

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



Upcoming Events

Monday 1 September
Year 6 Bake and Craft Stall

Monday 1 September
Paint and Sip RE Materials
9am

Thursday 4 September
Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 5 September
Fathers' Day B'fast & Liturgy
8.15am

Monday 15 September
Our Lady of Dolours
Feast Day

Tuesday 23 September
School Musical

FROM THE PRINCIPAL MARCO IANNI

The Narrow Door

Reflection on Luke 13:22-30

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Guidance

Loving God,

You call us to strive to enter through the narrow door, reminding us that Your Kingdom is reached with faith, perseverance, and love.

This week we also give thanks for the gift of our Bishop, on the anniversary of his episcopal ordination. Bless him with strength, wisdom, and joy as he shepherds your people along the path of discipleship.

May we, guided by his witness and by Your Word, walk faithfully in the way of Christ, so that we may one day rejoice together at the banquet of Your Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It has been a very busy few weeks for our OLD community. I thank the staff, students and our parents for all their hard work and support in the many events and activities we have participated in.

Public speaking concluded at a school level and our 2 proud OLD representatives spoke extremely well at the recent Cluster finals. Congratulations to Autumn who will now represent the North Shore at the Diocesan finals next month.

We celebrated book week with a wonderful parade, local library visits and activities.

Classes set themselves up as art galleries for our Religious Art walk displaying a wealth of creativity all relating to this year's theme - Witness.

And we welcomed parents in to an interactive STEM session where they were able to experience STEM as our students do as part of their everyday learning.

Next week we are looking forward to the annual year 6 Bake Sale and celebrating our Fathers' Day breakfast and Liturgy.

Finally we are preparing ourselves for final rehearsals as the school builds with excitement for our upcoming musical - Seussical Jnr. If you haven't yet secured your seats there are a very small number of tickets available which can be accessed through the following link -

[Creative Arts 2025 - Seussical Jnr ticket link](#)

Enrolling now for 2026



Religious Art Prize - Theme Witness

Congratulations to our 2025 finalists - (one 1st place and 3 runners-up per grade)

KINDY

- Kayla - Winner
- Jacob
- Eito
- Anna

YEAR 1

- Monae - Winner
- Runa
- Damian
- Anya

Year 2

- Ciara - Winner
- Alyssa
- Finn
- Adela

YEAR 3

- Railey - Winner
- Neil
- Lindsay
- Laxina

YEAR 4

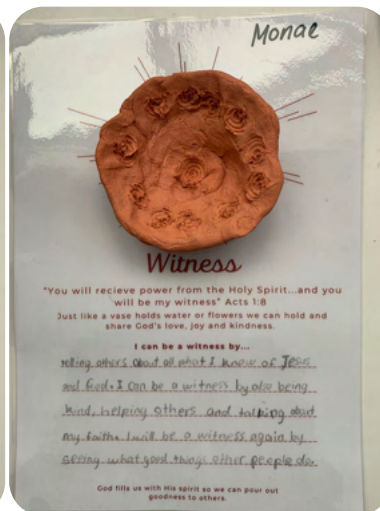
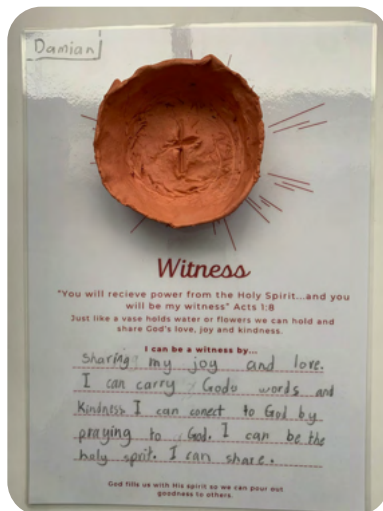
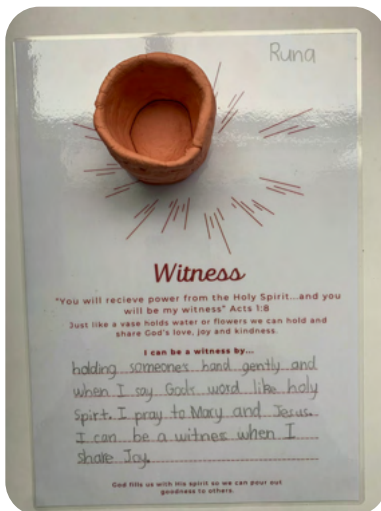
- Chloe - Winner
- Lucas
- Tegan
- Vivi

YEAR 5

- Ashleigh - Winner Art
- Sara & Immy - Winner Movie
- Jasmine - Art
- Nina - Art

YEAR 6

- Liam, Liam, Maxwell, Rafa & Tatsumi - Winner Movie
- Audrey - Winner Art
- Jeremy - Art
- Lucia - Art



Religious Art Prize – Lucia (Year 6)

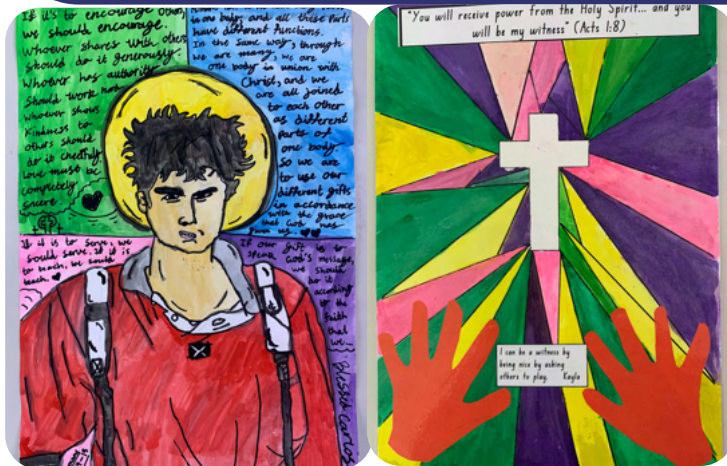
My religious art prize entry represents the theme of witness. Similar to God, birds witness many actions of the world each day from above. They see events and acts of kindness and God's love as they fly above people each day. Birds communicate by song. In my opinion this is similar to the peaceful sounds that humans create when they pray. In the bible, Jesus tells his friends that God will send them a special helper called the Holy Spirit. In the catholic church the Holy Spirit is often represented by a dove. My bird is unique and has been created with kind eyes. Kindness is one of the many traits I believe that Catholic people should have while they are called to witness and spread God's love. Just like the gospel says witnesses should spread the good news of Jesus Christ.



Religious Art Prize - Theme Witness

Jesus walks on Water (Year 6) - By Liam S, Liam B, Maxwell, Rafa and Tatsumi

Our story is Jesus' walking on water as it shows the theme witness because it shows the miracle from what a witness would have seen in this story. In our story, the witness is John. We wrote what John might responded to it. When we were making the set, we used Lego figures for the characters. In his life, Jesus showed many miracles, and we picked our favourite one with the most powerful meaning to us and I wonder what your favourite miracle was. Walking on water is when Jesus' disciples were in a hard position, and waves were knocking their boat down and Jesus walked on the rocky waves and saved his friends. In his life, Jesus preformed 37 breath-taking miracles, all of them were for a great reason to his followers. In our story It starts with the boat in the water and suddenly Jesus walks on water.

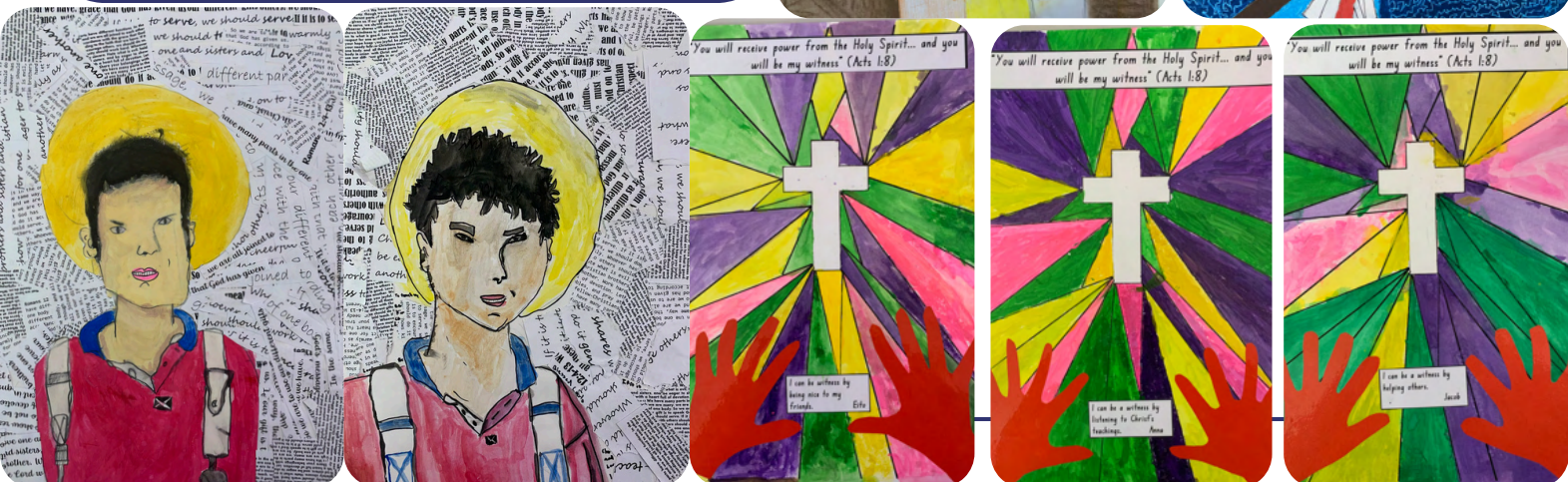


Witness Dance (Year 5) SARA & IMMY

Me and my friend Sara chose a song about witnessing Jesus in our lives and choreographed a dance and sang to the song 'I am a witness' by Shawna Edwards. We feel that this song really connects to us and our lives.

The theme Witness can be lived out in our everyday lives when we follow the people who do good deeds and believe in God and witness them doing these deeds to those in need. Even though we weren't with him during his teachings, or the sad day he was crucified, we can still experience him today. Some ways we can do this are reading the bible, praying to God and Jesus regularly, and trying to understand and treat others the way Jesus did.

We hope that by listening to and watching our dance, people can learn that God still lives and loves everyone today and you can still witness him, whoever you are.



LIBRARY

It has been a very busy few weeks in the Library so far this term! We have "booked our adventure" and journeyed into the land of storytelling. We have done this by reading many of the Children's Book Council of Australia's nominated book titles across several categories. We have shared the words of some of Australia's great contemporary authors... delving into the emotions of both joy and loss, reflecting upon explorations and journeying, learning about Indigenous weaving practices, talking about our memories and imaginations, as well as travel around our great country with our families. Congratulations to all the nominated Australian books - their writers and illustrators, but particularly the winners for 2025:

2025 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS



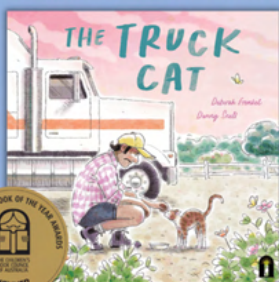
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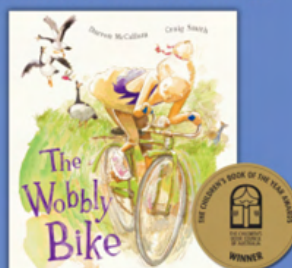
Winner: Picture Book of the Year

2025 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Honour: Picture Book of the Year

2025 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Winner: Early Childhood

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Honour: Early Childhood

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Winner: Eve Pownall Award

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2025 BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Winner: Award for New Illustrator

Year 1 Artworks inspired by nominated book: A Leaf Called Greaf by Kelly Canby



Chatswood Library Visits

Our students in grades 2-6 were able to again visit Chatswood Library this book week. Eleni and Lee the Teacher-Librarians shared with us some of the notable books for 2025. They also led us in some incredible activities to inspire us to read and explore adventure filled books. We learnt about animals and how loud they are. Most of them I guessed incorrectly! Ashley 3G. We learnt about the shortlisted books. We read the book Fact Versus Fiction. Some people got it right and some got it wrong! Keira and Abigail 3G. Our Library visits are a great way to connect with our wider community and get to know our council Library space. We thank the Teacher Librarians there for always warmly welcoming us during Book Week.

LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge 2025

As previously mentioned, the Premier's Reading Challenge was extended this year. All students who have begun the challenge will have until Friday September 19th 2025 (Week 9, Term 3) to log all their books.

OLD Adventure Passports

Students are continuing to have the opportunity to complete Passport Challenges in Library lessons. Students are encouraged to work on tasks at home should they choose to. Some students have written stories, created artworks and gone on very exciting adventures. Feel free to share with Mrs Charlton any of your additional activities!



OLD Annual Book Parade

Well what a morning! On Wednesday we sang, danced and paraded our way around our playground. We were lucky to get fine weather and the enthusiasm of all the OLD students.

Thank you to all our families for assisting the children to organise their outstanding costumes. The students thought deeply about who they wanted to come to school as and some of the crafting efforts were exceptional. We had a wonderful time parading and sharing our dress-ups. Thank you to all the family members who came to watch and cheer us on. Finally a huge thank you to DJ Mr Ianni and all the teachers for their great efforts during what it such a busy term!

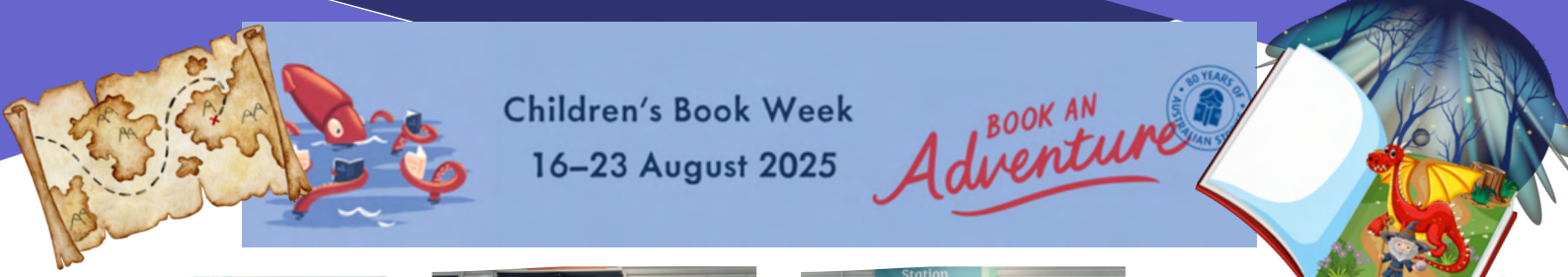


Although every student who participated deserves recognition, the following students have been acknowledged for a Character Creativity Award:

KB	KG	1B	1G
Abigail	Lawrence	Bentlee	Lara
2B	2G	3B	3G
Yicheng	Arisa	Stella	Lauren
4B	4G	5B	5G
Logan	Mary-Jane	Gabriella	Miguel
6B	6G		
Malcolm	Maria		

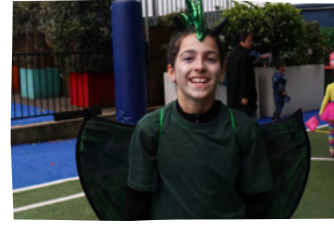
Special Commendations:
 Nicolo (3B)
 Julian (5G)
 Cassius (5B)
 Monae (1G)
 Lyanna (4B)





Children's Book Week
16-23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure



Public Speaking

Well done to Autumn and Michaela who recently represented OLD at the North Shore Cluster Public Speaking finals.

Both girls spoke extremely well and represented OLD with pride. It was noted how impressed the special guests were when the girls delivered their speeches without notes or palm cards - a rare skill to execute.

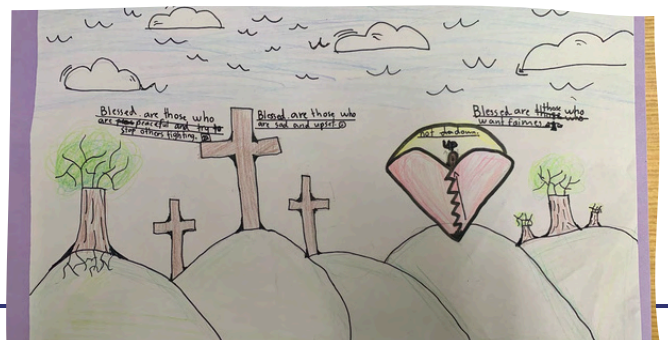
We are immensely proud of both students but offer an extra congratulations to Autumn who placed 2nd overall and will now represent the North Shore at the Diocesan final next month. Good luck Autumn we can't wait to hear how you go.



Student Spotlight

Congratulations Olivia from 1G, who recently achieved 3rd place in the 7 year olds category at the North Sydney Physie dance competition. Well done Olivia!





Year 2 Mass



Monday	12.30pm	Morning Prayer	Tuesday to Saturday 8.45am
Tuesday	9am 12.30pm	Rosary	Monday 11.45am Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am
Wednesday	9am 12.30pm 6.30pm (Mass of Hope)	Thursday Adoration	Thursday after 9am Mass
Thursday	9am 12.30pm	Thursday evening Holy Hour	Thursday 7pm - 8pm
Friday	9am 12.30pm	Saturday Adoration and Novena	Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am
Saturday	9am		

Double Relics. Double Sainthood

On Sunday 7th September 5:30pm Mass the church will be celebrating a double celebration of the canonisation of two new saints Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati relic (a piece of his clothing) will be placed in the Shrine of Hope next to Blessed Carlo Acutis on this night, which will make our church a focal point for young people to show their adoration especially in this jubilee year.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. –

VERSO L'ALTO (TO THE HEIGHTS) – to ascend not only mountains, but the heights of holiness.

“A Man of the Beatitudes”

- Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in Turin Italy 1901 and Died in 1925. He died suddenly at 24 years of Age from polio.
- From an early age he had deep devotion to the Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the teachings of the Church.
- Frassati's days were filled with activity: he attended daily Mass, spent hours in Eucharistic adoration, visited the poor, supported families in need, and wrote letters promoting justice and peace.
- He was also known for his laughter, athleticism, and love of the outdoors. He organized hiking and skiing trips, seeing nature as a way to encounter God and build friendships.
- His life was a testimony that holiness is not reserved for priests or religious, but is possible for everyday ordinary people such as the young.



Fathers' Day

Friday 5 September

We would like to invite our Fathers', Grandfathers, and other significant men in our lives to join us as we celebrate and thank you for all you do for us.

Our Special Fathers' Day breakfast will commence at 8.15m on the COLA. This wonderful welcome will be followed by a Liturgy in the hall at 9am with our song club singing. Guests are then invited into your child's classroom to enjoy a short Fathers' Day activity together.



Our annual Fathers' Day stall will be held for students on Thursday 4 September.

Items are available to purchase via voucher from Qkr! for \$5 or \$10. Vouchers must be purchased by Tuesday 2 September, unfortunately vouchers will not be available for sale on the day nor are items able to be purchased with cash. (please see the school office should you be unable to access vouchers via Qkr!)



Painting RE Materials – Helpers Needed

The Kindergarten to Year 2 Religious Education Curriculum is supported with high-quality hands-on materials such as religious dolls/figurines to encourage Godly Play in the classroom. This is a new approach to teaching and learning has promoted a sense of wonder and awe about our Catholic faith and belonging to a Catholic Community.

At Our Lady of Dolours we are lucky to have many kits to support the children's learning in Religious Education. Last year we had a painting workshop which was a productive morning where parents gathered to help paint the figurines and we still have a few more sets to complete. The paintings are simple, so please do not worry if you are not a confident painter and it is a great opportunity to connect with other parents.

If you would like to help assist in finishing our religious figurines please come to our 'Paint and Sip' on **Monday 1st September** in the music room (opposite the kindergarten rooms) You're invited to come in from 9am, and morning tea will be provided. If you cannot attend but will still like to help, Miss Brown can organise home kit packs for you to do in your own space and time.

If you can attend or would like a home pack to do, please email Rebecca Molinaro rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Your help would be greatly appreciated.





Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day - Monday 15 September



We invite you to join us as we joyfully celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Dolours.

As we honour Mary and reflect on the sorrows she endured, we also celebrate her unwavering grace, strength, and deep faith in God. Her journey reminds us to trust in God's presence in our lives—He is always with us. We celebrate Mary's enduring love and devotion.

OLD Feast Day Activities

9am Whole School Liturgy

9:30am Parent Connect Corner

Parents please join us for morning tea

12pm Sausage Sizzle and popper for Students (please order through QKR)

Students are invited to wear mufti



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE CANONISATION OF



31 AUGUST - 6 SEPTEMBER 7PM
BONFIRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GATHER AND PRAY

CARLO ACUTIS & PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

6 SEPTEMBER
FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING OF CARLOS ACUTIS ROADMAP TO REALITY (PG) IN HARRINGTON HALL. 6:30PM LIGHT DINNER 7PM MOVIE START

13 SEPTEMBER
FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING OF PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: TO THE TOP (PG) IN HARRINGTON HALL 6:30PM LIGHT DINNER 7PM MOVIE START

7 SEPTEMBER 5:30PM CANONISATION
MASS WITH BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO.

WE HAVE A STUDENT ORCHESTRA FROM ST PIUS X COLLEGE AND MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR THIS OCCASION.

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH
94 Archer St, Chatswood
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

Our Lady OF DOLOURS

PLAY GROUP



Chatswood Catholic Parish
94 Archer St Chatswood 2067

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.



Our Lady of Dolours Primary School Annual Bake & Craft Sale

Help us raise funds for our Year 6 Graduation!

Monday 1st September 2025
in the school playground.
2:10pm - 3:30pm
Parents are welcome to purchase from the sale from 3:00pm

Cupcakes, Slices, Savoury Foods
Lolly Bags, Fruit Sticks, Crafts
and much more!
Cash only event!



TUESDAY
23 September 2025
7.00pm - 8.15pm

ONLINE

MANAGING KIDS' SCREEN TIME WITHOUT THE STRUGGLE

Feeling overwhelmed by screens at home? You're not alone.

This practical session with parenting educator Genevieve Muir will help you:

- Understand why screens are so hard to manage - for both kids and adults.
- Learn why some children struggle more with screens and how to support them.
- Set clear, age-appropriate screen-time boundaries that work.
- Reduce screen-related meltdowns and arguments.
- Make informed decisions about phones, YouTube, and social media.
- Feel more confident and in control of your family's screen use.

Perfect for parents of kids aged 2 - 15 years, it includes practical tools and time for real-life questions.

Please note: this program is funded for parents residing in these LGAs only - Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Northern Beaches.

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CROATIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL FORESTVILLE FUNDRAISER

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2025**

**BUNNINGS
CHATSWOOD**

30/8 SMITH STREET, CHATSWOOD
8AM - 4PM



**\$3.50 SAUSAGE SIZZLE
\$2.00 BOTTLE OF WATER OR SOFT DRINK**

1-2-3 MAGIC PARENTING PROGRAM

A 3 week course for parents of 2 - 12 year olds

TUESDAY

ONLINE

2, 9 & 16 September 2025
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Learn how to manage behaviour without arguing or shouting and discover methods to stop unwanted behaviours, increase co-operation and enhance your relationship with your children. We're here to help parents raise well behaved, happy, competent children and put the fun back into parenting!
Feel free to bring your dinner to the session.

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TAKING STEPS ON YOUR FAMILY'S WELLBEING JOURNEY PARENTING TEENAGERS IN A MULTICULTURAL CONTEXT

English
Thursday 23
October 2025
6:30 - 8:00pm



Parenting teenagers (kids over 12 years old) in multicultural families brings unique challenges but also rewarding opportunities for growth. This online Zoom webinar will help you:

- Recognise the signs of distress in your teens
- Communicate with your teens with empathy
- Understand your signs of stress as a parent
- Build resilience and strengthen connections within your family



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"Empowering parents to take steps to navigate the teen years with confidence, connection, and compassion"

For more information, contact Elise Taylor at elise.taylor@health.nsw.gov.au

This webinar is a Mental Health Month Initiative coordinated in partnership with:



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