>	 <p>FRIDAY 25 APRIL</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>We are closed for ANZAC Day. See you next week.</p>
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 <p>MONDAY 28 APRIL</p> <p>CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP</p> <p>Get ready for a fun-filled, scent-sational day of creativity! Make your own colourful candles and soaps, choose amazing fragrances, and craft something special to take home. Don't miss this hands-on experience!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$90.00</p>	 <p>TUESDAY 29 APRIL</p> <p>DAY IN THE PARK</p> <p>Join us as we walk down to the local park and enjoy a day in the sun with ball games, giant arcade games and much more!</p> <p>We'll enjoy a picnic in nature with music! Be sure to book in quickly and bring along your comfiest sport shoes!</p> <p>\$ INCENTRE \$85.50</p>	 <p>SEE YOU NEXT HOLIDAYS!</p>
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ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS



ACTIVE DAY OF FUN SPORTS

9-3pm

JUNIOR TENNIS
ALL AGES & ABILITIES

UTR MATCHPLAY
PERFORMANCE PLAYERS



Voyager Willoughby
Voyager Artarmon



Voyager Artarmon

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