



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



Upcoming Events

Monday 13 October
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 14 October
Term 4 commences

Tuesday 28 October
Kindergarten 2026
1st Orientation Morning

Tuesday 18 November
Yr 2 - Yr 6 Swimming Carnival
K - Yr 1 Splash Day

Tuesday 2 December
Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 17 December
Last Day Term 4

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.

Our students and staff have ended term 3 in spectacular fashion with our musical Seussical Jnr. Thank you to Director Miss Kate Gallagher, Musical Director Mrs Donna Hoy, Choreographer Elleirah Moon and logistics manager Mrs Kelly Clouston who worked tirelessly throughout the term with our students creating a night of captivating entertainment.

To the students of OLD, you should be extremely proud of your fabulous performance, your enthusiasm and joy radiated from the stage.

To all the OLD staff, thank you, you have shown what a dedicated and passionate team we have and we are blessed to have you all.

To our parents and community, thank you for your support. We sincerely hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Wishing all of our families and community members a safe and restful holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom on Tuesday 14 October.

Enrolling now for 2026



Seussical Jr!



Our talented students were delighted to dazzle you with their incredible performances in our School Musical - Seussical Jr.

Our young stars worked tirelessly, perfecting their lines, harmonising their songs and rehearsing their dance moves. From the first note to the final bow, all our students shone brightly and put on a show that won't be forgotten.

Thank you to our incredible teachers and support staff, in particular Miss Kate Gallagher, Mrs Donna Hoy and Miss Elleirah Moon for their dedication and tireless work to help bring the show together.



Seussical Jr!

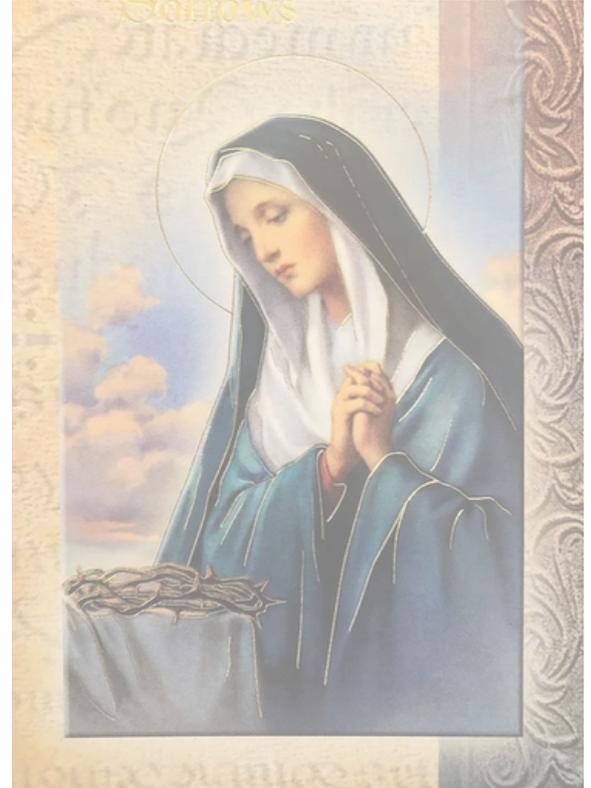


Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day



Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who were able to join us recently when we celebrated Our Lady of Dolours Feast Day.

The morning began with a beautiful liturgy followed by our Parent Connect Corner where parents were able to join in reflection over a cup of tea in our peaceful growers corner. Students then enjoyed a wonderful BBQ lunch thanks to our amazing volunteers!



Year 4 Bee incursion

On Tuesday the 26th of August, Year 4 had a visit from beekeeper Mr Gavin Smith. Mr Smith taught us all about the different species of bees, how bees collect pollen on their hairy legs and how all hives have a Queen Bee. Did you know that there are 1,700 species of bees in Australia. We learned lots of cool facts like how bees communicate doing a special dance called the waggle dance. Mr Smith also let us taste his honey, it was very yummy. We had an awesome time learning about the bees, they are so cool!!



HSC well wishes for Mercy College

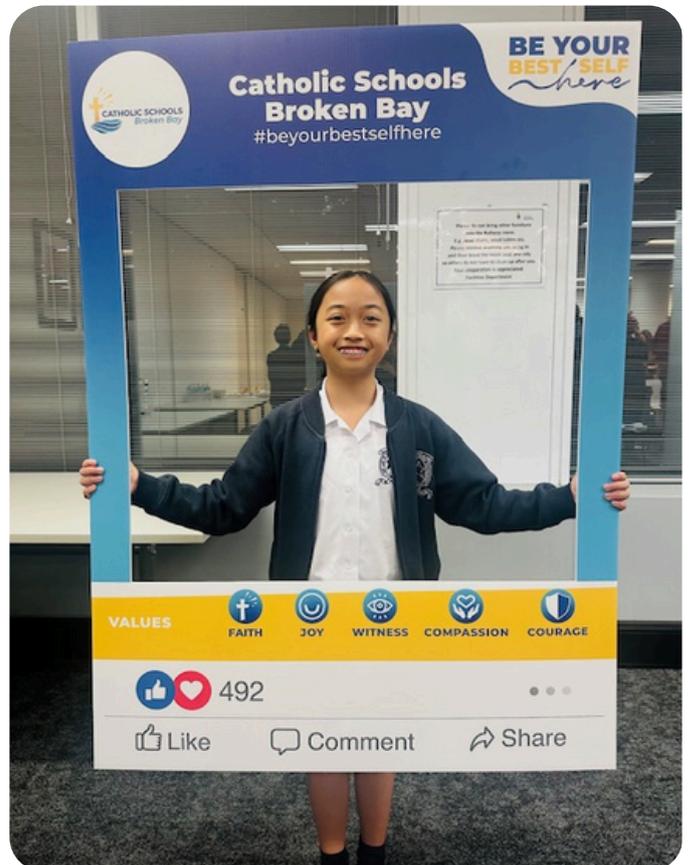


Our OLD Year 5 students, together with Sacred Heart Pymble and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, wrote heartfelt messages and a prayer card to the Year 12 students at Mercy Catholic College. It was lovely for us to present the cards to all the students and to know that we are thinking of them as they prepare and study hard in the holidays. We hope they enjoy their Kit Kat! A special thank you to Georgia (5B) who made special and colourful bracelets for them to wear.



CONGRATULATIONS AUTUMN

On Tuesday 16 September, Autumn proudly represented our school at the Diocesan Public Speaking Finals, delivering two compelling speeches with remarkable confidence and poise. Her articulate presentation and assured stage presence captivated the audience and judges alike. Autumn's speeches showcased her creativity and critical thinking, with one exploring the importance of creativity and the other tackling gender bias as a pressing global issue. She spoke with conviction and clarity, demonstrating a deep understanding of the topics and a genuine passion for social justice. Autumn's performance was a testament to her dedication and talent, and we are incredibly proud of her outstanding achievement of gaining second place in the competition. Congratulations Autumn!





At the recent Chatswood Community Fair Neil (Year 3) was part of a band that performed.

The band performed a total of 4 popular songs from industry greats like Coldplay, Lady Gaga/Bruno Marks, and even Stevie Wonder and had the entire audience grooving to the beat.

Neil was on the keyboard for all 4 songs and particularly enjoyed performing the very jazzy "Superstition" (Stevie Wonder)!

Nicolo (also Year 3) was a vocalist so all in all, a great OLD representation!



Year 5 Class Mass

Thank you to our Year 5 families who attended Mass on Sunday and to the students who participated in readings and the offertory procession. Father David included all the children, read to them in his homily and welcomed them to participate in the Eucharist at the altar. We also got to hear from Sienna the Youth Minister who told us all the wonderful activities happening with the youth groups that start in Year 5 and go through to High School.



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



SCAN OR CLICK THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

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

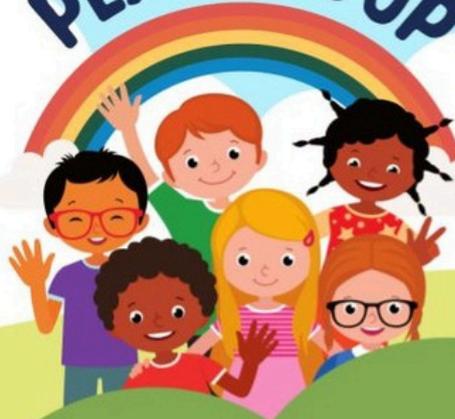
For more information, contact Elise Taylor at elise.taylor@health.nsw.gov.au

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



PLAY GROUP

Our Lady OF DOLOURS
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.



One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Peace and Unity in the World



'PRAY & PLAY'

7TH OCTOBER 2025

Inspired by the words of St. Padre Pio, who believed that "when one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change," the campaign led by ACN, has grown into a significant spiritual movement, drawing participation from schools, parishes, and families across continents.

Please contact the parish office for more details

02 9410 9000

chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



AUSTRALIA'S LEADING CHILDREN'S SOCCER PROGRAM

NEW CHATSWOOD CLASSES!
Our Lady of Dolours - Harrington Hall (just off Archer Street)

www.soccajoeys.com.au
Coach Jon: 0404 433 740
northshore@soccajoeys.com



VACATION CARE SEP/OCT 2025

Our Lady Of Dolours Catholic School OSHC

CatholicCare
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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



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!

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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.

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\$ INCENTRE
\$88.00

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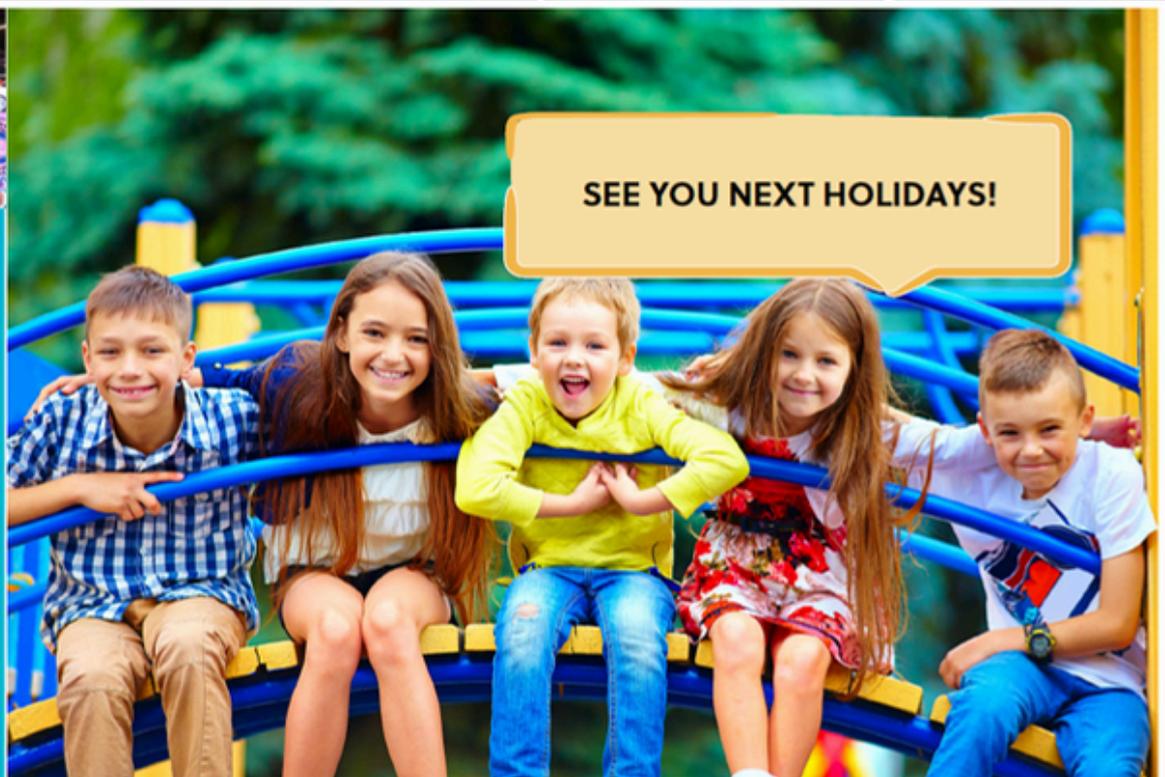
MONDAY
13 OCT

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!