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OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Holy Father, we humbly come before You, inspired by the life of Mary Magdalene.

Grant us the strength to seek You with unwavering faith, to embrace transformation, and to share Your love boldly. May we, like her, be steadfast witnesses to Your resurrection and proclaim Your grace in our lives. Amen

It was wonderful to welcome all our staff and students back with warm greetings and joyful smiles. Everyone has returned from holidays well-rested, healthy and ready to engage in some exciting learning experiences.

Term 3 is the most rewarding part of the year as the pressure of NAPLAN, Reports and Parent Teacher interviews is over and we are able to just focus on what we do best, teaching and learning.

The term has started successfully with a wonderful celebration of Kindergarten's 100 Days at School and we have so much more to look forward to with our Public Speaking finals, Grandparents Day, Book Week, beginning the Transition to School process for our Kindergarten 2026 students and our School Musical.

We are looking forward to a successful term 3 and thank you for your continued support as we work together in partnership for all our beautiful students.

Upcoming Events

Monday 4 August
Grandparents Day
9am

Friday 8 August
Crazy Sock Day
Gold coin donation

Sunday 17 August
Year 2 class Mass

Wednesday 27 August
Parent Education Session
STEM

Tuesday 23 September
School Musical

Enrolling now for 2026



Congratulations Kindergarten on



Congratulations to our Kindergarten of 2025 who have just celebrated 100 days of school – hip hip hooray! We are so proud of you all. This milestone was celebrated in classrooms with our Kindergarten students participating in a wide range of activities to commemorate this special occasion. Many children displayed great creativity and came dressed with their decorated 100 day t-shirt.



100 days of learning done, we can't wait to see
what the next 100 days holds

NRL Incursion Year 1 and 2



Last Monday the 28th July, the National Rugby League (NRL) Game Development Team came to OLD, Chatswood for an Incursion for Years 1 and 2. The students took part in some Rugby League activities that had them moving and learning new skills. From all accounts, the students in Years 1 and 2 all had fun and learnt many new skills which I am sure they will use in their future games.



Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Ellisha from Year 1. Ellisha was recently presented an award at NSW Parliament House for her winning Harmony Day Poster.



Annabelle.S in Year 5 is one of our schools up-and-coming girls' basketball stars.

Last weekend, she won her first Championship at the Metro Junior Basketball for Under 12s girls Basketball New South Wales (BNSW).

Annabelle even got herself a Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award from the BNSW. Their team has now advanced to the State Championship to compete on Friday 15 August to Sunday 17 August.

What a great achievement Annabelle! You should be even prouder for receiving the MVP Award, fantastic!! This is a testament of how dedicated you are in the sport, well done! The school community of OLD, Chatswood wish Annabelle all the best in the State Championships in August.



Student Spotlight

Ayuna Reaches Semi-Finals at Prestigious Ballet Competition

We are delighted to share that Ayuna recently performed the classical variation Swanilda from Coppélia with elegance and confidence at the Australian Classical Challenge (ACC) — a national ballet competition held in Canberra that showcases some of the most promising young dancers from across Australia.

Ayuna progressed to the semi-finals of this prestigious event, which offers young performers the opportunity to dance on a professional stage and gain valuable experience alongside peers of outstanding talent.

Congratulations to Ayuna on her incredible dedication and achievement!




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SCHOOL CITY2SURF FUNDRAISER



This year some of the staff at OLD have decided to do the City2Surf together – a 14km run from Sydney CBD to Bondi Beach. We have been practising and are looking forward to the run on the 10th August. Our team's name is O.L.D Super Stars.

The staff participating are: Ms Quirk, Ms Molinaro, Mrs Tjhia, Mr Swales, Ms Ferrero, Ms Fletcher, Miss Hull, Mr Caltabiano, Ms Bolger, Ms K.Gallagher, Ms S.Gallagher, Mrs Crino, Ms Flores, Mrs Zahra and Mrs Molinaro, .

We are fundraising for the event. The fundraiser we have chosen is Children's Cancer Institute. If you can please help by making a donation through our team's page that would be appreciated and will go a long way in supporting this cause. Link is below:

<https://city2surf25.grassrootz.com/ccia/o-l-d-super-stars>

Thanking you in advance for all your support and for cheering us on.

Kind Regards

OLD Staff



HELP US FUNDRAISE FOR MARY MAC'S PLACE

An educational opportunity for our schools and community



Crazy Sock Day Friday 8 August

Mary MacKillop Feast Day



**PLEASE BRING
A GOLD COIN
DONATION**

Mary Mac's Place supplies a nutritious two course sit down lunch daily and a place to shower and to wash clothes. We offer friendly support and companionship plus access to outreach services like Legal Aid, homelessness support services, emergency relief and health assistance.



Homelessness and social isolation can be overcome by working together
- CatholicCare and Catholic Schools Broken Bay - as one community.

We receive no funding and rely 100% on community support!

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/mmp-schools



Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Year Two *Mass*

9am
17

AUGUST

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

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.



Ku-Ring-Gai Little Athletics



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Season Starts September.

Registration opens August.

**Winter Cross Country from
April to end July 2025**

Little Athletics is the foundation of most sports as it develops an individual's speed, strength and stamina. Little athletics allows children of all abilities to participate in a range of activities including running, jumping and throwing, meet new friends from different schools and have fun doing so! Little Athletics is a community activity run by volunteers, which attracts families throughout Ku Ring Gai



GIVE US A TRY!