



MAY 2025 EDITION 7

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE REC

CAMILLA BROWN

Reconciliation Week Prayer

Almighty and loving God,

Lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.

We place before you the Aboriginal peoples' loss of land, language and culture. They have the intense pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equal.

Let us all strive for reconciliation today.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Upcoming Events

Friday 30 May
Parent visit to Blessed Carlo and
Shrine of Hope - 2pm

Monday 2 June
Parent Connect Corner
9am

Tuesday 3 June
School Photo Day

Wednesday 4 June
Parent Education Session -
Mathematics 5pm - 6pm Library

Wednesday 4 June
Parent Group Meeting
6pm in Library all welcome

Enrolling now for 2026



National Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week:

From 27 May to 3 June, our school will observe National Reconciliation Week (NRW), a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories and explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds, and actions of all Australians as we strive to build respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



The 2025 theme, "Bridging Now to Next," invites us to reflect on our shared history, acknowledge the present, and work together towards a united future. It emphasises the importance of learning from past experiences to guide us forward.

On the day following the Mass for the Inauguration of his Petrine Ministry, Pope Leo XIV also spoke about "dialogue and building bridges" in the hope of reconciliation and peace. Pope Leo echoed the message of Pope Francis and encouraged followers to continue Francis' mission to say yes to peace and reconciliation in our world.

Let us look to "build bridges" with one another by reaching out to foster peace and unity in our world.

Our Lady Help of Christians:



The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians is a special day in the Catholic Church, celebrated on 24 May each year. It honours Mary, the mother of Jesus, under the title "Help of Christians," recognising her as a protector and intercessor for all Christians. With maternal love for us, Mary wants what is best for us. She helps us as we lead others to know and love her Son Jesus too. We especially pray to Mary, this Month of May.



Devotion to Mary in the Month of May

A Poem for Mary

When you follow her,
You will not go astray;
When you pray to her
You will not despair;
When you think of her;
You will not err;
When she holds you up,
You will not fail;
When she protects you,
You will not fear;
When she leads you,
You will not be fatigued;
When she favors you,
You will arrive safely.
She keeps her son
from striking us;
She keeps the devil
from hurting us;
She keeps our virtues
from escaping us;
She keeps our merits
from being destroyed;
She keeps our graces
from being lost.

(St. Bernard)



Kindergarten Incursion

Kindergarten recently had a wonderful day experiencing Aboriginal culture. Their cultural experience also saw them learn to throw spears and boomerangs as well as learning some traditional dances.





Sport News

Polding Boys Football (Soccer) Representative Trials

On Friday the 2nd of May, we were excited to have our future Football (soccer) star Maxwell (from Year 6) participate in the Polding Football (Soccer) Representative Trial at Bathurst (a 3-hour drive west of Chatswood). Maxwell arrived in Bathurst the day before, for a training session and ready for his trial the next day. Maxwell is congratulated for reaching this stage of the Football (Soccer) Trials. As a school and community we are proud of Maxwell for coming this far. Mr. Caltabiano and everyone from OLD, wish you all the best of luck in the Football (Soccer) season this year.



North Shore (Zone) Cross Country Trials 2025

On Wednesday 7th May, 2025 at Pennant Hills Park, our cross country squad proudly represented Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at the North Shore (Zone) Cross Country Trials. Congratulations to all students, as they all ran exceptionally well despite some students coming from the Year 5/6 camp to run on the day. All students warmed up eagerly before the race. As an onlooker from outside the course, Mr. Caltabiano noticed all students putting in their best effort in completing the course. Every OLD, Chatswood cross country squad member is commended for the amazing job they did. Every student cheered on each other and encouraged their school peers when they were running. Mr. Caltabiano is so proud of you all!!! Well done to you all!!!



Student's results are as follows:

Nathan - 10yo Boys 40th overall out of 70
Jimmy - 8/9yo Boys 22nd overall out of 78
Dominic- 8/9yo Boys 32nd overall out of 78
Ilaria - 8/9yo Girls 26th overall out of 78
Hannah - 10yo Girls 28th overall out of 74
Liam - 11yo Boys 35th overall out of 55
Isabelle - 8/9yo Girls 25th overall out of 78
Fergus - 10yo Boys 25th overall out of 70
Annabelle - 8/9yo Girls 36th overall out of 78

Big congratulations must go to:

Noah - 12/13yo Boys 11th overall out of 49
Maxwell - 12/13yo Boys 20th overall out of 49

Both students have made it into the next stage of the cross-country trials which will be held on Friday 30th May at the Gosford Racecourse.

What an amazing achievement from these two students especially backing it up from camp. They have been recently training hard in the mornings at 7.30am with Mr.C preparing for the next trial. From our school community, we wish Noah and Maxwell all the best in the next stage. Good Luck!!



Mr. Caltabiano would like to thank those parents who came to support their child on the day. The community spirit of OLD, Chatswood makes sporting events like this enjoyable and as a sports teacher, proud to be a part of. Thank you to the parent helpers who came to assist on the day and helped when needed. It really made the day run smoothly and the students were thankful for having you there.

Parent Education Session #2

The K-12 School Journey



Thank you to our parents who were able to join us for our second Parent Education Session for 2025. Mr Ianni was joined by Principals from St Leo's Catholic College - Mr Tony Gleeson, Mercy Catholic College - Ms Brenda Timp and St Paul's Catholic College - Ms Gabie Stojanovski, for an informative evening on the benefits of remaining at a dedicated K-6 primary school before moving into high school in Year 7.

Parents were also introduced to the amazing opportunities offered by our CSBB High Schools and found out how the priority feeder school program works for seamless school journey from Kindergarten to Year 12.



More information about the K-12 Education Journey and benefits of transitioning to High School in Year 7 Can be found here: -

[**The K-12 Journey**](#)



Year 1 Mass

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the Year 1 Mass last Sunday. Thank you to Miss Quirk, Ms Tjhia, Miss Molinaro, Mrs Molinaro and Mr Ianni for joining this celebration and blessing of students.





Parent Education Session #2 - Mathematics Wednesday 4 June 5pm Register Here

Parent Education Session #2 -
Mathematics



Join us for an evening of information on mathematics for the Primary School Student. Learn about how your child/ren learn maths in the classroom and the ways in which you can assist them with their learning in partnership with our teachers. This evening will have a particular focus on the early years (K-2) but all parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend. Please note this is a parent only event and will be followed by our Parent Engagement Meeting

PHOTO DAY IS COMING



Your School Photo Day/s:

Tuesday 3 June 2025 (Main Day)

E sydney@msp.com.au

T 9499 6555

PO Box 850

Rozelle NSW 209

www.msp.com.au

**Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School -
Chatswood**

HOW TO ORDER

Ordering your 2025 photos is quick and easy!

You can order now through the Compass Portal

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing
when you order through the Compass Portal

To place your order make sure you have your Compass login details handy

<https://olddb-nsw.compass.education/>

If you are having problems logging into your parent portal, click "Can't
access your account?" and follow the prompts

Please note Sibling Photo orders must be placed BEFORE your last photo day.

*Separated parents must contact us directly to have their orders left at the office for
collection.*

PLEASE NOTE

Online Ordering Cut off date: 03-June-2025

After this date, an archive fee will apply to any orders placed

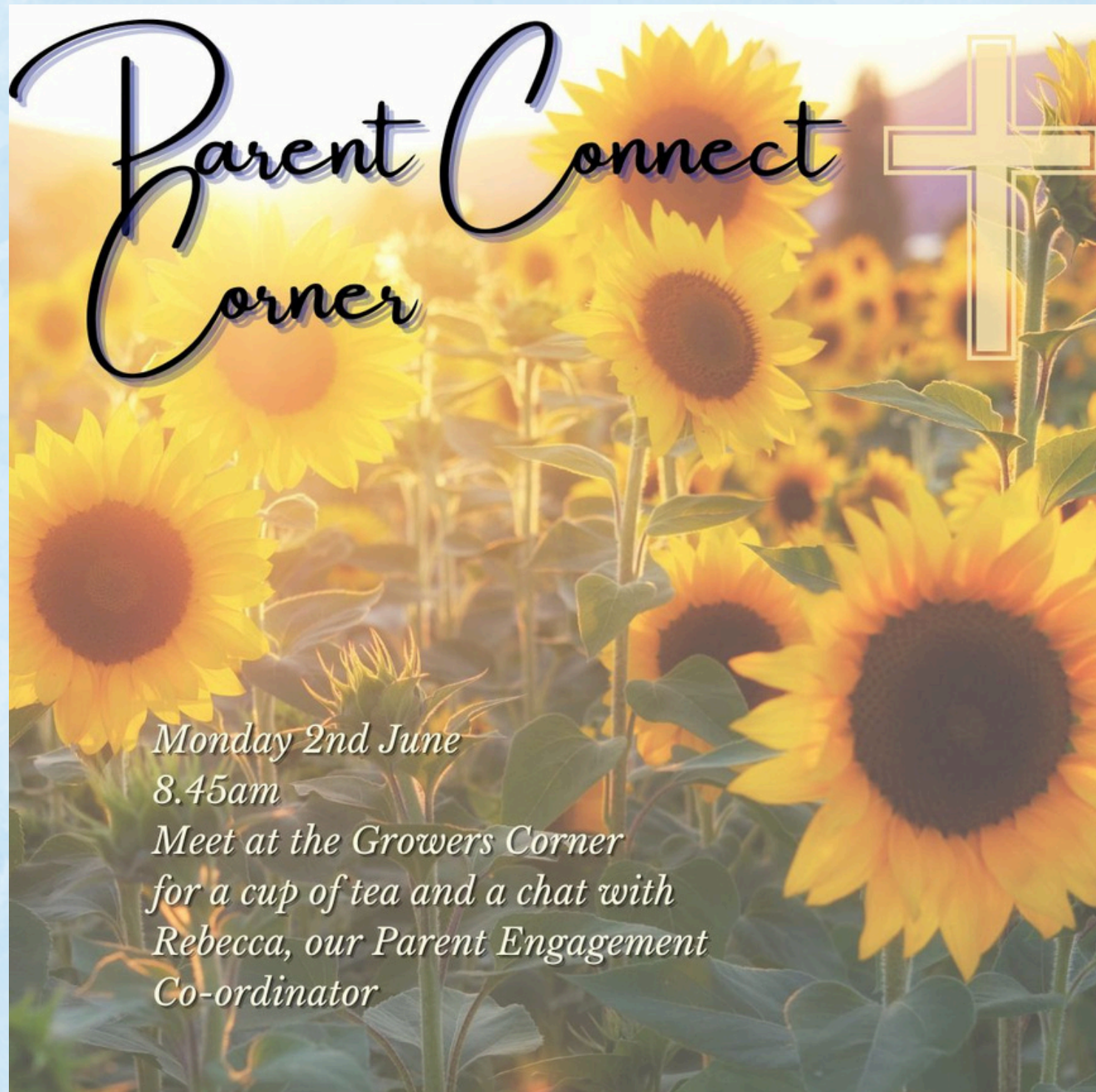
Parent Corner

Canteen volunteers needed

Are you available to volunteer to assist in the school canteen?

Please sign up here: - [Canteen volunteer roster](#)

The students thank you for your time!!



*Monday 2nd June
8.45am
Meet at the Growers Corner
for a cup of tea and a chat with
Rebecca, our Parent Engagement
Co-ordinator*

Our Shrine of Hope and Blessed Carlo Acutis



We warmly welcome our parents to join us for reflection and worship led by Father Hien to learn more about our Shrine of Hope and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Friday 30 May 2025

2pm - 2.30pm

Our Lady of Dolours Parish Church

RSVP: Rebecca Molinaro -

rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

AN OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LEAD AND RUN BY THE
SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART



9-20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrim focuses on prayer and reflection as an integral part of pilgrimage. At each of the sites around Australia we visit we take time to pray and reflect on our own lives in the light of Mary MacKillop's life. We start in Melbourne and end in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. Anyone at any stage of their faith journey is welcome to join us!

For all inclusive costs and more information please get in touch:

For more information:

✉ national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

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🌐 Or visit our website and navigate to the pilgrimage section:
www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Let's walk together in hope - be part of our national pilgrimage this year!



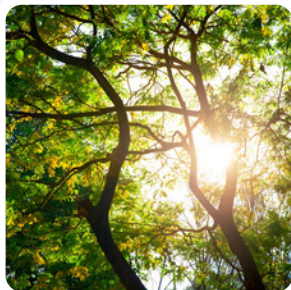
9:30am - 2:10pm

The Pilgrim's call to hopefulness in human happiness and holiness.

Refreshing our sense of Vatican II's teaching on God's Self-Revealing Word in human-beinghood.

May

21WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction and love.

Reflecting on St Paul's letter to the Romans especially 8:15-30 and a glimpse into Vatican II's "Gaudium et Spes" [Joy and Hope].

July

30WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Recognising Signs of hope among us and being sources of hope for others in need.

Recognising the "Universal Call to Holiness" in Vatican II's document "Lumen Gentium" [The Light of the World].

Sept

17WED



9:30am - 2:10pm

Anchored in hope of being the Body of Jesus Christ, opening doors of healing, forgiveness, support and encouragement for others.

Glimpsing Vatican II's document on the Christian community's participation in the Sacred Liturgy.

Nov

19WED



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE REFLECTION DAYS WITH THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

All are welcome to join us for a series of Wednesdays dedicated to prayer, reflection, and faith enrichment, inspired by the 2025 Year of Hope, accompanied by Sr Virginia Bourke rsj, held at Mary MacKillop Place.

Please RSVP by emailing Olivia.Lee@mmp.org.au

For more info or questions:

✉ ministries@mmp.org.au

☎ 02 8912 4800

📍 **Mary MacKillop Place**
Joachim Forbes Room
11 Mount St, North Sydney
Entry in the museum building.

Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

PLAYGROUP



All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm – 2:30pm.

An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000



PARENT & INFANT MASS

**Child friendly weekday Mass every
Thursday 12:30pm**

Attending Mass can often be stressful for a parent, particularly while juggling the needs of your child. This Mass is an opportunity to gather with other parents, without judgement, with the support of the Priest and parishioners.

