

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



Upcoming Events

Sunday 9 November
Year 6 Class Mass

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

Wednesday 19 November
Parent Volunteer Thank you and
Parent Engagement Meeting

Tuesday 2 December
Year 6 Graduation

Friday 12 December
Christmas FESTA

Wednesday 17 December
Last Day Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL MARCO IANNI

Month of the Holy Souls

Eternal rest grant them, O Lord.

All Saints and All Souls Day

On November 1, the Catholic Church celebrated All Saints Day. This is a special day in the Church in which we commemorate all saints. We pray thanks for these saints, thank God for their presence and pray to live by their example. On November 2 we celebrated All Souls Day. All Souls Day is a day to remember the souls of all who have died. This feast is a special day to fondly remember loved ones who are no longer with us. This day may bring a feeling of sadness, but also a time of joy in which we celebrate the special people in our lives who now live with God in heaven. We extend our prayers to the souls of those close to our OLD community, family and friends.

Over the last two weeks we have welcomed our Kindergarten class for 2026 into our school community. Our newest students have been joining us on Tuesdays as part of their transition to school program and as they prepare to begin their primary school journey next year. I thank our current students, their families and our staff for making our new Kindergarten students and their families feel welcome.

Enrolling now for 2026



Year 2 Excursion to Berry Island

Year 2 recently visited Berry island for a day of learning and exploration on the banks of our beautiful Sydney harbour.



SOCKTOBER[®]

for Mission Month



Throughout Socktober students have been invited to learn more about supporting vulnerable children facing malnutrition and food insecurity. Students recently participated in the OLD Socktober challenge where they designed and made sockballs' and then used their balls for a range of sporting activities. Sock balls were made out of old clothes, rags and recycled plastics. We thank all who were involved and supported this social justice initiative.



From the Advisory Council

At the recent meeting in Term 3, we received an update on the Diocese's five-year strategic plan, *Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith*, which continues to guide school planning across the region. While the wider review process has brought significant changes to some communities, including school amalgamations, OLD remains strong and stable. Exciting prospects lie ahead, including discussions around a new local coeducational high school and potential partnerships to secure high school pathways for students. Catholic Care will continue providing after-school care, and we are hopeful that they can reopen before-school care if the demand is there. The school continues to strengthen its community connections through initiatives such as preschool visits, the Willoughby Council Spring Fair, and a professional promotional video currently in production. OLD TV continues to be a hit with families, and there are plans to involve parents more in future episodes. Facilities and technology upgrades have enhanced learning spaces, while outdoor improvements and new wireless systems continue to modernize the campus. The meeting also covered canteen updates, parent education sessions, and next year's Creative Arts Festival. Staff were also celebrated for their impressive fundraising efforts in the City2Surf, contributing to a meaningful cause and strengthening community spirit.

Spotlight



Congratulations Olivia

Congratulations Olivia (1G), who recently competed in the Australian Physio and Dance Association competition, where she qualified for the upcoming Junior National Championships. This will be held at the International Convention Center (ICC) in Darling Harbour in late November. We wish you the best of luck Olivia for the upcoming National Championships and can't wait to hear how you go.

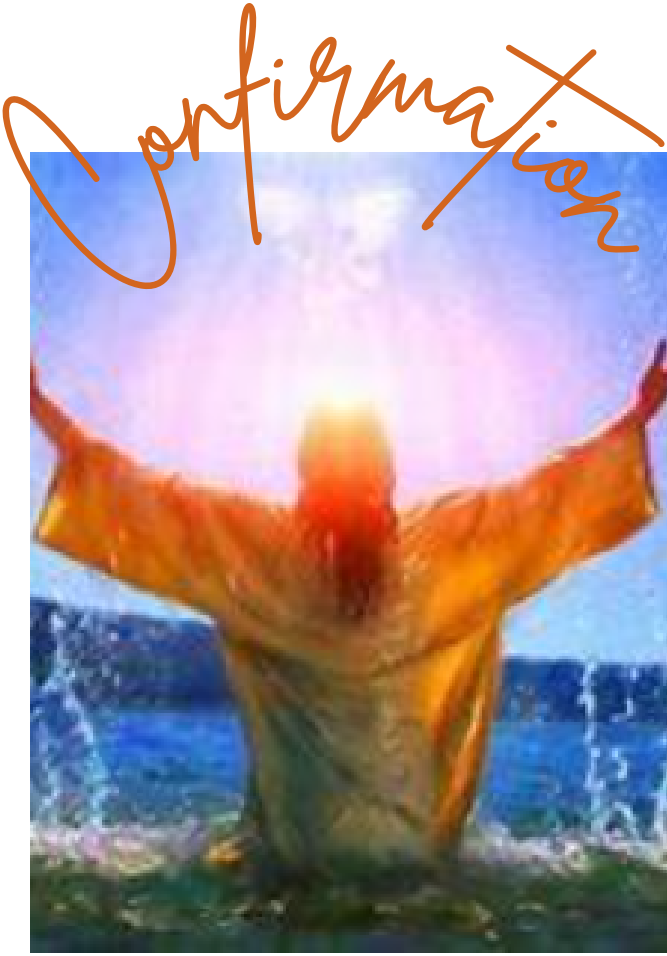
Parent Connect Corner

Thank you to the parents that were able to join Rebecca for our November Parent Connect Corner.

These gatherings are a wonderful way to connect with other parents in conversation and reflection.

We welcome parents, grandparents and carers to join Rebecca for our final Parent Connect Corner of 2025 on Monday 1 December in the Growers Corner at 8.45am.





Congratulations to our OLD students who received their Confirmation on Thursday 30th October. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

May the Holy Spirit guide you, strengthen you, and fill your hearts with peace, wisdom, and joy!





You're invited..

TO AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

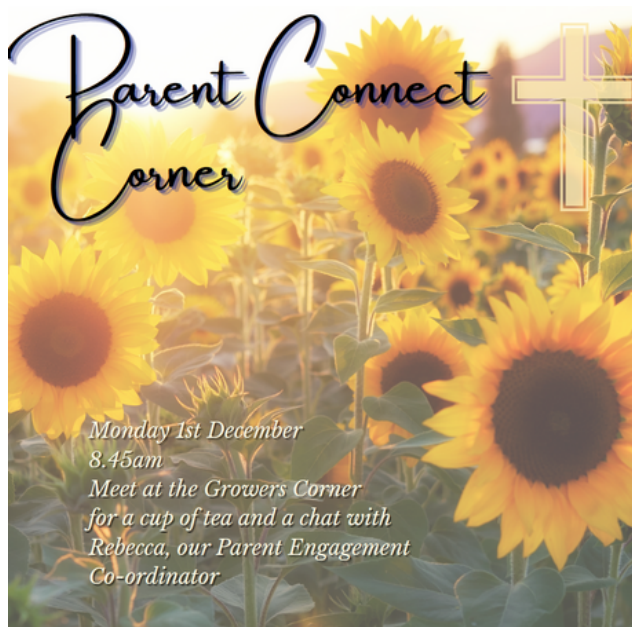
**We couldn't do all the wonderful things we
do without you!**

Please join us on Wednesday 19 November to celebrate you, our wonderful school volunteers. This celebration will be part of our last Parent Engagement Meeting for 2025.

RSVP for catering purposes:
[Volunteer Thank you](#)

Time: 6pm
Wednesday 19 Nov 2025

The School Library
94a Archer St, Chatswood



New to Chatswood Parish?

We're so glad you're here!

Would you be interested in finding out more about Chatswood Parish?

We'd love to share our church's history, how we are journeying together and all the many opportunities available across our ten Ministry Circles!

If this sounds interesting, reach out to Dee, our Parish Engagement Officer, by calling 9410 9035 or emailing duyen.au@bbcatholic.org.au





Calling all **NSW parents/carers** to complete an anonymous survey with their child to help us shape educational screen use in NSW and beyond.

For more information, visit screensineducation.org

Help Support Important Research on Screen Use in Education
Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) has been invited to support a research initiative led by Macquarie University, focused on identifying best practices in screen use for education. We invite you to take part by completing a short survey that will contribute to this important study. Please find the survey link below, along with a promotional flyer attached for more information.

[Survey Link](#)

Thank you for your support.

What's on at Willoughby City Library

Term 4, 2025



Want to be a citizen scientist? Talk and kit launch (7+ years). Hear from a local citizen scientist and be inspired to start your own wild scientific journey using our new borrowable citizen science kits.



Speechie library talk: Develop your child's language and literacy. Speech pathologists work with children and families to help build the foundations on which literacy skills develop.



West Chatswood Library - After school unwind (5-10 years). Join us for games, crafts, LEGO and more!



Self Guided Creator Kits (8+ years) available at Chatswood Library, including: Edison Bots, mBots, Makey Makey and Raspberry Pi.

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2026 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

What do you need to do?

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](#) form. Your child will then meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

<https://teachingservices.com.au/EOI>



More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2026. If your child is an existing band student with TSA, no need to re-enrol.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.



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St Leo's
Pastoral Care
& Wellbeing
Program



A Special Invitation
to Year 5-6 Parents & Carers

St Leo's proudly presents:

'Helping your Child Transition to High School'

**FREE PARENT & CARER
INFORMATION SEMINAR:**

Join experienced wellbeing and resilience speaker and trainer, Jacqui Van de Velde for an informative session designed specifically for Year 5-6 parents and carers.



Jacqui Van de Velde is a highly-regarded professional facilitator, trainer and speaker with over 30 years experience in education, wellbeing, resilience and mental health. As Parent Engagement Coordinator (PEC) at Prouille Catholic Primary, Wahroonga, we are fortunate to have her as part of our Catholic Schools Broken Bay network and willing to share her knowledge and passion with our wider St Leo's parent community.

This seminar will provide practical tools and strategies to help you support your child through the important transition from primary to secondary school.

Jacqui will share insights on navigating the changes ahead, managing uncertainty, and fostering resilience and optimism within your family.

Expect an engaging evening filled with humour and real-life stories to help you feel confident and empowered as a parent during this time.

Equip yourself with the knowledge and confidence to support your child's journey into secondary school!

PARENTS/CARERS FROM ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME - **REGISTER NOW!**

Click here to
REGISTER NOW

Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 6-7pm

Tenison Woods Gallery, Lower Ground Floor
Mary MacKillop Centre, St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga
See attached map for parking & entry information



St Leo's
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Starting High School

A free webinar for parents and carers to support their young person as they start high school.

FREE EVENT!

6.30PM - 8.00PM

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

ZOOM (link provided after registration)

Learn strategies and skills to support your young person with experienced speakers from KYDS and Harrison Riedel Foundation.

This webinar will be looking at how as a parent or carer you can support your young person once they have started at high school and help them navigate all the different challenges the school year may bring.

Focusing on wellbeing - Explore how relationships, balance, and open conversations can make a huge difference during this formative time.

Helpful resources - Get introduced to trusted tools and services, including Kids Helpline, Headspace, Lifeline, and the complimentary YourCrew App, with journaling, safety plans, and pathways to help.

Registrations are essential to access the zoom link.

Our presenters will take you through:

Understanding the challenges - Learn the most common concerns Year 6 students face when starting high school, from academic pressures to social change.

Practical strategies - Discover simple, effective ways to support your child, from building routines and organisation skills to fostering independence and resilience.



City of Ryde

To register, please scan the QR code or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/YouthEvents



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

WELCOME

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.

Fundraising Dinner

for Cebu earthquake survivors

All proceeds go towards relief efforts

Saturday 15 November, 2025
6:30pm
Harrington Hall, Ferguson Lane, Chatswood
(parking adjacent to St Pius X College)

\$50 per person
Plus plenty of items to raffle and auction

Get tickets from:

For enquiries contact:
Mariza - 0422 225 960 or
Sally - 0430 190 543

https://events.humanitix.com/cebu_earthquake_2025

华人天主教友协会 - 车士活慈悲天主堂
CHINESE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION
OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH CHATSWOOD

邀请您参加我们2026年农历新年早茶

INVITES YOU TO OUR 2026 LUNAR NEW YEAR MORNING TEA

日期: 星期 一 上午8:45 - 01/12/2025
MONDAY 8:45 AM - 01 DECEMBER 2025

地点: 学校图书馆
OLD SCHOOL LIBRARY

复日期: 30/11/2025 电话 0449-839-188
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来看看如何参与我们的教会2026农历新年活动

COME AND SEE HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN OUR 2026 LNY ACTIVITIES

马年
YEAR OF THE HORSE



SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Festa

Friday 12 December

5:30-8:30pm

Rides - Food - Live music & more

Tickets on sale soon

