



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

*We Remember Pope Francis*

*1936-2025*

*God in Heaven*

*We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis and for all the wonderful ways he inspired us to build a better world.*

*Help us to continue his work by being Pilgrims of Hope, like he was.*

*May he rest in your peace.*

*Amen.*

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Pope Francis. His unwavering dedication to our Catholic faith and his compassionate leadership have left an indelible mark on our hearts. We remain steadfast in our faith, inspired by his teachings and commitment to love, peace, and justice. May he rest in peace. As we await the naming of the next Pope, we remain united in prayer and hope. This period of anticipation is a time for reflection and faith, trusting in God's guidance for the Church's future. We look forward to welcoming our new spiritual leader with open hearts and minds.

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 14 May  
K-12 School Journey  
Parent Education Session

Sunday 18 May  
Year 1 Class Mass

Tuesday 20 May  
Year 3 Science Excursion

Thursday 29 May  
Year 6 Leadership Day

Wednesday 4 June  
Parent Education Session -  
Mathematics

Enrolling now for 2026



# We remember Pope Francis



Loving God, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis.

We know you join us in our grief,  
that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus.

Welcome Pope Francis into your waiting arms.

Envelop him in your eternal love.

Comfort us as we strive to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis.

Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another,  
how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond with compassionate love.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.



Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves.





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term 2, I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break with your families over the school holiday period.

I thank our school leaders for joining me for the dawn service on ANZAC day and to our Year 3 students for leading us in our whole school ANZAC liturgy.

This morning saw a wonderful celebration of our Mothers, Grandmothers and the special women in our lives as we gathered for our traditional Mothers' day breakfast, liturgy and open classrooms. I thank all those who were able to join us for this wonderful celebration and all the staff and parent volunteers that make these OLD community events so special.

I would also like to thank our stage 3 teachers, Mr Swales and Miss Gallagher, Miss Hull and Mrs Crino along with Mrs Clouston, Miss Brown, Miss Bolger and Miss Quirk for attending our stage 3 camp to Milson Island. Students should be commended on the impressive way they represented OLD while enjoying the wonderful experiences camp has to offer.

Finally I look forward to welcoming our parent community to our second parent education session for 2025 next Wednesday evening (14 May). The evening will be focusing on the K-12 journey, providing insights into the benefits of a specialised K-6 setting and high school options, I hope to see many of you there.



# ANZAC Day



Thank you to our Year 6 leaders who joined Mr Ianni on ANZAC Day to represent OLD at the ANZAC dawn service. Thank you also to our Year 3 students who lead us in a beautiful liturgy as a school community.





# Devotion to Mary in the Month of May

The month of May is dedicated to the devotion to Mary. We are encouraged to pray to Mary and honour her. We can do this by saying the Rosary or by placing flowers at her statue in your home or at church.

Here is a beautiful prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary that you can use during the month of May.

## **Prayer to Mary**

**O Mary, we crown thee with  
blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the  
May.**

**O Mary, we crown thee with  
blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the  
May.**

**O Mary, we turn to you in our need,  
With hearts full of love and  
devotion.**

**Guide us, protect us, and intercede,  
As we journey through life's ocean.  
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is  
with thee;**

**Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners, now and at the  
hour of our death. Amen.**



Seeking Mary's intercession means asking her to pray to God on our behalf. In the Catholic tradition, Mary is seen as a powerful advocate and mediator because of her close relationship with Jesus. When we ask for her intercession, we believe that she will present our prayers and needs to God, adding her own prayers to ours.



# We Welcome Pope Leo XIV



We are delighted to welcome Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, to our community. Born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago, he has dedicated his life to serving the Church. Before becoming Pope, he worked extensively in Peru, helping communities and spreading the teachings of Christ. As the 267th Pope, he brings a message of unity and love. Let's join together in prayer and celebration, embracing his guidance and wisdom. May he inspire us to live with kindness and faith every day.

*Dear Lord,*

*We thank You for the blessing of Pope Leo XIV.*

*May you guide him with Your wisdom and love as he leads our Church.*

*Help us to open our hearts to his message of faith, hope, and unity.*

*May his presence inspire us to follow Christ's teachings and live with kindness and compassion every day.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*





# Stage 3 Camp



*This week the stage 3 students and accompanying teachers went to Milson Island for three days and two nights. It was the most wonderful experience and over the three days the children went kayaking, fishing, rode BMX bikes, made rafts and tested them on the water, experienced archery and worked together to make the highest towers they could out of crates. Our students were so well behaved, respectful at all times and showed kindness and compassion to all. We are so immensely proud of their efforts.*

*The aim of the camp was to develop independence, resilience, persistence and collaboration skills. I can say that each student demonstrated growth in these areas during our time away and the best part was the fun they experienced whilst gaining these valuable skills.*

*I thank the teachers who attended camp as they each took time away from their families and commitments to support our students to have a positive camp experience.*

*Kelly Clouston*

*Assistant Principal*

Milson Island was a great experience. We learned a lot of new things. There were lots of activities we did with our friends and the instructors. On Monday we got up early in the morning to hop on the bus while we waved our families goodbye. Once we were on the ferry, we saw many beautiful things on the island with a stunning view of the crystal-clear water. As we got off the ferry, we saw our instructors and they showed us around the island. After a while, we had our lunch. Then our instructors announced our groups for the activities. I was in the green group. One of my favourite activities was Archery. In Archery the instructors showed how to use the bow and arrow. One of my least activities was BMX bike riding. We first choose our bikes and then did our safety check. Once we started riding the bikes, my legs were tired and hurting. After a while we had gone back to our cabin in my cabin was Talia, Kyna, Evelyn and me. We also had some free time. After the free time we had dinner. We had rice and chicken. For dessert we had ice-cream cup. Once we were all full, we had nighttime activities. The nighttime activities were my favourite part. We played fun games with our friends. As we were all tired and sweaty we all showered and got into our beds. On Tuesday we woke up and got ready to start the day. For breakfast we had toast and scrambled eggs. Then we went back to our cabins to change into our swimmers. The first thing I did was kayaking. The instructors gave us life jackets for safety. Then once we got there, they showed us how to paddle. It was hard and fun at the same time. Then we all had lunch after we showered. Once all the activities were done, we had free time like on Monday. I played uno with my friends. Then after an hour, we all headed back for dinner. We had butter chicken. On the last day we all took part in a race. Part of the race was scavenger hunt where we had to find letters to get points. After eating lunch it was finally time to go. We hopped on the ferry and stare at the beautiful view, and we knew that we were going to miss Milson Island. At least we get to cherish this moment with our friends and teachers. - ANAMIKA

Milson Island was a great experience! On Monday, I took a bus and ferry with my friends/ classmates, and we landed on the stunning Island. I'm pretty sure that all my roommates in my cabin had a wonderful time, staying there for 2 nights! I loved how there was fishing and archery. I even caught a catfish it was very big; it had long thin whiskers. I also loved how we learnt how to make fire with flint and steel just like in Minecraft! It was interesting to learn. The instructor told us it's unlikely for us to get burnt while tilting the fire. It was great to spend few days in Milson Island. My favourite activities were the amazing race or fishing. I rate it out of 10/10 honestly. - LUCIA





# Stage 3 Camp



The Milson Island camp was so exciting and was all about adventure, fun and exercising. On Monday we got up very early in the morning and quickly went to school. We then caught the bus to the river side just opposite Milsons Island. So, we hopped onto a ferry and went on our way to Milsons Island. Once we arrived, we grabbed our bags, went to our cabins to chuck our bags in and went to the dining hall. We ate a huge lunch before getting ready in our groups for fun, energetic activities. I was in the blue group, and we were doing BMX bike riding! We first did the M check and felt the tires to see if they needed to be pumped up. After a few loops around the area our fun instructor, Jackson, gave us the challenges and we were ready for them. Everybody's positivity gave fear a big push of their mind. We went bike riding in the highest tracks, scattered with rocks on the ground and annoying branches in the way of our narrow path. There was a lot of insects. A LOT. Shall we say... I got a spider web in my mouth. Anyhow, we never gave up. And after what felt like hours of bike riding, the best and longest time of our lives, we finished the track. We never felt so proud of ourselves that we completed such a difficult task. We then went fishing and so many people caught a fish! After that we raced to our cabins and dozed off. On Tuesday, we gobbled down all our breakfast before throwing on some aqua shoes and a swimsuit for kayaking. When we finished breakfast, we went to the fishing dock and carried heaving kayak boats. Kyna and I then hopped onto the boat, put on some Life jackets, and paddled our way to the rest of the group. We then spent some time admiring an army of sunset like jellyfish and paddling to "Who knows where." Well, we went to the opposite side of the island. After an hour we went back to shore, and I got called again to go with a year five. We then were first place going to different places and looking at more jellyfish. In the evening, we did some fun night activities after dinner and did an obstacle course race, my team came in 2nd place! On Wednesday morning we did this challenge called the amazing race and we had to build a raft in the water with specific materials and score bullseye in archery and some other activities. We also lit a fire! In the end, we came 2nd place again! It was such a fun experience, and I would love to go back again. This camp trip is a memory I will cherish forever. - LOUISE

On Monday, Year 6 and Year 5 went camping to Milson Island for 3 days! We had great instructors and super fun activities! My favourite activities were archery and raft building. We got to the island by going on a boat and a bus. There were jelly fish and other fish in the river. I think it was the best camp ever. It was a 10 out of 10!! - AYUNA

Milson Island was a great place to have camp this year! My friends and I really enjoyed the fun activities and games we got to do! My favourite activities were archery and mountain biking. Our instructors were very kind and helped us lots. Overall, I think it was a great couple of days, it was the best camp I've gone on in a while!! - LYLAH

On Monday morning I went to Milson Island. The bus left at 8 am. It took 1-hour to get to the Hawkesbury River. Then when I got there, I went on a boat for 20 minutes. When I got to the island, I had lunch which was a chicken burrito. Then I did BMX bike riding. We had to wear a helmet and do the M check to see if the bike was safe to ride. The next thing I did was fishing, sadly I did not get any fish. After that we had some free time. At night, we had dinner and went to do some game activities. I was tired after the day and went to sleep. The next day I woke up then had breakfast. We had some eggs, toast, yogurt and cereal. After breakfast I went kayaking then had lunch. The lunch was a beef burger. Then I did archery, and I got a bullseye. After I did raft building where my team got the most laps of the pool. My team did 4 laps! In the afternoon we had free time where we got to play with our friends. On the second night for dinner, we had butter chicken and rice. After dinner we did a mini-Olympics. My team got 310 points! We were then so tired and went to sleep. The next day I had breakfast. It was pancakes and toast. I then had to leave the island to represent our school at cross country. - LIAM S





# Stage 3 Camp



Milson island was a great place the instructors were kind, and the activities were fun. I especially liked archery and raft building, where we make a raft and we all took turns in our team to sit on it. It is a great time to spend the days outdoors and get to make friends from other grades. I enjoyed Milson Island a lot. I could not count how many times all the students were having a great time and smiling. I would go again if I could. I really enjoyed having fun with my friends and getting to learn some new skills like learning how to do archery. It was all amazing! It was a ten out of ten experience in my opinion. I think the future year 5 and 6 would enjoy Milson Island too! - HAILEY



Milson Island was great! I can't wait to tell you about how fun and amazing it was on my 3 days stay. On Monday I took a 1-hour journey to Milson Island by bus and boat. Once I arrived with my friends, we took our suitcases and prepared for our first activity. First, I did archery, and it was very fun, although I missed a lot of arrows, I still managed to at least hit one target sign. After that I straight away went to raft building and wore my swimmers since I was going to get very wet. We started building our raft and tested some materials like boxes, wood and some rope and baskets. It took us a long time to build our raft since we needed to make a lot of adjustments to make our raft float and work. But in the end my group was successful and were able to hold our weight on the raft 10 times! We had lots of fun and were soaking wet. We went back to our cabins and dried up to get ready for our lunch. For lunch I had a chicken burrito, and it was delicious. After that it was free time, so I played chess with my friend Malcolm and Liam S. I also played a card game with some other friends. Next, I had dinner which was Mongolian beef rice which was very nice. Lastly, we did some fun night-time activities. We did a lot of different types of sports. Teamwork was important and helped us win. My group got 310 points, and we came in 4th place. My friends were very good at running and my friend Liam S helped me a lot with running, he has trained a lot in sports. The next day I went BMX bike riding with my green team, and I bravely decided to do the long and exciting challenge. It took me around 50 mins to finish my race and I came 4th place on BMX bike riding. I felt proud and very tired, so I rested in my cabin for about 20 mins and changed into my swimmers as I got ready for water sports which was Kayaking. I got a paddle equipment and had a friend to push our boat into the lake to get started with. While I paddled with my kayaking oar, I spotted some neon orange jellyfish, and they floated by us. I tried to pick it up with my paddle, but it was too heavy to carry. So, I placed it back from the river and continued paddling with my friend. After that I had went to my cabin and rinsed my legs to get rid of the dirt. Next, I had free time and played chess again with Liam. He was good at chess and told me he had been playing for about 3 years. After that I had a great dinner which was curry and rice with naan bread. Next at around 8:00 pm we had a mini-Olympics. It consisted of we a variety of sports like running, catching and some unique exercises that was hard but at the same time fun as well. The next day I had pancakes with syrup and jam which was very delightful breakfast to eat on was our last day for camp. We had an event which was called the amazing race and had lots of sports all around the Island. My team very good and was able to do lots of sports like lighting up fire or running and fishing! It was a very good day to our 3 days camp and was a worth a while time to spend time with my friends. Before we left back to school, we had our final lunch and had beef nachos for lunch. We went back to school all tired and excited. To be honest, if there was another camp again, I wouldn't think twice and leave to camp before you even know it! And just to let you know it was very worth it.... - RAFA



On Monday we took a bus and ferry to Milson Island, and we saw many bright orange jellyfish with a stunning view and the bright sun was shining. When we arrived, we had to walk up a steep hill and we went to the assembly area to learn more about what we will do and where it will be. We had a delicious chicken wrap for lunch, and we were split up into 3 colour groups and then our cabins. Which was great as we unpacked for our first activities. The activities were amazing as we did 2-4 activities per day. The activities were Kayaking, BMX riding, which was my personal favourite, Raft building, archery, fishing and the amazing race which consisted of things like starting fires, basketball and scavenger hunts. We got free time every day for a few hours, where we got to play tip and uno. At the end of all the days we did some night activities to get rid of some of our leftover energy. At the end of camp some of my friends left from homesickness or cross country so I got a great opportunity to make new friends. Eventually we all packed our bags and had to leave the island, but I would go back if I could. We were all tired and we had a smooth bus ride on the way back and it felt amazing to go back home. - LIAM B



I absolutely loved camp it was so fun, and I got to enjoy so many fun and cool activities with my friends and laugh at all our funny (bad) jokes. My favourite activity and was by far the most fun, was raft building. The water was very cold, and Louise kept splashing me and everyone splashed each other. Another activity I loved was on the last day, The Amazing Race. We had to run around the island and collect different letters and points. My favourite activity in the amazing race was lighting the fire because one of the trainers helped us a lot giving us extra cotton balls when we needed it. I also personally liked archery even though I wasn't good at it at all. It was a 10/10 experience, and I wish I could do it again. I loved the beef nachos so extra 10 points, 20/10! - MIRIN



# Mothers' Day



What a wonderful 2 days we have had celebrating our mums. Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers from our parent community for organising both our Mothers' Day Stall and our Mothers' Day breakfast, thank you to our staff for all your hard work in bringing together our very special Mothers' Day liturgy and to our students for your active participation and leadership. We wish our mums, grandmothers and all the special women in our student and staff's lives a wonderful Mothers' Day.





# PEC Pilgrimage #1



In the school holidays, I was able to attend a pilgrimage to Manly with a group of Parent Engagement Co-Ordinators from the Broken Bay Diocese. We started our walk with a prayer and joined in conversations with our friends as we walked along the beach on a windy day and took in the beautiful scenery and then we arrived at St Mary Immaculate Church in Manly.

At St Mary's Immaculate there is a Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations. Where there is a relic of St John Vianney – the Patron Saint of Priests. We had Father Sam who talked to us about St John Vianney who was a passionate priest in France, he also talked about the year of Jubilee and about the Shrines of Hope in our Diocese. We prayed for our Vocation as PEC's to St John Vianney and lit candles to help us guide our own school communities in the roles that we do. We all got our pilgrimage passports stamped and look forward to going to the other shrines of hope in the Broken Bay area. The Shrine of Hope for Families (Gosford) and our own Shrine of Hope for Young People (Chatswood).

For more information about the Jubilee Pilgrim Passport please go to [Jubilee Pilgrim Passports - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay](#).





# Student Spotlight



Congratulations Elisabeth whose dance group was invited to perform at Ingénia Holiday Parks Sydney Family Show (<https://www.sydneyfamilyshow.com.au/>) at the end of April



Congratulations Neil on your recent achievement at the Barker Open EPC Doubles tournament (Orange Ball) held on 6 April 2025 at Barker College.

The tournament was open format with each player playing against/with every other player. Neil was awarded a medal for sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Logan who recently starred in a new silent short film for Telstra. The short film will be used as part of a series of short films reminding cinemagoers to put their phones on silent. The film *Magnetic Boy* features a child who has a curious affliction (or perhaps a superpower?).

The series of short films can be viewed here:  
[MAGNETIC BOY](#)





# 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](#)





# PHOTO DAY IS COMING



**Your School Photo Day/s:**

**Tuesday 3 June 2025 (Main Day)**

E [sydney@msp.com.au](mailto:sydney@msp.com.au)

T 9499 6555

PO Box 850

Rozelle NSW 209

[www.msp.com.au](http://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!!



We warmly welcome families to attend our community engagement session to support the ongoing development of our shared vision for the future of Catholic Schools Broken Bay.

. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with our community and share their hopes and perspectives for the journey ahead.

This session is part of our broader consultation across the Diocese and offers families the opportunity to shape the future Family Journey experience, from Baptism through to Post-School in a way that is welcoming, connected, and aligned with our shared vision.

Precinct: North Shore Catholic Schools Precinct

Date: Thursday 15 May 2025

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Pymble

Coordinator: Brenda Timp

RSVP here:- [Together lets shape the future of the family journey experience](#)





# Year One *Mass*

9am  
**18**

MAY

**Our Lady of Dolours  
Church**

94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share  
and join us after Mass in the school playground  
for morning tea.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For any queries contact: Angela at  
[angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au)



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](mailto: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.





# What's on at Willoughby City Library

## Term 2 2025



Preloved toy workshop: play, learn, swap (4-6 years). Bring toys and join the fun! Preschoolers can swap toys and discover how they can help the planet, one toy at a time.



BFF club (7-12 years) at Chatswood Library. Join our first monthly Book-Fun & Friends club for book chats, writing activities, book-related crafts, author talks and games.



Kids create! at Artarmon, Northbridge and West Chatswood Libraries. Monthly crafting sessions for 5-10 year olds and their families.



Primary school homework club (5-12 years) at Chatswood Library. Drop in and get your homework done! Supported by senior students from Mercy College.

Visit our website to register,  
and for more information on upcoming events.

**[libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)**

