



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI

*Trinity Sunday*

*Whatever the Father has is mine.*

*The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it*

*John 16:12-15*

It has been a very busy few weeks at OLD. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the students who have recently received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a significant milestone in their spiritual journey, and we are incredibly proud of their commitment and dedication.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to the parent volunteers who have generously given their time to support our recent school excursions and our school disco. Your involvement is invaluable, and we truly appreciate your dedication to enhancing our students' learning experiences.

School excursions and incursions play a crucial role in our educational program. They provide students with hands-on learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom, fostering curiosity and a love for learning. Recently, our students in year 1 stepped back in time with a day in history while our year 3 and stage 3 participated in STEM excursions focusing on science and engineering which were particularly inspiring, allowing students to explore these fields in a practical and engaging way.

Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our children to thrive.

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 24 June  
Year 4 Incursion

Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 June  
Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 3 July  
Term 3 concludes  
for students

Friday 4 July  
Staff Development Day

Monday 21 July  
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 22 July  
Term 3 commences

Enrolling now for 2026





# Stage 1 - A day in the past



Stage 1 enjoyed a step back in time as they experienced a day in the past. Their history lessons came to life as they dressed up, participated in fun games and activities and learnt about what school looked like in the past.





# First Holy Communion

On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of June and on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Caезley 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 3 Science STEM Day

## – A Blast of Discovery!

Our Year 3 students had an unforgettable day diving into the world of science with an action-packed STEM program by 'Ranger Jamie'! The day began with a warm welcome from our energetic Rangers, followed by an exciting science show and a jaw-dropping liquid nitrogen demonstration. Students got hands-on with slime-making, explored how heat changes materials, and conducted their own experiments using special tools and equipment. They investigated solids, liquids, gases, plasma, and even non-Newtonian fluids! Thank you SO much to our parent volunteers – Tanya, Jennifer, Evalina and Jan – we appreciate your support and spending the day with us!



JOY:

YEAR 3 EXCURSION POEM  
RUMBLING! IT SHOOTS  
OF COURSE! IT CRASHED ON THE GROUND  
CAUGHT ON THE WET AND ATROCIOUS  
GRASS  
KEEN! PEOPLE CHEER FOR ANOTHER ONE.  
EVERYONE SHOUTED AT THE TOP OF  
THEIR LUNGS. YAY!!  
TINY ROCKETS. WHO KNEW HOW FAR  
THEY WOULD FLY



SAMMY:

READY SET POP! THE PLASTIC BOTTLE  
LAUNCHED RAPIDLY THROUGH THE AIR  
USING POWER FROM VINEGAR & BAKING  
SODA. THE SUPER, SCIENTIFIC, EXCITING,  
EXTRAORDINARY, EXCURSION.

S.UPER SATIFYING  
L.IQUID THAT TURNED INTO SOLID  
I.NCREDIBLY MESY  
M.ONSTROSITY OF FUN  
E.XCITING EXCURSION!



AVALYN:

THE ROCKET

PATIENTLY WE WAITED, FOR THE BOTTLE  
TO POP! SAMARIA AND I WERE SQUEEZING  
EACH OTHER'S HANDS.... THE SUSPENSE  
WAS HIGH. SUDDENLY, POP! IT SOARED  
UP, UP, UP IN THE AIR. THE BOTTLE  
LANDED FLAT ON THE SIDE, BUBBLING  
OUT ALL THAT WAS INSIDE.



RAILEY:

NITROGEN! THE FREEZING NITROGEN MIXED WITH THE SOAPY WATER TURNED INTO  
LITTLE, MICROSCOPIC WHITE ROCKS SPRINKLING ABOVE OUR HEADS.



# Year 3 Science STEM Day

## – A Blast of Discovery!



LINDSAY

MY FAVOURITE PART WAS THE OOBLECK EXPERIMENT BECAUSE IT WAS VERY FUN AT FIRST, IT MELTED IN MY HANDS LIKE A LIQUID, AND WHEN I PUNCHED THE OOBLECK IT WAS ACTING LIKE A SOLID AND I WAS VERY HAPPY THAT WE HAD A COOL TUB OF RELAXING WATER TO PUT OUR HANDS IN AND GET CLEAN!



JOSHUA

ROCKETS FLYING AROUND  
OUT OF THIS WORLD  
COUNTDOWN 3, 2, 1  
KEEP REACHING HIGHER  
EXPLORE THE MULTIVERSE  
TRAVEL TO INTERESTING PLACES



ANNABELLE

FIRST, WE CAUGHT THE BUS, WE ALL TALKED ON THE BUS AND PLAYED GAMES, IT TOOK 20 MINUTES TO GET THERE. WE DROVE TO CLONTARF RESERVE MANLY.

NEXT, WE FINALLY GOT THERE, WE ATE OUR FRUIT BREAK AND RECESS. THEN WE STARTED TO DO EXPERIMENTS, WE MET TWO RANGERS. THEN A RANGER ASKED FOR TWO PEOPLE TO COME UP, THEY PICKED JASPER AND ILARIA. AND WE DID DO MORE EXPERIMENTS.

THEN WE CROSSED THE ROAD TO DO AN EXPERIMENT. THERE WAS A TUB AND A BOX OF CORNFLOUR. THEN WE MADE OOBLECK, FOUR PEOPLE IN EACH GROUP. THEN WE MADE ROCKETS FROM PAPER AND DESIGNED OUR ROCKETS. IT WAS TIME FOR LUNCH, ME, OLLIE, KEZZIE, PLAYED TOGETHER ON A HILL AS 3B AND 3G WENT TO SEE THE WATER AND PELICANS.

AFTER THAT WE DID A DIFFERENT KIND OF ROCKET MADE OF VINEGAR AND BAKING SODA AND A BOTTLE. AFTER THAT WE MADE THE PAPER ROCKETS FLY. THEN IT WAS TIME TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL, WE CAUGHT THE BUS.

MY FAVOURITE PART WAS WHEN WE MADE THE PAPER ROCKETS.



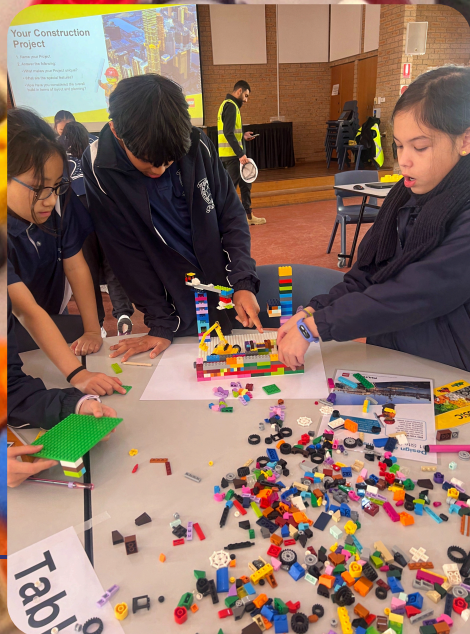
# Stage 3 Multiplex Incursion



Year 5 and Year 6 recently had a day of all things Lego. 'When the day started we were put into groups and an instructor explained to us that we had to make a functional and sustainable house for construction workers to eat and sleep in. We would then also have to build a crane, elevator, forklift and more. Everyone started building and after we were all done each team presented their creations. Some were creative while others were funny. Finally we had to build a bridge that had to hold 6 weights and a bottle!' - Amelie



On Friday we participated in a Multiplex incursion. I found it fun and was in a great group mixed with Year 5 and 6. Our group built a tower crane, a forklift, pillars and stairs. We also built a nature garden for our building with a fan that had spinning parts. When we built our bridge we made rainbow pillars to support the building and added another garden. When we did the bridge strength tests ours survived and was announced one of the winners!' - Jasmine





# Student Hollywood Disco



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and at the event to make our Hollywood Disco a fabulous success. This wonderful community event was thoroughly enjoyed by students as they danced, sang and socialised with friends.

Support for the night also saw \$3748 raised which will benefit all our students with Library and Classroom resources.





# Parent Education Session #4

## Preparing for School



Thank you to our School Leaders and Kindergarten team for leading our 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Education Session for the year. We welcomed families of children yet to embark on their Primary School journey for an evening of hints and tips on preparing for school. As we all know starting school can be a daunting experience but it doesn't need to be stressful. Parents were able to engage with staff on ways they can emotionally, mentally and physically support their preschoolers as they prepare for the next step in their educational journey.







Join us for a very special evening  
at Mercy College for

# Taize Prayer

Friday 27 June 6pm-6.45pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILDREN, PARISHIONERS  
AND FRIENDS IN A SERVICE OF SONG, SILENCE AND CONTEMPLATION.

In the Mercy Chapel

Followed by light refreshments







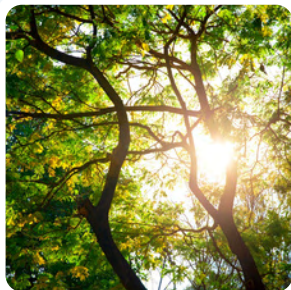
9:30am - 2:10pm

**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**



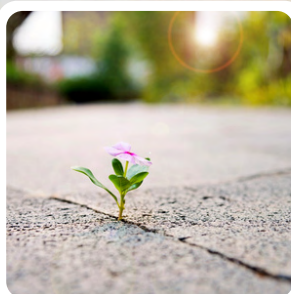
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**Patient in suffering, persistent in belief, conviction and love.**

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](mailto:Olivia.Lee@mmp.org.au)**

**For more info or questions:**

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📍 **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](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.





# 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.

