

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



Upcoming Events

Monday 15 September
Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day
9am Liturgy, Parent Connect Corner
and student sausage sizzle

Tuesday 23 September
Creative Arts Festival
Seussical Jnr Musical

Friday 26 September
Staff Development Day

Monday 13 October
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14 October
Term 4 Commences

Tuesday 18 November
School Swimming Carnival
Infants Splash Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI

Jesus teaches humility

Take the lowest place, and invite the poor and outcast, for "every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

Humility

Lord Jesus,
you teach us that true greatness is found in humility
and blessing comes through serving others.
Bless our schools, students, and families,
that we may welcome those in need with open hearts
and share generously without seeking reward.
Help us follow Your example of love and service
so our community may grow in faith, kindness, and respect.
Amen.

OLD is currently a buzz of excitement as we approach the final countdown to our Creative Arts Festival for 2025, with our school musical Seussical Jnr. We are very much looking forward to our community coming together for this wonderful event.

I thank our parent volunteers that have joined us recently to host our annual Fathers' Day breakfast and stall, assist at representative athletics and prepare our RE resources during a paint and sip morning. Our volunteer community enriches our school with students and staff alike grateful for your contributions to our community.

We can't wait to share the excitement of the Creative Arts Festival finale - with the performance of 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](#)

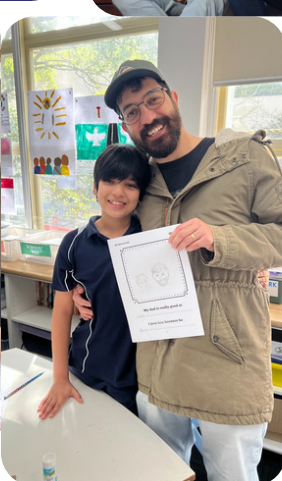
Enrolling now for 2026



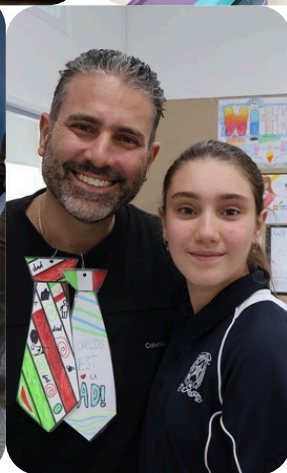
Fathers' Day



Thank you to all the dads that joined us for our Fathers' Day celebration. It was wonderful sharing our breakfast, liturgy and open classrooms with you. A special thank you to Miss Brown for organising the liturgy and Year 2 for co-ordinating breakfast



Fathers' Day



Fathers' Day Stall



Thank you to our wonderful Fathers' Day Stall volunteers. Students had an exciting morning browsing and purchasing the extensive range of gifts in preparation for Fathers' Day.

LIBRARY



Thank you to all our OLD families who attended the School Disco earlier this year. As well as the great fun you had on the night, your commitment to our school events has allowed us to buy a brand new set of Non Fiction Home Readers for our infants classes. These books are in the process of being sorted, labelled and bagged.

Many thanks also to our Mercy College Outreach program volunteer students and teachers who also assisted Mrs Charlton with this enormous job last week. We look forward to seeing these in the classroom soon. What a team effort!



North Shore Zone Athletics Carnival



On Thursday August 14, an amazing squad of athletes represented Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at the North Shore Zone Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. In spite of the rain, the students arrived with great enthusiasm and this was displayed with their amazing results on the day. The Athletics Squad comprised of 40 students, a great representation for OLD.



These students must also be commended for their outstanding behaviour, great sportsmanship and extraordinary athletic skills. As I always say to students, it is not whether you come first or last in an event that matters, rather it is the willingness and determination to give your very best and to keep improving on your times/distances. You have all made the OLD Chatswood community very proud! Well done to all students and best of luck to those that will now compete at the Broken bay Athletic Championships. A special congratulation to Fergus for being the Individual Age Champion for Junior Boys 8-10 years old placing 1st overall. A great achievement Fergus!



A BIG thank you must go to our parent helpers, Mr. Paul Welch and Mr. Terence Turton who took the time out of their busy schedules to help and assist on the day. The students and myself thank you both for all you did on the day. It was wonderful to also see our parents supporting our school in these sporting events. Thank you.

Mr Ross Caltabiano - Sports Co-ordinator



Broken Bay Athletic Championships

On Thursday 28 August, OLD Chatswood sent the following students to represent the school in the next stage of Athletics in the Broken Bay Athletics Championship Trial, held at Mingara Regional Athletic Centre at Tumby Umbi. These students were: Maxwell, Sara, Liam and Fergus.

Students result on the day:

Liam.S – Boys 11yo 1500m – 7th place

Maxwell.L – Boys 12yo 100m – 10th place

-Boys 12yo 200m – 7th place

-Boys 12yo Long Jump – 6th place

Sara.R – Girls 11yo 200m – 7th place

-Girls 11yo Long Jump – 4th place

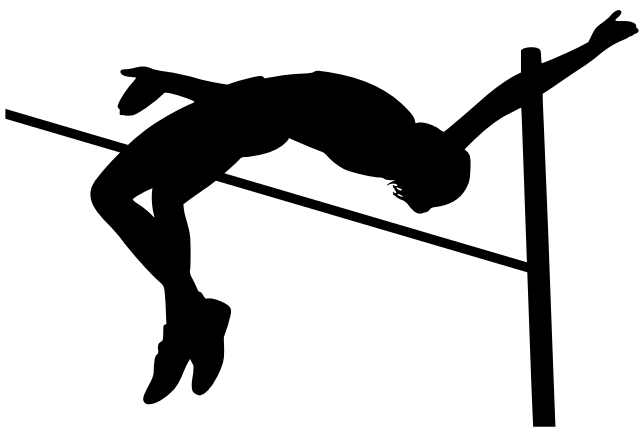
Fergus.T – Boys 10yo 100m – 4th place

-Boys 8-10yo 200m – 10th place

Boys 8-10yo High Jump – 1st place

From the reports from the students, they must be congratulated and commended on their outstanding determination, willpower and efforts on the day. They represented our school with pride. I am sure that all students will continue to excel in their sporting passion and on behalf of the OLD Chatswood school and community, we are very proud of these students' achievements.

Congratulations Fergus



A big congratulations goes to Fergus in Year 5, who has made it into the Polding Athletic Championships (Event Boys 8-10yo High Jump) on the 12th September at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale. We are very proud of your achievement Fergus and wish you all the best for this next level of competition.

Mr. Caltabiano knows you will make our school proud. Gooooooooo Fergus!!!!

Paint and Sip

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who were able to join us recently for our Paint and Sip morning. As well as engaging in connection with one another parents painted and prepared materials used as part of the K-2 RE curriculum for Scriptural Storytelling. As you can see they have done an amazing job - our students thank you!



Annabelle Yr 5 Basketball Achievement



Since speaking to Annabelle on OLD TV, she has competed in the State Championships which was held in late August. Her basketball team, the Sydney Comets, competed in the NSW State Championships against Illawarra, Maitland, Bankstown, and Newcastle.

The team made it through the group stage into the semi-finals against the Newcastle Team. Annabelle contributed 23 out of 67 points in the Semi Final. This amazing contribution, secured the team in the Grand Final position to fight for the Gold / Silver medal.



The team won in the Grand Final against Bankstown. Annabelle came home with another gold medal, and the team, the Sydney Comets were named the NSW Champions for the 2025 year.

Congratulations Annabelle on such a fantastic victory. Keep enjoying your basketball and the OLD Chatswood community will continue to cheer you on.

Parish Connections

Year 3 students were a big help, putting up artwork at the church in preparation for the Canonisation Mass



Canonisation Mass



It was a wonderful occasion on Sunday 7th September at the 5:30pm mass celebrating the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati. Both relics are now placed in the Shrine of Hope and the church was decorated by our students artworks. Thank you to Mirin (6G) and Vida (2G) who represented our school by presenting the offertory gifts to Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Parish Connections



Last weekend OLD joined our Parish and neighbouring Parish schools at the Chatswood Community Street Fair. A wonderful day immersing ourselves with the local Chatswood community.



Father Hien Class Visits

Students have been fortunate this term to have Father Hien join them in class to run a specialised lesson as part of their learning. Students have loved how engaging and immersive Father Hien has been.





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

1pm Sausage Sizzle and popper for Students (please order through QKR)

Students are invited to wear mufti



Special Invitation to

 Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Year 5

Children and Families



The Catholic community of Chatswood invites all
Year 5 children and their families to our
9am Family Mass

Sunday 21 September

If your Year 5 child would like to read a prayer at Mass or for
any other enquiries please contact Angela via email:
angela.hague@bbccatholic.org.au

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the school
playground. Please bring a plate of food to share.

All are Welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY
13 SEPTEMBER

Film Festival: Pier Giorgio Frassati
'To The Top' in Harrington Hall
from 6:30pm

SATURDAY
13 SEPTEMBER

Parish Bush Walk from 10:30am to Blue
Gum Reserve for 20mins followed by
morning tea

SUNDAY
14 SEPTEMBER

Parish Feast Day morning tea
after 10:30am mass

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY
19-21 SEPTEMBER

Festival of Beauty



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

PLAY GROUP



All babies, toddlers, infants, parents & carers are welcome to join our Playgroup in the Magnificat Meeting Room every Thursday from 1pm - 2:30pm.

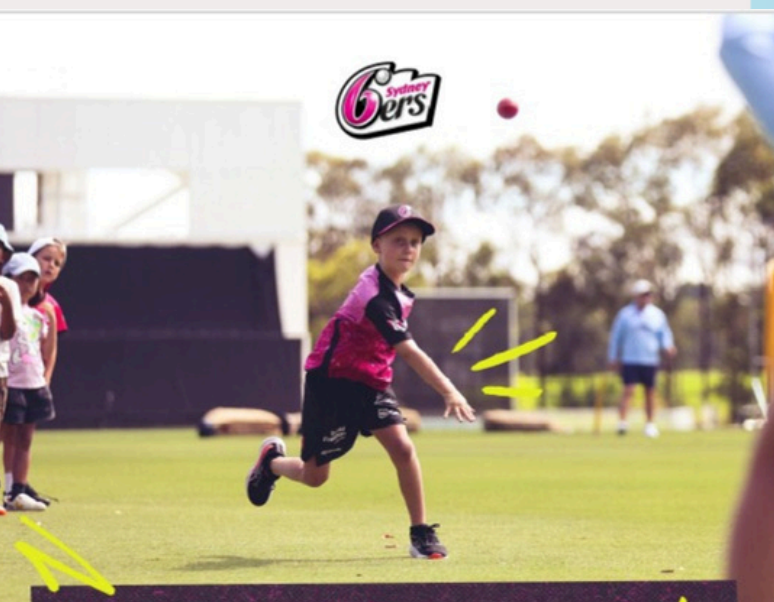
An opportunity for the children to socialise and play, while the parents can come together in fellowship. To register, please email mona.saouma@bbcatholic.org.au or call Mona on 9410 9000



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.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

Come and try cricket at a Sydney Sixers holiday bash, perfect for boys and girls aged 5-10. No experience or equipment required.

SYDNEY SIXERS HOLIDAY BASH IN THE NORTH SHORE
Roseville Park - Wednesday, October 8th
9am-3pm
\$59 per child
Any question please contact Daniel-
daniel.francis@cricketnsw.com.au

REGISTER NOW!



Recycle or Repair your bike



FREE bike tune-up & drop-off day:

- Book a free 15-min tune-up for your bike
- Donate kids and adult bikes, e-bikes & scooters (any condition)

Let's keep wheels rolling, not in landfill!

FIND OUT MORE



www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Events

WHERE
Artarmon Reserve

WHEN
Sunday 19 October

TIME
10am - 1pm

This project is a NSW Environment Protection Authority Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy initiative, funded from the waste levy.



VACATION CARE SEP/OCT 2025

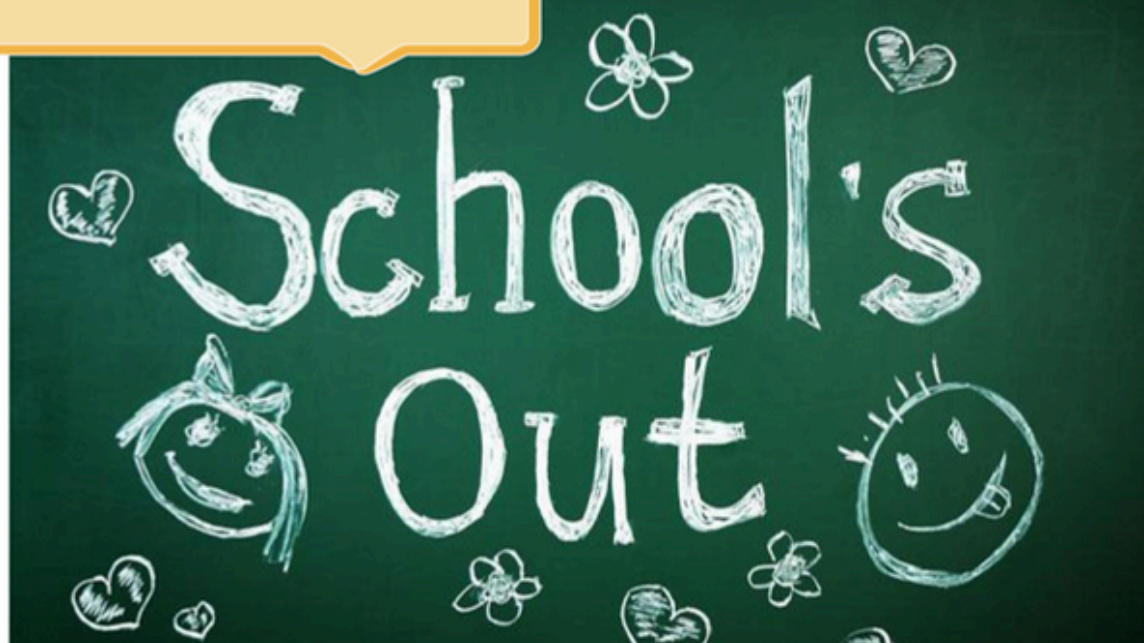
Our Lady Of Dolours Catholic School OSHC

7.30am – 6.00pm
P: 0421 869 943 | E: oshc.chatswood@catholiccaredbb.org.au

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WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAYS!



FRIDAY
26 SEP

MAD SCIENCE DAY

Get ready to put on your lab coats and dive into a day full of fizz, foam, and fantastic experiments! We will transform the hall into a buzzing science lab where curious minds can explore hands-on activities like creating bubbling volcanoes, and watching colourful chemical reactions.

\$ INCENTRE
\$88.00

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MONDAY
29 SEP

ULTIMATE NINJA WARRIOR BATTLE

Are you prepared to beat your own time, push to the limits, and emerge victorious as a true Ninja Warrior? In an atmosphere of excitement and friendly competition children will navigate every twist and turn of this thrilling course. This Ninja Warrior course will test and challenge your physical skills!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCURSION
\$98.00



TUESDAY
30 SEP

POPCORN & PYJAMA PARTY

Roll out your sleeping bags and wear your comfiest PJs, it is all about chilling out in style! OSHC will become a cozy lounge for a relaxing day of popcorn, pillows, and popular flicks. Kids will create their own popcorn snack boxes with fun mix-ins, then snuggle in to enjoy a movie with friends. It's the perfect way to unwind and enjoy some fun together!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCENTRE
\$88.00



WEDNESDAY
1 OCT

NERF WAR DROP & GO

Ready... Aim... Fun! The ultimate Nerf battle zone! Kids will team up, gear up, and take part in exciting Nerf challenges, obstacle courses, and epic (friendly) battles. With safety goggles on and rules in place, it's all about teamwork, strategy, and loads of laughs!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCURSION
\$98.00



THURSDAY
2 OCT

TIE DYE FUN

Get ready to add a splash of colour to your day! A creative and hands-on Tie Dye Fun day, where kids can design and dye their own vibrant masterpiece to take home. We'll explore fun folding techniques and watch the magic happen as the colours blend and swirl. Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCENTRE
\$88.00



FRIDAY
3 OCT

JUST CLOWNING AROUND

Get ready for the GREATEST SHOW at vacation care. This high-energy, 1.5-hour interactive presentation transforms you into a circus star as you learn real clown tricks, master juggling techniques, and discover amazing magic secrets!

Please bring water bottle and hat. No need for bringing recess or lunch!

\$ INCENTRE
\$98.00

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MONDAY
6 OCT

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

We are closed today. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.



TUESDAY
7 OCT

CLAY FEAST

Our Clay Feast workshop transforms vacation care into sculpture studio where you can craft everything from juicy burgers to sweet donuts using air-dry clay - and yes, they'll look almost good enough to bite! You will create your own masterpiece to take home, combining structured learning with messy and creative fun!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCURSION
\$98.00



WEDNESDAY
8 OCT

DIY NATURE MANDALAS

Celebrate the beauty of spring by creating stunning mandalas using natural materials like leaves, flowers, twigs, and pebbles. It's a peaceful, way to connect with nature and create temporary art that can be shared!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCENTRE
\$88.00



THURSDAY
9 OCT

BUILDTOPIA

Buildtopia is an immersive STEM engineering adventure where you dive into the exciting world of construction using magnetic tiles and structural elements. Can you build the tallest tower? Can your bridge hold weight? What happens when a "storm" strikes?

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCURSION
\$98.00



FRIDAY
10 OCT

CARDBOARD CITY BUILD

Let's get building! You will work together to design and construct a cardboard city using recycled boxes, tubes, and other materials. You can create houses, towers, bridges, and vehicles, using paints, markers, and craft supplies to decorate.

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ INCENTRE
\$88.00

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MONDAY
13 OCT

TIMEZONE CHATSWOOD

Get ready for non-stop fun as we head off on an action-packed excursion to Timezone! With one full hour of unlimited arcade gameplay, kids can race, shoot, dance, and win their way through a huge variety of exciting games. From claw machines to driving simulators and everything in between!

Please bring recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

\$ EXCURSION
\$108.00



SEE YOU NEXT HOLIDAYS!

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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OR

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MORE INFO &
BOOKINGS

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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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Local Health District



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What's on at Willoughby City Library

Spring school holidays 2025



Emerging Writers Competition (8-13 years). Do you have a bright idea for a story? Then sharpen your pencil, get writing and submit an entry. Prizes to be won! Submissions close 10 October.



From rags to artworks (6-10 years). Make your own one-of-a-kind artwork, cards, paper dolls or bush animal sculptures at Artarmon, Naremburn, Northbridge and West Chatswood Libraries.



STEM workshops for kids! (3-7 years). Over 4 one hour sessions, unlock your child's natural curiosity. \$40 + booking fee.



Spring crafternoon for kids (6+ years). Have fun making art and crafts as you celebrate the natural world at Chatswood Library.

Visit our website to register, and for more information on upcoming events.
libraries.willoughby.nsw.gov.au



AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CHILDREN'S SOCCER PROGRAM

NEW CHATSWOOD CLASSES!
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