



OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



"Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Mk 1:15

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

We are looking forward to having prospective parents wishing to enrol their child at OLD in 2027 visit Our Lady of Dolours on 3 March for our Open Day. Open Day tours will take place from 9am with an address from me at 9.45am. Those wishing to attend are asked to register prior to the day, you will then be greeted by staff upon arrival and invited to tour the school where you will have the opportunity to see our classroom learning in action, then for me to talk and answer your questions. Enrolment packs will be available on the day or can be obtained from the front office. If you have a younger child due to commence school in 2027 or know someone interested in our school please join us on the day or email the school office for further information - old@dbb.catholic.edu.au



[Open Day 2026](#)
[Register here](#)



Enrolling now for 2027

Upcoming Events

Monday 23 February
Beginning School Liturgy
9am Parish Church

Monday 2 March
Cross Country

Tuesday 3 March
Open Day for Prospective Families
9am - 10.30am

Wednesday 4 March
Parent Engagement Meeting
Special guest Brenton Gurney to provide exciting information about Siena College

Wednesday 11 March
NAPLAN commences



A Prayer for Shrove Tuesday

*Lord, on shrove
Tuesday, we prepare our
hearts for Lent.
Help us embrace
repentance and renewal,
guiding us to reflect, seek
forgiveness, and grow
closer to You
in faith and love.
Amen.*

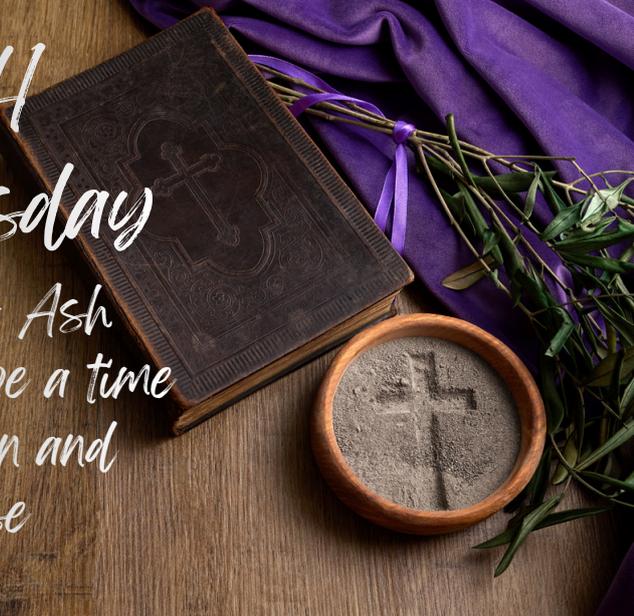


Thank you to our parent volunteers who joined us on Tuesday to prepare pancakes for our OLD students. Students were able to purchase a pancake for Shrove Tuesday as we joined as a community to prepare for Lent. You can view our Shrove Tuesday pancake demo video [here](#).



ASH Wednesday

*May your Ash
Wednesday be a time
of reflection and
promise*



On Ash Wednesday Year 5 and Year 6 celebrated Mass with the Parish and Father Hien.

Father Hien talked about turning to God in this time of Lent and reflect on what really matters in our lives.

**God of Mercy,
As we begin the season of Lent,
Turn our hearts towards you.
Help us walk with humility and
grow in love for you and one
another.**

**Strengthen us to follow Christ from
the cross to new life.
Amen.**



YEAR 4 SPOTLIGHT



Hi! My name is Miss Wright, and I'm excited to be joining Our Lady Of Dolours as a new Year 4 teacher this year. I'm passionate about creating a classroom environment where students feel supported, challenged, and inspired to grow. I previously worked in St Kieran's, Manly Vale for 6 years teaching across all Stages in the school. I'm thrilled to now be part of this wonderful school community. When I'm not in the classroom you'll find me spending time with my family, friends and my dog. I enjoy the gym, beach, travelling and music. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year of learning together!

Hi there! I'm Mr. Driscoll or more commonly known as Mr. D. Whether it's footy, basketball, or anything in between, I'm always up for talking sports. When I'm not teaching or cheering on a team, you'll probably find me sorting through my trading card collection - especially anything Pokémon. I love learning, collecting, and sharing the things that make me curious, and I try to bring that enthusiasm into the classroom. Really looking forward to an exciting year at OLD!

Year 4 have been lucky enough to receive brand new dell laptops (excitedly this sees new devices in all our primary classes from Year 3 through to Year 6).

Over the past week the students have explore the new functions and features of their devices. They have been utilising websites like 'Inquisitive' to research in HSIE and have been revising their maths skills through 'Study Ladder' pods. These devices will be used throughout the year to enhance Year 4's learning journey.



LIBRARY

Welcome back to Library Borrowing in 2026!

We have already begun our Library lessons and students have been eager to borrow – especially the many new books that have arrived this year.

REMINDER: Students will require a Library bag in order to borrow any books. A blue school Library bag is preferable but any bag with your child's name will also be suitable. This ensures all books are kept clean and dry to and from school. Students must also return outstanding book loans from the previous week before being able to borrow any new titles.

Borrowing Amounts:

Year Group	Number of Books
Kindergarten	<p>1-2 Books *In Term 1 Kindergarten borrow only from the Junior Fiction (Picture Book) section.</p> <p>As the students learn more about the Library and where books are kept across the year, they will begin to be able to borrow from other sections.</p>
Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)	<p>3 Books (picture books, one age appropriate novel and non fiction books)</p>
<p>Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) Stage 3 (Yr 5 & 6)</p>	<p>4 books (any section)</p>

SENIOR READING: Year 5 and 6 have started a new reading initiative encouraging regular reading and borrowing of books from the school library. Even if students have many books at home or borrow regularly from Chatswood Library, students have been reminded to vary their reading and borrow books from OLD as often as possible. This will also assist students to complete reading expectations in their set Homework. Students will receive reading stamps for each week of borrowing and have set a goal for successful borrowing weeks.

RETURNING BOOKS

Students are asked to return all borrowed books the following week on their Library day **IN THE MORNING BEFORE THE SCHOOL BELL**. This allows our amazing parent volunteers to assist with scanning and returning books to shelves for the day's classes. Older students may opt to renew novels or chapter books – allowing them one additional week for that particular book. Kindergarten parents are asked to encourage their child to place their books in the returns window and their EMPTY Library bag in the correct Kindergarten basket (Thursdays). Any students who forget their Library bag can continue to browse and read books, participate in the weekly Library lesson activity and also may like to put books on 'Hold' for their next lesson. Any forgotten books can also be returned on a Friday MORNING.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Last year saw some of our regular Library volunteers move on as their children have graduated and gone onto high school. We are so grateful to have Kristha (Lucas and Lyanna's mum) take the lead in supporting all our volunteers – returning and new. The Library's success is thanks to a team of helpers that work so hard in the mornings to get the Library ready for our students. Thank you in advance to our incredible volunteers for all the time you dedicate to this volunteer work. It was lovely to meet some new faces these past few weeks.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge dates for 2026 are outlined below:
Challenge officially opens: Monday 23 February 2026

Challenge closes to student entries: Friday 18 September 2026

During Week 5 Library lessons students will find out more about the Challenge. It is open for all students K-6. Children will receive a hard copy of PRC information in their Library bags during this time. Attached to the note will be their login credentials and passwords for 2026 – these are the same for students who participated last year in 2025. New passwords will need to be assigned to students who are new to the school since mid last year.

Our Library and Book Week theme for 2026 is 'A Symphony of Stories'. Just like the way music can make us feel deeply and take us to other places, books and stories can touch our emotions and transport us to other worlds. Who is ready to listen to our Library symphony?

Looking forward to another wonderful year,

Mrs Beth Charlton
Teacher-Librarian

Grade Parents 2026

Grade	Parent Representative	Grade	Parent Representative
KINDERGARTEN	Charmaine Griffith	YEAR 3	CherylN Sue
KINDERGARTEN	CherylN Sue	YEAR 4	Zain Zawahreh
YEAR 1	Judy leung	YEAR 4	Vindhyavasini SP (Vinni)
YEAR 1	Vacant	YEAR 5	Kelly Chan
YEAR 2	Kelly Chan	YEAR 5	Kristha Mangahas
YEAR 2	Jo Jin	YEAR 6	Kerrie McFie
YEAR 3	Gracie He	YEAR 6	Duyen Au (Dee)
Year 3	Bianca Cakmak		

Advisory Council 2026

STAFF	Parents
Marco Ianni	Tanya Cavers
Kelly Clouston	Matthew Alyward
Jacqueline Crino	CherylN Sue
Sarah Croall	Cameron Dark
FR DAVID RANSON (OLD PARISH)	
FR HIEN (OLD PARISH)	

Thank you to all who have volunteered for 2026, we look forward to working with you to strengthen our community. Would you like to volunteer but don't feel you can commit to a specific role?, please keep an eye on COMPASS for opportunities to assist in singular events throughout the year.



SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY 2026 MONDAY 2 MARCH

The Years 2-6 Cross Country School Trials will be held on Monday 2nd March 2026 (Week 6 Term 1) at Beauchamp Oval. A Compass event will come out next week with more details/information.

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.

8/9-year-olds – 2kms

10-year-olds – 2kms

11-year-olds – 3kms

12-year-olds – 3kms

Kindergarten-Year 1 will do their own running and games at the oval in the afternoon.

Please ensure permissions have been completed in COMPASS

Congratulations



Congratulations to Mrs Clouston who was celebrated at the annual Diocesan Mass and presented with an award for 40 years of service. We appreciate all you do for our school community Mrs Clouston and congratulate you for your service and dedication to education.

Congratulations to Mrs Pereira who has welcomed a baby boy Dominic into her family. Mum and baby are doing well and enjoying their time together.





OPEN DAY



**Our Lady of Dolours
Catholic Primary
School**

**Tuesday
3 March
2026
9am – 10.30am**

**Come and experience first hand
why Our Lady of Dolours
Chatswood is a great choice for
your children.**

*Ignite,
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Include in the Spirit of Mercy*

Marco Ianni, Principal
Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School
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Register here



**Our Open Day is a structured morning that
will provide you with an opportunity for
meaningful insight into our school.**



Meet our Principal, teachers, students,
parents.



Learn about Our Lady of Dolour's faith led
approach, including an inclusive model of
education.



Visit our classrooms, play area, library,
specialised media room, music rooms.



Gain a real sense of the Our Lady of Dolour's
community.

**EDUCATION
DELIVERED WITH
CARE & COMPASSION**

**BE YOUR
BEST SELF
here**

**SHAPING
TOMORROW
TOGETHER IN FAITH**



Parent Engagement Meeting

Wednesday 4 March 6pm

Register Here

Parent Engagement Meeting Term
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We invite you to join us for our first Parent Engagement Meeting for 2026. This meeting will go through what is happening in the school, it is a great way to connect with other parents and we are also privileged to have a special guest joining us - Ms Brenda Timp. Ms Timp will sharing information about the new Siena College which is due to open in 2027 and to explain how our CSBB system of schools work and the benefits you have as OLD families for priority enrolment into these schools for high school.
Please RSVP for catering purposes.



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senior Campus Pymble

OPEN DAYS



SIENA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

- 4:00PM-7:00PM

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

- 9:00AM-10:30AM

**ENROLLING FOR:
Year 7 2027 & Year 8 2028**

CSBB primary school students benefit from a direct pathway and priority enrolment into Year 7 at Sienna College.

REGISTER TODAY TO ATTEND

NorthShoreOpenDays.com.au

Discover Sienna

A new Kindergarten to Year 12 co-educational, multi-campus Catholic college in Sydney.

**DON'T MISS OUT -REGISTER TODAY
TO JOIN OUR MARCH OPEN DAYS**





SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We are delighted to announce that Catholic Schools Broken Bay is establishing a new K-12 co-educational College in Pymble from 2027. This new College, Siena Catholic College, will be the existing catholic primary

school sites of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS), West Pymble, and Sacred Heart, Pymble. The Siena Junior Campus for students in Years K-4 will be located on the West Pymble site, and the Senior Campus for students in Years 5-12, will be located on the Pymble site. There will be a gradual transition to this structure over the next few years, with the first intake of Year 7 students being welcomed to Siena Catholic College in January 2027. By 2030 Siena will be a full K-12 College.

There will be an annual intake of Yr 7 students into Siena Catholic College, and students in our CSBB primary schools will be given preferential consideration for enrolment in Years 7-12. Students completing Year 6 in any of our CSBB primary schools have always had a pathway into St Leo's Catholic College in Wahroonga and Mercy Catholic College in Chatswood; Siena offers an additional option in response to community feedback about the need for another Catholic College on the North Shore.

Families are warmly invited to attend the Siena Catholic College Open Days in March 2026 to meet key staff, hear about the vision for the new College, and explore the facilities and programs that will be available.

For further information visit the Siena [website](#) or email us at sienacatholiccollege@dbb.catholic.edu.au



SIENA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

JUNIOR CAMPUS KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 4
SENIOR CAMPUS YEAR 5 - YEAR 12

A New K-12 Co-educational School
Opening in Pymble 2027, North Shore Sydney

2026 OPEN DAYS



Register Today for Siena's March Open Days - www.sienadbbs.catholic.edu.au



Receive up to a \$500 fee discount for new enrolments*

Why our families love our childcare & preschool



Improved learning spaces and abundant resources for children aged birth to 5 years.



Individualised Learning Plans to meet the unique needs of every child.



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Convenience of long daycare hours (7:30am - 6:00pm) and nutritionally balanced meals.



ENQUIRE NOW

1800 413 958

- Open weekdays 7:30am to 6:00pm
- Level 4/1 Cambridge Ln, Chatswood
- Sandcastles Chatswood 1



*Terms & Conditions: Available from 2nd February 2026 to each new child enrolling before 4th May 2026 (or later at our discretion) for families choosing a minimum of 2 days of care per week. The discount will be applied as a \$100 reduction per day to the gross fee for the first 5 days of attendance (totaling \$500 in gross fee reductions). This offer applies only to the gross fee before Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is applied. Gap fees must still be paid in accordance with CCS requirements. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts or offers applied to the same days and is subject to the availability of places on your preferred days at the time enrolment is confirmed.



OPEN DAY

St Paul's Catholic College, Manly

Thursday 5 March 2026
3.30pm to 6.30pm

A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE COMMUNITY WHERE STUDENTS ARE INSPIRED TO BE THEIR BEST

At St Paul's Catholic College, every student is valued and encouraged to thrive.

As a coeducational Years 5-12 Catholic College on the Northern Beaches, we nurture the unique gifts and talents of every young person. Grounded in faith and strong values, we focus on the holistic development of each individual, academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

We offer every student the chance to discover their strengths, embrace new challenges and strive for excellence, making a positive difference in the world. Together, we journey towards excellence.

Hear from our Principal and experience all that St Paul's College has to offer.



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- ✓ Affordable Lessons
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- AFL, Basketball, Netball, Rugby Union and Soccer on offer
- Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- Guest appearances at selected programs

LOCATIONS

- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Ryde - 7, 8, 9 April 2026
- E.L.S Hall Park, North Ryde - 15, 16, 17 April 2026
- Macquarie University, North Ryde - 14, 15, 16 April 2026
- Lindfield Oval, East Lindfield - 14, 15, 16 January 2026
- Ryde Secondary College, Ryde - 13, 14, 15 April 2026
- Roseville Park, Roseville - 7, 8, 9 April 2026

“It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants”

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