



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI

The Ascension of Jesus

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age"

(Matthew 28:19-20)

Thank you to our parents who were able to attend our Parent Education Session on Mathematics and to our staff who organised the night. It was wonderful to see our parents so engaged in the activities presented, we hope these will be utilised at home and give you a greater understanding of learning in the classroom.

A reminder to families that may have a child at home ready to commence school in 2026, applications for enrolment are now due and positions are almost filled. Please see the school office if you are yet to submit an application.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10 June
Year 3 excursion
Science - Clontarf

Tuesday 10 June
Year 6 Leadership day

Wednesday 11 June
Stage 1 History
a day in the past

Friday 13 June
School disco

Monday 16 June
Student retreat

Enrolling now for 2026



Visit to the Shrine of Blessed Carlos Acutis

Fr Hein led our students on a very special visit to the church, where they saw the shrine of Blessed Carlos Acutis. He spoke beautifully about what it means to be a saint – a friend of God. He explained that Carlos was a true friend of Jesus, someone who always spoke to Him and prayed with love and devotion. Fr Hein reminded us that we can all become saints too, by being friends of Jesus in our everyday lives.

Fr Hein showed the children the relic of Blessed Carlo's hair, presented in the shape of a cross inside a beautiful golden cross. The children were fascinated by this precious and sacred item.

Fr Hein also read the story of The Good Shepherd, helping the children understand that Jesus calls each of us by name and wants to be our friend.

We all sang together the hymn "Open My Eyes, Lord", and Fr Hein encouraged everyone to remember to open our eyes so we can see Jesus; to open our ears so we can hear Him, and to open our hearts so we can love Him more.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Year 1 shared their thoughts afterwards:

"We saw the hair of Carlo and my favourite part was when we sang 'Open My Eyes, Lord!' – Pande

"We saw Carlo's hair and it was the best day!" – Kheaan

"It was so fun there, and Fr Hein showed us Carlo's shrine. It was interesting!" - Josh

"My favourite part was when he showed us God and we sang with Fr Hein. It was so fun!" – Lara

It was a joyful and inspiring visit that helped our children grow closer to Jesus and understand that friendship with Him is something we can all live out each day.



Our visit to the Blessed Carlo Acutis Shrine of Hope at Chatswood was filled with peace and reverence. Father Hien guided us through adoration, encouraging us to pray, open our hearts, believe and to talk to Jesus. It was a deeply moving experience, providing us with clarity and strengthening our faith.

First Holy Communion

On the 14th and 15th of June and on the 21st and 22nd of June our OLD students will be receiving the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion during the parish mass times. We would like to congratulate them and please keep them in your prayers as they receive Jesus into their hearts.

Jessica B
Logan C
Caitlin C
Christopher C
Lucas J
Chloe K
Logan L
Caezley L
Hannah L
Rhianne M
Lucas M
Lyanna M

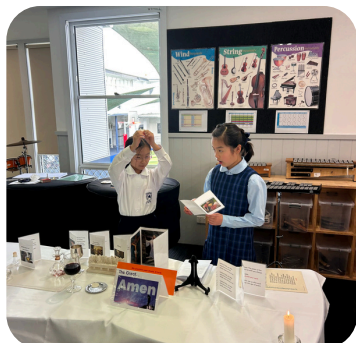
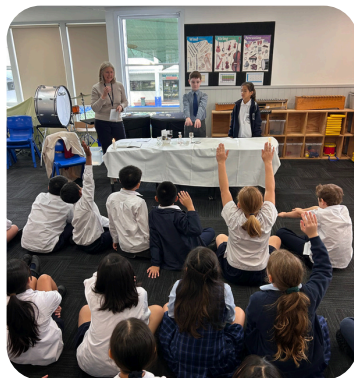
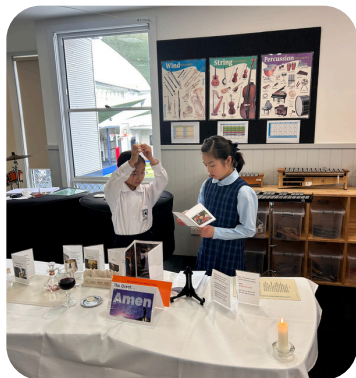
Mary-Jane M
Jaxson M
Francesca M
Seraphina M
Hannah N
Olivia N
Alexis O
Daniel P
Sebastian R
Eva S
Isabelle S
Ana Marija S

Kathleen S
Tegan V
Tristan W
Johnathan Y



Year 4 Sacramental Retreat - Communion preparation

Thank you to Angela and Mona from our OLD Parish for joining Year 4 and running the Sacramental Retreat. This was an important part in the preparation process for our year 4 students as they readied themselves for receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Thank you also to our Year 4 teachers for their assistance in this program.

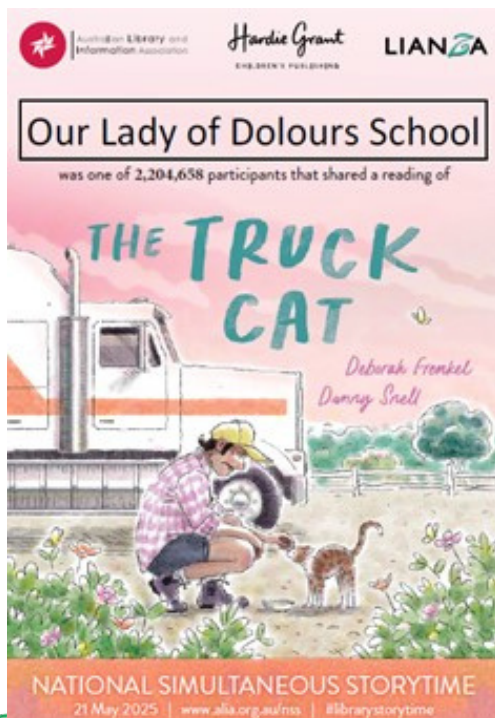




LIBRARY

Lost Library Books

A reminder that if you have been searching for a Library book at home for a few weeks or months and it seems to have been misplaced, the easiest and most effective way of solving this problem is to get a replacement copy and send it into school with your child. Books can often be replaced from larger retail chains or online. In this way, the books can then be read and enjoyed by other students. This is particularly important if the book borrowed and misplaced was a newer title. Please email the school office with information of books that are known to be lost and we can mark them as so on our school catalogue system. Reminder notices are generally sent out at the end of a semester.



National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday May 21st, OLD participated in the 25th anniversary year of National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the selected text was *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell. It is an adventure filled story about relationships and belonging whilst also finding a place to call home. Our students joined in with over 2,204,658 children in schools across the country to celebrate this wonderful story and the joy of shared reading.

Parent Education Session #3

Mathematics



We had a wonderfully engaging evening with our parents at our third Parent Education Session for 2025 focusing on Mathematics. Mrs Clouston and Mrs Croall worked with parents on the ways Mathematics is taught to our students and different ways of thinking about and approaching maths. Parents were able to engage in games and activities that will strengthen their understanding of maths in the classroom and enable them to work in partnership with our teachers on strengthening students skills.



Student Pilgrimage

Jana's Pilgrimage – Year 1

Jana's family recently enjoyed the experience of visiting the 3 Shrines of Hope in the Broken Bay Diocese. Thank you to Jana's Mum Marie for sharing their story and the reason why they decided to go on this journey with Jana, a wonderful way to make new traditions.

I just wanted to share a little something that brought back wonderful memories this past Easter weekend.

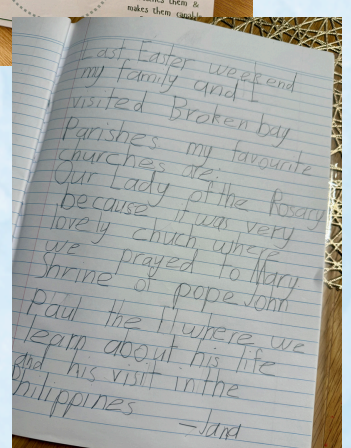
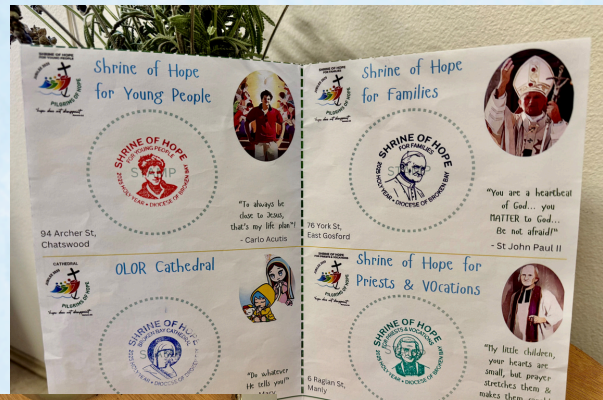
Back in the Philippines, I remember how we used to do Visita Iglesia during Holy Week – visiting 14 different churches and praying the Stations of the Cross at each one. It was always such a meaningful tradition.

My husband and I have been living here in Australia for about 12 years now, and just this past Easter, we finally found something similar – The Jubilee passport of Hope! We then decided to do a mini version of Visita Iglesia – this time with our daughter, Jana.

It turned out to be such a beautiful and enriching experience. Jana had the most amazing time exploring and learning about the pilgrim churches around our diocese. It was so heartwarming to see her curiosity and excitement grow with every visit.

One of the highlights of our pilgrimage was seeing the relics of Pope John Paul II. It felt extra special because I was just around Jana's age when he visited the Philippines. It brought back so many memories and made the experience even more touching for me personally.

I just thought I'd share this with you – it's lovely how some traditions can find new life in a different place, especially when shared with the next generation.



Sport News

School Athletics Carnival

Please remember to note in your diaries that our School Athletics Carnival is soon approaching in Week 8 Friday 20th June at Bannockburn Oval - Bannockburn Rd & Birubi Ave, 52 Bannockburn Rd, Pymble NSW 2073. An event for your child will be created on Compass this week. Please ensure that you have read and answered the questions on the event and if you could help as a parent helper on the day to put your name down. More information about maps and times will be uploaded on Compass in Week 7.



Broken Bay Cross Country

Last Friday, 30 May, Maxwell and Noah from Year 6 went to compete in the Broken Bay Cross Country Trials at Gosford Racecourse.

Here is a recount by Noah about his experience of the day:

On Friday Maxwell and I drove to Gosford Entertainment Grounds to represent the North Shore in Cross Country. When we arrived, we signed in and got our race number. We watched all the other races and supported the other North Shore runners. I ate a banana and had an energy drink before my race to stay hydrated; we stayed active by walking around the racetrack and doing stretches and drills.

I was quite nervous before my race, but I calmed my nerves by focusing on my breathing and staying calm. When we got called for our race we went through a tunnel leading us to the start line. When the race started, I pushed to my limit and tried to have fun. It was a very fun course with lots of puddles and gravel paths. I ended up coming 34th out of 60 runners and Maxwell came 36th. I had a great time and I am glad I got to represent the North Shore.

On behalf of our school and community, I would like to congratulate Maxwell and Noah for trying their best and showing great determination in finishing the race. Their dedication in doing well in the event must be commended, as they were training and practising with Mr.C at 7.30am in the mornings prior to the race. They are great leaders of Year 6 and are great role models in committing themselves to achieve their goals. Well done to you both!!!

Parent Corner

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council met for the second time this year to discuss the current goals and future plans of the school.

As part of the school's commitment to supporting every child's unique learning journey, key priorities for the year ahead were discussed.

A major focus for 2025 is the continued support of Diverse Learners, including students for whom English is an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).

Through assessment and tracking language progression, the school is able to identify and cater for student's needs, obtaining further supports and assistance.

The great success of the parent education sessions was also discussed. The first two sessions, focused on 'Transition to High School' and 'Early Years Reading', were well received.

The 'North Shore Review' was also touched upon, highlighting CSBB's future plans and goals in the area.

As a new member to the School Advisory Council, it is so wonderful to see the insights and passion of the OLD staff. Their continued determination to provide the best education and learning environment for our children brings me great confidence that I picked the best school for my son.

It's an honour to be on the Council and I look forward to contributing so that all of our children can continue to thrive.

Matthew Aylward

STUDENTS DISCO



Our student disco will be held next Friday 13 June. Tickets are available to purchase through Qkr!

Please note that food for the night needs to be pre-purchased through the Qkr! app - student pizza will be unavailable for purchase on the night.

If you would like to volunteer please use the following link:

[Disco volunteer sign up](#)

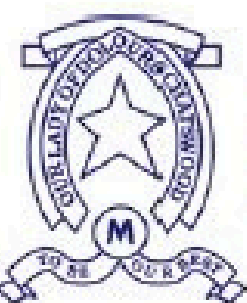
Canteen volunteers needed

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!!





Thursday 29th May 2025

The Jesuit Refugee Service is a Catholic social justice outreach group that supports refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations in Sydney.

As a Catholic community, we are committed to reaching out to others in need. We warmly invite all our families at Our Lady of Dolours to join together in support of the Jesuit Refugee Service. A list of donations has been attached. If possible, please bring in your donations by the end of Week 7 (Friday 13th of June). You are welcome to drop heavier items at the office if your child is unable to carry them.

We are also looking for volunteer drivers who can deliver these donated items to the JRS in Parramatta using their personal car after the collection. Please contact Miss Camilla Brown via the school office if you may be interested in helping us distribute the materials. JRS is open Monday 9am-4pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The JRS outreach community, along with the refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations are immensely grateful for your kindness.





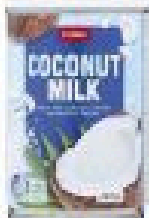







On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for supporting JRS!

JRS AUSTRALIA

FOODBANK

How can you help?
JRS are in need the following:

Basmati rice (1kg) 	Shampoo & Conditioner 
Canned tomatoes, 400g 	Toothbrushes & Toothpaste 
Canned coconut milk, 400ml 	Soap 
Canned condensed milk, 400ml 	Deodorant (men's and women's) 
Canned tuna in oil (not flavoured) (190g and 425g) 	Instant Coffee & Tea bags 

Thank you for your compassionate support!



Hollywood Disco

13 June 2025 (Friday)
Kindy to Year 2: 5:00-6:00pm
Year 3-6: 6:15-7:15pm
School Hall

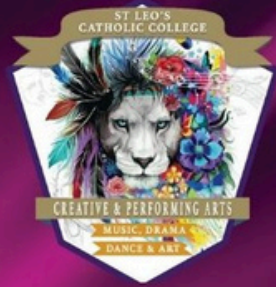


Tickets are available to purchase on Qkr
\$10 - Kids' Entry
\$10 - Kids' food (Pizza & Juice)
\$10 - Parents' food (Sausage & Softdrinks)
\$5 - Sausage or Drink only

All funds raised will go towards
reading materials (eg. decodable readers
and home reading books)



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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!



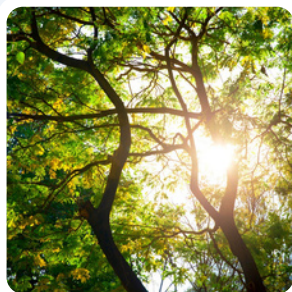
9:30am - 2:10pm

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



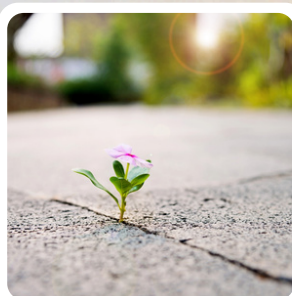
9:30am - 2:10pm

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.



YOU'RE INVITED!

You and your family are warmly invited to join us on Sunday 29 June for Parish-in-Council VII - an opportunity to help shape the future of our parish together!

Parish-in-Council VII

Like our six previous Parish-in-Councils, this afternoon gathering will include a catered lunch, engaging presentations, meaningful conversations, and the opportunity for every voice in our diverse community to be heard.

We'll meet new people, get to know one another better and continue our journey to becoming a vibrant and inclusive community of God, where everyone feels accepted, valued and known - a true sense of belonging.

Kids-in-Council VII

Running in parallel to Parish-in-Council, our Kids-in-Council is tailored for children of all ages, from toddlers through to teens, with catered lunch and lots of fun, age appropriate activities!

Register Now!

Our Parish and Kids in Councils will be held on Sunday 29 June from 12.10 pm in Harrington Hall.

To learn more and register, visit: <https://form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/pic-vii>, or scan the QR code.

