



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



## Upcoming Events

Monday 8 December  
Year 6 Excursion  
Luna Park

Friday 12 December  
Christmas  
FESTA

Monday 15 December  
Year 6 Junk Kouture  
Fashion Show

Tuesday 16 December  
Meet Your Teacher  
for 2026

Wednesday 17 December  
Gold coin donation for Vinnies  
Christmas Appeal

Wednesday 17 December  
End Year Liturgy and last day of  
term 4

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL MARCO IANNI



This week we celebrated our Year 6 students during their graduation liturgy and dinner. This was a special occasion for our senior students as they reflected on and celebrated the end of their primary school years with their families and class mates. I thank all involved for making the evening a wonderful success.

We look forward to sharing several more events with our students and the community before the 2025 school year comes to an end and look forward to sharing these with you.

*End of Year Liturgy:* December 17, we warmly welcome all families to join us for our end of year liturgy in the OLD Parish at 11am.

**FESTA 2025** - We can't wait to celebrate together with the community at our OLD Christmas FESTA on Friday 12 December. Tickets are currently available here - [FESTA TICKETS](#)

**MEET YOUR 2026 TEACHER** - On Tuesday 16 December students will meet their teacher for 2026. This is an exciting day for students to meet their teacher and classmates for next year.

**SEMESTER 2 REPORTS** - reports will be published shortly through COMPASS. If you will be leaving OLD at the end of 2025 please remember to download all reports as you will not have access to COMPASS after 17 December.

Enrolling now for 2026



# From the REC

## St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

To celebrate the Christmas season and support the important work of the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies), we invite students to wear a touch of Christmas on the last day of school, Wednesday, December 17th. This could be something simple like a piece of tinsel in their hair, a small Christmas hat, or some festive socks.

Please bring a gold coin donation, which will go towards the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Your generosity will help us purchase essential perishable items (such as bread, cheese, ham, chicken) to make sandwiches for those in need during Vinnies Van visits.

Let's share the joy of giving and make a difference this Christmas!



## We have entered the Season of ADVENT



Advent is the four weeks before Christmas - a special time to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. During this season, we use a purple prayer cloth, the liturgical colour for waiting and preparation, and an Advent wreath with four candles: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The wreath's circle reminds us of God's endless love, and its evergreen leaves symbolise life and hope that last forever. We also display a Nativity scene to reflect on the story of Jesus' birth, reminding us of God's love for us all as we journey through this season of hope and anticipation. May this Advent bring blessings to you and your family, and may your hearts be filled with joy as we await the coming of Christ!

## CSBB Christmas Card Competition

We are thrilled to announce that Sophie (Year 6) and Zoe (Year 4) have been selected as winners of the CSBB Christmas Card Competition for their year groups. Sophie's beautiful Nativity scene artwork captured the spirit of the season perfectly and Zoe's drawing of the three wise men captioned the judge's attention. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift card and a set of 20 cards for their family. These winning designs will also feature in the 12 e-cards sent by our Director of Schools, Danny Casey, via Greenvelope to CSBB staff and schools. We also congratulate Chloe (Year 6) who received a special mention and highly commended by Brenda Timp, a CSBB school leader, for her detailed card.

Congratulations to Sophie, Zoe and Chloe!

We encourage you to check out other finalists from our school that were entered into the Christmas Card Competition on our Foyer Display.

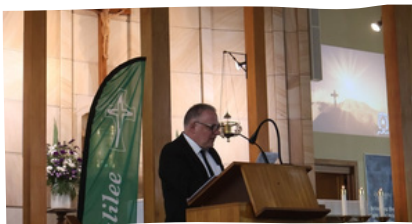




# Year 6 Graduation



On Tuesday evening we celebrated our class of 2025 with a beautiful Liturgy and graduation dinner. Thank you to Father David, Father Ansalam, Mr Tim James MP, Miss Brown, Ms Gallagher and Mr Caltabiano and Mr Driscoll along with the OLD staff and Year 6 parents for your support of our students. Thank you also to the Year 6 parent graduation committee for your tireless work ensuring the night was a success





# Choir at westfield

Year 2 and our Song Club members helped share Christmas cheer when they performed at Westfield Chatswood this week, thank you Mrs Hoy for organising our students to be part of this community celebration.



## Seniors Christmas Celebration

Some of our year 5 students visited the OLD Parish Seniors this week to join in their Christmas celebrations. Students sang Christmas carols, delivered handmade Christmas cards from OLD students and engaged in some wonderful conversations with the senior members of our OLD Parish.





# Sport News

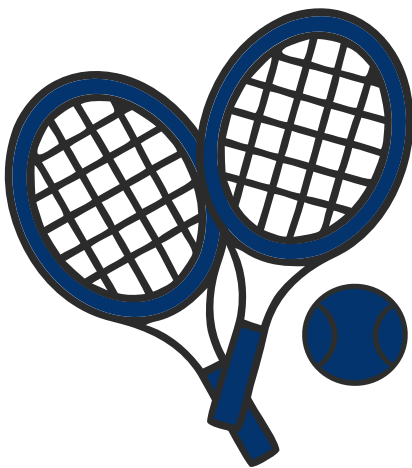
## Cross Country 2026

This is a reminder that Cross Country School Trials will be held during the first half of Term 1 next year. A note will come out in Weeks 2 or 3 with details. It is suggested that students start to train now for the event, to build up stamina and this way they are able to complete the required distances. Hopefully to progress through the representative trials.



8/9-year-olds – 2kms  
10-year-olds – 2kms  
11-year-olds – 3kms  
12-year-olds – 3kms

## Broken Bay Representative Tennis Trials



Recently, Julian from Year 5, was given the opportunity to represent Our Lady of Dolours at the Broken Bay Boys Rep Tennis Trial which was held at Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills. From all reports, Julian played really well, winning all of his games and showcasing his tennis skills to the selectors.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Julian on his amazing efforts on the day. Julian is 1 of 3 boys who were selected for the Broken Bay Tennis Team for 2026 and will travel to Tamworth in February to compete.

All the best Julian. I am sure you will put your amazing tennis skills on display at Tamworth and wish you the best of luck at the next trial. Mr C.



**RUN. JUMP. THROW. GROW**

Athletics is the foundation of all sports — and KLAC is making it easier than ever for families to get involved with half-price club fees.

Register today and get 3 months off training and Little Athletics competition (Dec-March) at half price. Whether sprinting, jumping, or throwing, every child can discover their strengths and build confidence in a fun, supportive community.

Don't miss out — join us at Bannockburn Oval and see why athletics is the foundation of all sports!

To make athletics more accessible, KLAC is cutting club fees in half for the remaining 2025/26 season.



*"Athletics is where every sporting journey begins. By making it more affordable, we're opening the door for more children to discover their potential, whether they dream of football, netball, or the Olympic track." Mark Ormerod*



# Social Media Delay

IS YOUR FAMILY READY FOR THE SOCIAL MEDIA DELAY ON 10 DECEMBER?

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT asked Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia's leading psychologists, author and broadcaster, to help educators and parents and carers with children under 16 prepare for the upcoming changes social media platforms. In this 30-minute video, Dr Carr-Gregg explains what social media is, how the age restrictions will work, why it's happening and how it will affect families and schools.

We invite parents and educators to take time out for half an hour to watch this video so that they understand and are equipped to handle the impact of the changes on their families and students.

PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEO HERE ON OUR WEBSITE: ['The Social Media Delay: What It Means for Parents and Schools'](#)



## Advisory Council Update

Our recent Advisory Council meeting covered several positive updates across planning, enrolment, and school operations. Marco shared our Strategic Plan Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith, along with encouraging culture survey results that reflect strong community confidence. Kindergarten orientation ran smoothly thanks to excellent organisation from staff.

We also received updates on promotional projects, including the new school video, refreshed prospectus, and the ongoing success of "OLD TV." Programs such as Life Skills Go and the Year 5 virtual reality project continue to enhance student wellbeing and learning.

Minor facility improvements are progressing, and Festa preparations are well underway thanks to our dedicated volunteers. A call for second-hand uniform donations will also be shared with families soon.





## Year 5-8 CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP

Fun, food and faith - a place to make new friends  
and grow your relationship with Jesus

2ND AND 4TH  
SUNDAYS OF THE  
MONTH DURING  
SCHOOL TERM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PARISH  
MEETING ROOMS  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
AFTER THE 5:30 PM YOUTH MASS

*Next session - 14<sup>th</sup> December*

Parents, please contact us to join our mailing list and stay updated!

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## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

14  
Dec

### 7:30PM CAROLS AT THE CONCOURSE

Join us on the steps of the Chatswood Concourse for a joyful night of carols with churches from across Willoughby City!

Saturday

19  
Dec

### 7PM ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament together with the Second Rite of Reconciliation. A chance to clear your heart and spend time with Jesus.

Thursday

22  
Dec

### 9AM SANTA JOINING US AT MASS

Santa is paying us a special visit where he will join us for Mass and stay around a little bit afterwards to say hello!



Sunday

24  
Dec

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Celebrate the birth of Our Lord by joining us at Mass at 5:30pm Children's Mass, 8pm, or 12am Midnight Mass.

Tuesday

25  
Dec

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Celebrate the birth of Our Lord by joining us at Mass at 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am.

Wednesday



PRE LOVED



UNIFORM

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Please drop donations at the school office. We are accepting: white long- and short-sleeve uniform shirts, navy sports shirts, jackets, hats, bags, navy trousers, navy shorts, sports shorts and pants, and navy culottes. Thank you for helping us keep this valuable service running!





# CHRISTMAS FESTA

FRIDAY | 12 DEC | 5:30-8:30pm

Rides - Food - Live Music & More

\$5 ENTRY PER PERSON

\$20 FAMILY PASS

\$25 UNLIMITED RIDES WRISTBAND

Tickets on sale now

[Purchase tickets here](#)







# CHRISTMAS FESTA COMPETITIONS

## *Kiss the Goat Competition*

Add a gold coin to the teachers jar - the jar with the most money at the FESTA will kiss the goat live on stage.

Available from Monday during the lunch break until 7pm FESTA day

## *Lolly Guessing Competition*

Guess the number of lollies in the jar - closest guess wins!

\$1 for 1 guess

\$2 for 3 guesses

Competition starts Monday 24 November during the lunch break until 7pm FESTA day

## *Raffle Tickets*

\$1 a ticket - prizes from local businesses

Tickets available through Qkr! until 10

December then until 7pm at the FESTA





# Year 6 Presents:

## JUNK KOUTURE

Monday 15 December  
9am in Harrington Hall

Join us as Year 6 present a fashion show combining creativity, recycling, sustainability and social awareness





**YummyBearsKiosk**  
EXPERTS IN SCHOOL CANTEENS & HEALTHY EATING

**Our Lady of Dolours Primary School**  
**END OF YEAR**  
**HOT DOG DAY**  
**THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



**HOT DOG**  
or  
**SPINACH/CHEESE**  
**ROLL**  
**WITH**  
**JUICE CUP**  
**\$ 6.50**

Please place your order via Flexischools  
by Wednesday, 3rd December 2025 at 4pm



**Our Lady of Dolours**

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**DECEMBER**

**Sunday 14<sup>TH</sup>** **CAROLS AT THE CONCOURSE 7PM**

**Sunday 21<sup>ST</sup>** **SANTA VISIT 9AM**  
**MASS AT CHURCH**

**Wednesday 24<sup>TH</sup>** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**MASSES 5:30PM, 8PM, 12 MIDNIGHT**

Enquiries, please contact  
02 9410 9000 or  
chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au

**Our Lady of Dolours**

**CatholicCare**  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

## Dec/Jan Vacation Care NOW AVAILABLE

**BOOK NOW**

Enrolments are now open for CatholicCare's December 2025/January 2026 Vacation Care Program.

Registration link - [www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care)

Our Vacation Care programs offer a variety of activities tailored to children of different ages, interests, and abilities. We also organise local excursions to further enrich the experience.

We provide a stimulating and enjoyable environment, with activities designed to engage the children's strengths and interests, while also offering time for rest and leisure.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via email or contact the OSHC Coordinator at your school.

## 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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**22-30 MAY 2026**

ZENITH THEATRE, CHATSWOOD

## CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS!

**SAT 13TH DEC  
3-5PM**

Scan for more details



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North Sydney Boys High School

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Per day

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