



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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Upcoming Events

Monday 18 August
Musical Tickets on sale

Monday 18 August
Gallery Walk Religious Art Prize
2.10pm - 2.40pm

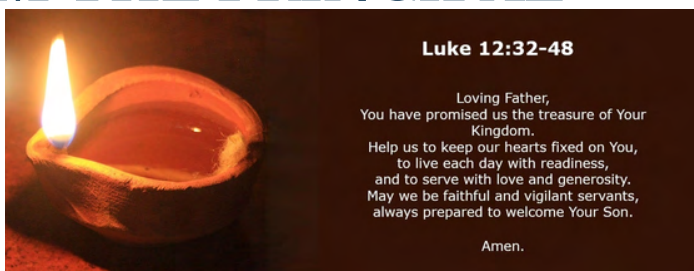
Monday 25 August
Student Retreat Day

Wednesday 27 August
Book Week Parade
8.45am

Wednesday 27 August
Parent Education Session
STEM

Tuesday 23 September
School Musical

FROM THE PRINCIPAL MARCO IANNI



Thank you to our staff and team of volunteers for organising our recent Grandparents day celebration. A wonderful event seeing our community coming together for such a special celebration.

We look forward to welcoming the community to join us Monday for our Religious Art Gallery Walk through. The students are looking forward to being able to share their wonderful art work submissions with you. Thank you to Miss Brown and staff for organising, we look forward to selecting students for the finals.

Our Kindergarten transition to school screeners for 2026 will be commencing in coming weeks and we are excited to welcome our Kindergarten students for 2026 shortly. The enrolment places are now almost full, however, if you have or know someone who would like to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2026, please contact the office.

Finally we are looking forward to the Musical, Seussical Jnr, with tickets on sale this Monday 18 August at 9am.

Please use the link below and a reminder that tickets are on sale via the Concourse website:

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

Enrolling now for 2026



Grandparents Day



On Monday 4th of August, it was Grandparents Day at OLD. The day started with inviting the grandparents and special visitors, parents and carers, to a liturgy in the hall. Students in Year 3, 4 and 5 were speaking in the liturgy. I was delighted to be chosen to say a special "Prayer of the Faithful". Year 1 and 2 were speaking about what they would buy for their grandparents.

Afterwards, all the grandparents and special visitors had morning tea together. Then they had the chance to visit the classrooms. They got to speak with the teachers, and they got to see their grandchildren. In Year 4, we made cards and bookmarks to give to our grandparents.

We had a lovely day celebrating our special grandparents and we were thinking of all our grandparents who couldn't be here.

By Harry (Yr 4)



Grandparents Day



On Monday, we invited our dashing grandparents to come and join us for a liturgy in the hall.

Students in Years 3,4 and 5 read special prayers and speeches for our Grandparents. The whole school sang happy songs.

Next, the juniors of the school, Years 1 and 2 shared heartwarming memories about their grandparents, some were very funny. They also told us why their grandparents deserve a gold medal.

Lastly, they had a delicious morning tea and then they visited our classrooms. We did some activities, and we had so much fun.

By Jessica (Yr 4)



On Monday the 4th of August we celebrated Grandparents Day.

First, we started by welcoming our grandparents to our liturgy where we prayed and read together as a school community.

Year 1 and 2 told us about memories they had with their grandparents.

Next it was time for our grandparents to have tea. Yum -

My Sitto had chocolate chip cookies, my favourite!

The grandparents then came to our classroom to see what we were up to! We showed them our cards and bookmarks that we made for them.

We then said goodbye to our lovely grandparents. What a wonderful day!

By Hannah (Yr 4)



Public Speaking

Our recent school public speaking competition was a wonderful celebration of student creativity and confidence. Students impressed the audience with their well-prepared and thoughtfully written speeches, tackling a range of topics. The level of speech writing demonstrated strong structure, persuasive techniques, and personal insight, while the students' confidence on stage reflected their dedication. It was inspiring to see so many students step up with courage and passion. Congratulations to all involved!



Crazy sock day

Thank you for supporting our recent Crazy Socks day! The OLD community has raised \$354 for this great cause.



**Thank you
\$354
raised**

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Mary Mac's Place provides:

Hot healthy lunches

Access to showers

A place to wash clothes

Friendly faces

Someone who can listen and help.

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Diocese of Broken Bay



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Our Lady Of Dolours Tennis Program

Chatswood Tennis Centre is excited to offer tennis classes for Our Lady Of Dolours students, led by professional Tennis coaches. Our Tennis program caters for students from Kindy through to Yr 6, where students can discover and develop tennis-specific skills, including an introduction to key strokes, basic strategies, and rallying techniques. Conducted after school at Chatswood Tennis Centre, our Hotshots classes allows students to enjoy physical activity and develop their tennis skills without disrupting their academic commitments. The focus is on building basic techniques, enhancing hand-eye coordination, and fostering a passion for the sport within a supportive environment.

We also offer a complimentary Pick up & Return bus transport service for your convenience. Pick up 3pm & Return 4.45pm at the school.

Days on Offer
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Classes run from 3.30-4.30pm with 4.30pm classes also available.

For all enquires or to enrol please contact Chatswood Tennis on 9411 1500 or email info@chatswoodtennis.com.au

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www.chatswoodtennis.com.au

National Science week - Year 4 Sphero's



In Science in Term 2, the Year 4 students were learning how to code Sphero robots. We designed and illustrated maps of Chatswood around which the Sphero's would drive. After we coded the route with the Sphero, we engineered cars in which the Sphero's would drive. The students then had to adjust the velocity of which their robot was travelling at to make sure it had enough force to follow the code from one location on the map to another.



First we made a map and coloured it in, adding detail to it. After, we coded a Sphero (which is a robot ball) to go from one location to another. Once that was complete we constructed a car to go with the Sphero. It was challenging because we used tape to piece the map together and the Sphero needed extra force to get over it as the car was getting stuck and drifting. We had to adjust the coding and decided to use the drifting to our advantage. If we had to restart we would probably only use tape on the bottom side of the map. - *Johnathan*

To me, coding and making the Sphero's was SUPER FUN! Though it did take lot of time and effort, it was all worth it in the end. If you worked really and put time into your project, it paid off. Definitely a fun task, but challenging task. The most challenging part of coding was changing the code to suit the Sphero cars, it was SOOO difficult. Some of our cars were too heavy and they Sphero could not move them. With the creativity of our growth mindsets we made phenomenal, colourful maps. Each groups project was unique and special. If you are looking for a tough, entertaining task next time you're bored, Sphero's are your go to for sure!! - *Alexis*



Virtual Reality in Year 5

Year 5 Dive into Natural Disasters with VR and AI!

This term in Science and Technology, Year 5 students are embarking on an exciting exploration of major geographical and extreme weather events. From the ground-shaking force of earthquakes to the swirling power of cyclones, students will investigate natural phenomena such as volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and droughts. What makes this unit truly immersive is the integration of Virtual Reality (VR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Students are not only experiencing these events in a realistic, 360-degree environment—they're also becoming creators themselves! Using cutting-edge tools, they'll design and build their own interactive VR content to demonstrate their understanding of these powerful natural forces.

Our pilot lesson last Wednesday was a huge success! Students were thrilled to step into the shoes of scientists and engineers, using VR headsets to witness the dramatic effects of earthquakes and volcanoes. They even began crafting their own AI-generated 360° scenes, bringing science to life in a way that's both educational and unforgettable.





SCHOOL CITY2SURF FUNDRAISER



Last Sunday 18 of OLD's, bravest teachers (Mrs Clinton, Miss Brown, Miss Bolger, Miss Fletcher, Mrs Crino, Miss K Gallagher, Mrs Zahra, Miss S Gallagher, Miss Ferrero, Miss Flores, Mr Swales, Miss Quirk, Mr Caltabiano, Ms Tjhia, Miss Hull, Miss Stevenson, Mrs Molinaro and Miss Molinaro), conquered the City2Surf – a run starting in the heart of the City, all the way to the coastal waters of Bondi Beach. Our black t-shirts showed everyone who we were: 'The O.L.D Superstars'.

Although the weather prediction was unfavourable, we all ran (jogged) with enthusiasm to get to the finish line. Running in the rain but with great company by our sides, it made the run more enjoyable. We saw many people dressed up along the way from superheroes to cartoon characters. The music in the street blaring in the background, added to the atmosphere and got us prepared for the run up Heartbreak Hill. We now know why it is called 'Heartbreak Hill' because as you think you have finished and turn a corner, another hill appears! We all completed the course in great times and all very proud of each other as a staff group. We have raised over \$11,000 for our charity, The Children's Cancer Institute, which is an incredible amount. A special thank you to the parents, family and friends who donated to the cause. The staff look forward to informing you of our next fitness adventure.....

A special thank you to Francesca (mum of Ilaria 3B and Giuliana KG) for designing and printing personalised t-shirts for our staff to wear. Francesca owns and runs Sweet Impression Boutique in Willoughby.

You can find her via the website www.sweetimpression.com.au

Or via Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sweetimpressionboutique?igsh=MTRwYTNmM2k0eno5cQ==>



2025 RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT...
AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES
Acts 1:8



OLD classrooms are transforming into an art gallery and will be open for viewing on Monday 18 August from 2.10pm - 2.40pm.

Parents are welcome to join us during this time to view the spectacular art work our students have been creating as part of the 2025 Religious Art Prize competition.

Jubilee Mass celebrating Youth

On Sunday 3rd August the Parish held a special Jubilee Mass celebrated by Father David. It was the premiere performance of the Student Orchestra and our OLD Students had the special opportunity to take part in the Offertory Procession.

Thank you to Rhianne (4B), Chris (3B) and Jaden (2B) who represented our school with such reverence. We were also grateful to hear Chris and his Dad Clement talk about the Alpha Program. The Alpha program is an introduction for adults to explore the Christian faith. Clement thought it was important to learn more about the Catholic Religion like his son learns at school. Chris shared that when his dad returned home from the Alpha program, they would talk together as a family about what he had learned that evening, which helped spark more meaningful family conversations. If you would like more information about the Alpha program please go to [Alpha - English - Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay](#)



Our Weekday Mass Times

Monday	12.30pm
Tuesday	9am 12.30pm
Wednesday	9am 12.30pm 6.30pm (Mass of Hope)
Thursday	9am 12.30pm
Friday	9am 12.30pm
Saturday	9am

Prayer Times

Morning Prayer	Tuesday to Saturday 8.45am
Rosary	Monday 11.45am Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am
Thursday Adoration	Thursday after 9am Mass
Thursday evening Holy Hour	Thursday 7pm - 8pm
Saturday Adoration and Novena	Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am



Parent Education Session #4 - STEM Wednesday 27 August 5pm Register Here



Join us for an interactive evening of information on STEM for the Primary School Student. Learn about how your child/ren learn STEM in the classroom and the ways in which you can assist them with their learning in partnership with our teachers. Please note this is a parent only event and will be followed by our Parent Engagement Meeting
Wednesday 27 August 5pm

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!)



UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY
→ 23 AUGUST

Film Festival: Cabrini
(4 weeks from 23 August to 13 September)

MONDAY
→ 25 AUGUST

OLD Primary School Parish Retreat Day

SATURDAY
→ 30 AUGUST

Film Festival: The King of Kings

SUNDAY
→ 31 AUGUST

Community BBQ after 10:30am Mass
Novena Bonfire Week for Canonisation of Carlo
Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

SATURDAY
→ 6 SEPTEMBER

Chatswood Annual Fair Stalls and Parade
Film Festival - Carlo Acutis Roadmap to Reality

SUNDAY
→ 7 SEPTEMBER

Canonisation Mass 5:30pm for Carlo Acutis and
Pier Giorgio Frassati

SUNDAY
→ 14 SEPTEMBER

Parish Feast Day

FOR MORE INFO: 02 94510 9000 OR
CHATSWOODOFFICE@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

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.



Confirmation Enrolments Open



Enrolment for preparation and reception of the Sacrament of
Confirmation is now open via Our Lady of Dolours parish website.
In our parish, children are eligible to enrol for Confirmation once they
have been baptised and have reached 8 years of age or older.
Please see the 'Children's Sacraments' page on our parish website
for further details.

To enrol your child

Scan the barcode or go the parish website:
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/chatswood>
Click on the **Confirmation Enrolments** Tile.
Information you will need to enrol including all the
dates for the program are on this page.

When you are ready to enrol, click on Book Now button at the bottom
of this page and complete all the details as instructed.



Enrolments Close 28 August

For queries, contact Angela or Mona in the parish office
chatswood.sacraments@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

OR

SCAN HERE

MORE INFO &
BOOKINGS

P: 1800 324 924
E: info@catholiccaredbb.org.au
W: www.catholiccaredbb.org.au



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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SAT 16 AUG 7PM
SUN 17 AUG 2PM

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