



# OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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*Lest We Forget*

***“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” -John 6:40***

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term 2, I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful break with your families over the school holiday period.

I thank our school leaders for joining me for the dawn service on ANZAC day and to our Year 3 students for leading us in our whole school ANZAC liturgy.

I would also like to thank our stage 3 teachers, Miss Gallagher, Miss Bolger, Miss Hull and Mrs Crino along with Mrs Clouston, Miss Brown, and Miss Ferrero for attending our stage 3 camp to Narrabeen. Students should be commended on the impressive way they represented OLD while enjoying the wonderful experiences camp has to offer.

Finally I look forward to welcoming our parent community as we celebrate the important women in our lives next week for Mothers' Day. The morning will begin with our traditional Mothers' Day breakfast at 8.15am, followed by a liturgy then our mums will be invited into classrooms to engage in an activity with their children.

## Upcoming Events

Monday 4 May  
Parent Connect Corner  
8.45am in the Growers Corner

Thursday 7 May  
Mothers Day Stall

Friday 8 May  
Mothers Day breakfast 8.15am  
followed by 9am Liturgy

Sunday 17 May  
Year 1 Mass 9am  
OLD Parish Church

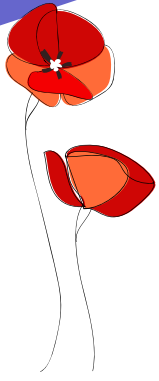
Monday 25 May  
Stage 3 Excursion  
NSW Parliament House

Thursday 28 May  
School Athletics Carnival

Enrolling now for 2027



# ANZAC Day



Thank you to our Year 6 leaders who joined Mr Ianni on ANZAC Day to represent OLD at the ANZAC dawn service.

Thank you also to our Year 3 students who lead us in a beautiful liturgy as a school community.



# Devotion to Mary in the Month of May

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. We are encouraged to pray to Mary and honour her. We can do this by saying the Rosary or by placing flowers at her statue in your home or church. Here is a beautiful prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary that you can use during the month of May.

## Prayer to Mary

**O Mary, we crown thee with  
blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the  
May.**

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blossoms today,  
Queen of Angels, Queen of the  
May.**

**O Mary, we turn to you in our need,  
With hearts full of love and  
devotion.**

**Guide us, protect us, and intercede,  
As we journey through life's ocean.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is  
with thee;**

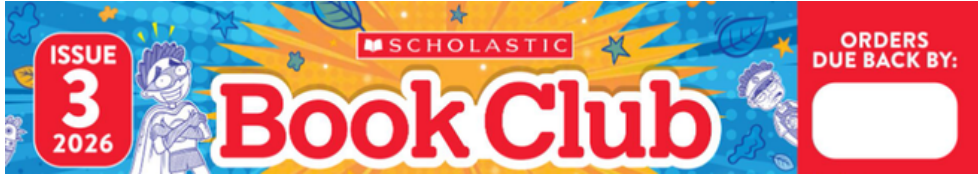
**Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners, now and at the  
hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

Seeking Mary's intercession means asking her to pray to God on our behalf. In the Catholic tradition, Mary is seen as a powerful advocate and mediator because of her close relationship with Jesus. When we ask for her intercession, we believe that she will present our prayers and needs to God, adding her own prayers to ours.





Welcome back to Term 2 in the Library!

Issue 3 of Book Club was sent home last week in school bags. This issue will remain open until next week - Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 12pm. On this date it will close and orders will be processed. It generally takes a week or slightly longer for deliveries to then arrive at school.

A reminder that no cash or orders are accepted at school. Families can make purchases online or through the [Scholastic Loop App](#).



### **Exciting events coming up in May:**

#### **National Family Reading Month**

Scholastic's NFRM is held every May and is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. It is a reminder to READ EVERY DAY AND TO READ MORE IN MAY! Reading stories together is such a great way to share adventures, feelings and ideas. Sharing stories can lead to wonderful questioning and discussions. It can be super hard to find time in our busy days to read together, so NFRM is one initiative to remind us to sit down and READ! This year this event is supported by author/illustrator team Eva Amores and Matt Cosgrove. Years 3 and 4 will be exploring books by these writers this term during May.

#### **National Simultaneous Storytime**

This year, NSS will be held on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> and will feature the chosen title Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller — written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, and illustrated by Jake Minton. We look forward to sharing this book together along with MILLIONS of other Australian children!



Congratulations to Father Tan Nguyen on his ordination to the priesthood on Wednesday evening, 29 April. He celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass today at Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood with prayerful confidence and reverence.

We will keep him in our prayers as he starts his priestly ministry at Corpus Christi at St Ives. May God bless him abundantly in his vocation.



## Mass Explained: Discover the Meaning of the Mass Understand the Mass. Live the Mass.

Following Pentecost, we invite you to a 4-week Mass Explained program, held on four consecutive Tuesday evenings.

Dates (Tuesdays): 2, 9, 16, 23 June

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Magnificat Room, Kirk St Chatswood NSW 2067

### Who is this for?

Open to all parishioners  
Anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of the Mass

### Purpose

- Deepen your understanding of the Mass
- Encounter Christ more intentionally
- Discover the meaning behind gestures, prayers, and symbols

### Registration

All are welcome.  
Registration is encouraged to help us estimate attendance.

Call Office 02 9410 9000

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLRJH>



## Parish-in-Council IX

Saturday 16 May 2026

**Our parish holds three Parish-in-Council (PiC) gatherings a year. PiC's are for our whole parish community - embracing all who share in the life of our parish through worship, ministry, friendship or family.**

At PiC we meet new people, get to know one another better, listen to each other and together, guided by the Holy Spirit, help to discern and shape the future of our parish - what God might be calling us to do, to live out our parish mission of Bringing the Light of Christ to the City - We Love, We Grow, We Serve.

### Why does PiC matter?

PiC isn't a 'church' meeting, it's a vital part of our parish's journey of synodality - walking together, listening to one another and discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us. PiC is also for everyone, all ages and all backgrounds, whether you're new to Chatswood Parish or been here since birth, whether you live nearby or travel from afar.

### Chatswood PiC IX - Saturday 16 May

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in Harrington Hall on **Saturday 16 May starting at 12.05 pm** for our ninth PiC. The afternoon will feature lunch, thought-provoking presentations, conversations and the opportunity for each and every one of our diverse voices to be heard.

### Kids Welcome!

We want PiC to be accessible for all families with children of any age. That's why we created Kids-in-Council, for toddlers through to teens, running in parallel to PiC, with catered lunch and tailored fun activities and games.

### Register Today

Visit [form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/picix](http://form.jotform.com/chatswoodparish/picix), scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. Registration is essential to help us plan for catering and table seating.



**TUESDAY**  
12 May 2026  
7.30pm - 8.45pm

**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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## CIRCLE OF SECURITY

A free 6 week program for parents of children 0 - 12 years of age

**WEDNESDAYS**

Waitara Family Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue  
20 & 27 May and 3, 10, 17 & 24 June 2026  
10.00am - 12.00pm

Circle of Security is an evidence based attachment and relationship based early intervention parenting program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and their children aged 0 - 12 years. The program is designed for parents and carers who want to understand and respond to their child's needs and build a secure relationship.

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## 1-2-3 MAGIC PARENTING PROGRAM

A 3 week course for parents of 2 - 12 year olds

**TUESDAY**

ONLINE  
2, 9 & 16 June 2026  
7.30pm - 9.00pm

Learn how to manage behaviour without arguing or shouting and discover methods to stop unwanted behaviours, increase co-operation and enhance your relationship with your children. We're here to help parents raise well behaved, happy, competent children and put the fun back into parenting!  
Feel free to bring your dinner to the session.

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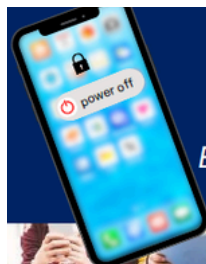
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## Tweens, Teens & Screens

Empowering parents to navigate screen time



**Screen Savvy Parents:**

Exclusive opportunity to hear from screen use expert, **Dr Brad Marshall, The Unplugged Psychologist.**

**FREE Webinar**

This live webinar will empower parents to find balance and minimise harms from leisure time screen use on tweens & teens wellbeing and development.

Hosted by: Northern Sydney Local Health District, School Years team and the Northern Sydney Network of Councils.

For: Parents & carers of tweens and teens (8-16 years) living in the Northern Sydney Councils region and Northern Sydney Local Health District.

Date: Thurs 7th May, 2026

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Online via MS Teams

\*Delivered in English with closed captions available in other languages - click this [LINK](#) for instructions.



Scan the QR code or click here to register now!

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Presented by Dr Brad Marshall  
7 May @ 7.00pm



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