



MAY 2026 EDITION 7

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

Ignite, Innovate & Include in the Spirit of Mercy



I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.

JOHN 15:5

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all our Mothers' and special women in our students lives who were able to join us for our Mothers' day celebrations. I thank our fabulous community of volunteers for organising a beautiful welcoming breakfast, Miss Brown, Mrs Hoy, Song Club, Year 4 for leading our liturgy, the special messages to our mums from Year 1 and our students and teachers who then shared in activities with our mums in our classrooms. We hope Mothers' day saw you able to spend time with family to celebrate the mothers who are with us, connect with those who live away from us and remember those who no longer by our side.

A special thank you must go our stage 3 teachers and leadership - Miss Hull, Mrs Crino, Miss Bolger, Miss Gallagher, Mrs Clouston, Miss Ferrero and Miss Brown who recently accompanied stage 3 on their fabulous camp to Narrabeen. Students have returned with wonderful stories filled with joy from their 3 day experience.

A final reminder for if you have a child at home ready to commence school in 2027. If you have not yet completed your application please see the school office as soon as possible so we ensure a place for you for Kindergarten 2027.

Upcoming Events

Monday 18 May
Just Like You
Incursion

Monday 18 May
Student Retreat Mass 2pm
Parent Prayer 2.45pm (library)

Monday 25 May
Stage 3 Excursion
NSW Parliament House

Monday 1 June
Year 6 Bake Sale

Friday 5 June
Student Disco

Monday 22 June
Athletics Carnival

Enrolling now for 2027



Stage 3 Camp

Body

What a wonderful experience stage 3 enjoyed at their recent camp. Students have returned from camp with new skills, excitement after overcoming challenges, a renewed sense of self belief and confidence and deeper more connected friendships.



Stage 3 Camp

We hopped on the bus at 10am as our parents waved us goodbye. When we arrived at Narrabeen we were situated in the dining hall where the instructors talked to us and gave us our lodges. After dropping our bags off we had lunch. We had a delicious and juicy cheeseburger with customizable toppings. We then did the activities that were allocated to our respective groups. We got to do some incredible activities like kayaking, abseiling, BMX bike riding, archery tag and team challenges. After afternoon activities we had shower hour where we showered and got to relax in our lodges for a while. After free time we had dinner and evening activities which were lots of fun teamwork games. Once evening activity finished we got ready for bed and the teacher told us when it was lights out. We had the best time at camp. - Peter Yr 6



Camp was an amazing experience I will never forget. When we arrived at camp I was a bit unsure about how everything was going to be and what we had to do but the instructors were super nice and they went through everything we were doing. We did fun activities like archery, kayaking, abseiling and even BMX bike riding. The food they gave us was really yummy and after dinner we had yummy desserts like ice cream. Once we finished dinner we had to do a night activity which helped us sleep in the night. My favourite part of camp was spending time with my friends in our cabins. After we left to go back to school I was a bit sad I had to leave camp but I was happy to spend my first camp experience with my friends. - Tegan Yr 5

The camp at Narrabeen was filled with enthusiasm and joy. There has been many activities that you can play, like abseiling or BMX. It's very fantastic because you can socialise with peers. The food there tasted very tasty and amazing. The camp is a great place because you can talk to people you have never talked to before and you can also make new friends. Stage 3 is so grateful for this camp and we hope you have a camp similar to this! - Raiden Yr 5



Stage 3 Camp

Body

Last week, stage 3 went to Camp at Narrabeen, it is not that far away from Chatswood there were many activities that our seniors got to participate in.

The activities that we did were designed to get us out of our comfort zones one of our favourite activities was abseiling. Abseiling is where you are attached to a harness, and you walk down a ginormous cliff (we thought it was fun). Another favourite was BMX bike riding, and the other activities (kayaking and archery tag) were also great.

The food at camp ranged for each meal between chicken and beef. The breakfast was hash brown, toast, pancakes, spreads for your toast also they had a range of cold food like yogurt and cereal. Our favourite was the hash browns!

All the seniors were assigned cabins that ranged between 7 to 10 people. Our Cabin had 7 people, and was the farthest away from the dining hall. In each cabin there were two rooms three including the teacher's room. Shout out to the teachers that came to camp and sacrificed so much just to give us the opportunity of camp. We are forever grateful, thank you so much 😊. On the last day we did a team challenge and headed on to the bus back to school.

Gabriella and Lillian Yr 6



Maritime Museum

A spectacular day was had by all as Year 4 explored the National Maritime Museum. Thank you to our parent volunteers for joining us.

We took a bus to 'Mu-Sea-Um'. First we explored the Endeavour Replica, we learnt there was a cat on board who was there to get rid of the rats! We had a quick lunch break then went over to the HMAS Vampire, which is a real Navy ship. After we explored the different areas of the boat we headed into the museum to visit the 'Exploring the Depth' exhibition. This excursion was very fun! I hope we can go on another soon. - Jasper



Our year 4 excursion was a blast! We got split into 2 groups, one to explore the Endeavour Replica (Captain Cook's ship) and one to explore the HMAS Vampire and Museum.

In the Endeavour replica we went down a steep staircase and had to use a rope to go backwards! It was amazing that we saw their napkins and food! Did you know their napkins are a frayed rope? One thing I can tell you is that we touched a stone from the real Endeavour, and a disc from outer space! Now the HMAS Vampire was amazing too! Did you know their control station doesn't have the steering wheel? It is in the middle of the boat to protect it from other boats and pirates. We also got to visit the 'Exploring the Depths' exhibition which showed us life in the deep ocean.

We all had the best time and we wish we could go back. - Olivia and Stephanie

May: The Month of Mary

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In the Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. As a Marian school, this is a special time for our community to pause, reflect, and grow in our love for Mary, who models faith, strength, gentleness, and trust in God.

Next Monday, we will celebrate Mary at our Retreat Day Mass. Together, we will sing hymns dedicated to Our Lady and reflect on how we can live like Mary- showing love, courage, and mercy in our everyday lives.

Throughout the week, students will deepen their understanding of Mary's important role in the ministry of Jesus. They will explore key moments in Scripture connected to our Colour Houses:

- Nazareth, where Mary said yes to God at the Annunciation
- Bethlehem, where Jesus was born
- Cana, where Mary's trust led to Jesus' first miracle
- Galilee, where much of Jesus' teaching and ministry took place

These stories help us see how Mary's faithfulness shaped the life and mission of Jesus.

At home, you might like to join us in honouring Mary by praying the Hail Mary with your child each day for ten days. By the end, you will have prayed a decade of the Rosary together. May Mary continue to guide us as we strive to love as she did, with open hearts and deep trust in God.

A Poem for Mary

When you follow her,
You will not go astray;
When you pray to her
You will not despair;
When you think of her;
You will not err;
When she holds you up,
You will not fail;
When she protects you,
You will not fear;
When she leads you,
You will not be fatigued;
When she favours you,
You will arrive safely.
She keeps her son
from striking us;
She keeps the devil
from hurting us;
She keeps our virtues
from escaping us;
She keeps our merits
from being destroyed;
She keeps our graces
from being lost.
(St. Bernard)



Mothers' Day

Thank you to our amazing community of volunteers for running our annual Mothers' Day stall and for our Year 1 families for making our Mothers' Day celebration such a wonderful welcoming experience.



Mothers' Day



Sports news

Polding Swimming Championships and NSWPSA Swimming Championships



Last month, the school was excited to have our future swimming star Candice participate at the Polding Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. Candice's mum, was excited to watch Candice swim well with a lot of passion.

Candice's phenomenal results follows were:

- Girls 8-10yo IM 200m – 1st Place
- Girls 8-10yo 50m Backstroke – 1st Place
- Girls 8-10yo 50m Breaststroke – 2nd Place
- Girls 8-10yo 50m Butterfly – 1st Place
- Girls 10yo 50m Freestyle – 1st Place

As a result of these achievements Candice was awarded the Age Champion for Junior Girls 8-10yo - an achievement to be extremely proud of.

Candice was presented a trophy by Mr. Ianni from Polding Sport.

A big congratulations to Candice who has been selected into the Polding Swimming Team and will compete at the NSWPSA Championships. Mr. Caltabiano and the whole of OLD, Chatswood community wish Candice all the best, we will be supporting her all the way.

North Shore Zone Cross Country Trials 2026

On Tuesday 28th April, our cross-country squad: Leo, Joshua, Alexa, Dominic, Luke, Cassius, Angus, Ilaria, Imogen, Ilaria, Zain, Olivia, Daniel, Annamaree, Phoebe, Fergus, Sienna and Candice proudly represented Our Lady of Dolours at the North Shore Zone Cross Country Trials. Congratulations to all students, who ran exceptionally well on the day. All students were prepared to compete thanks to the training they had been participating in before school with Mr.C. All students warmed-up eagerly before the race.

Mr. C would like to commend all students for putting in their best effort in completing the course and for their representation of OLD. All student in the squad cheered on each other encouraging their peers when they were running. Mr. C and OLD are proud of you all, well done.

Big congratulations must go to:

- Ilaria 10yo Girls (13th overall)
- Joshua 10yo Boys (12th overall)
- Luke 10yo Boys (15th overall)
- Olivia 8/9yo Girls (16th overall)
- Alexa 11yo Girls (18th overall)
- Candice (pre-qualified)

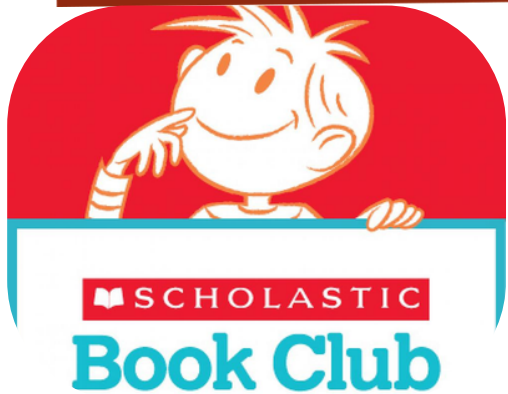
All six students have made it into the next stage of the cross-country trials. What an amazing achievement. The OLD school community wish them all the best in the next stage.

Mr. C would like to thank all the parents for coming to support their child on the day. The community spirit of OLD, Chatswood makes sporting events like this enjoyable and as a sports teacher proud to be part of.



Save the date: New Athletics Carnival Date

This year's School Athletics Carnival dated has been changed to Monday 22nd June 2026 (Week 10) at Bannockburn Oval, Pymble. A Compass event will come out next week with more details/information. Please make sure you put it in your calendars as we will need parent helpers that day.



Scholastic Book Club

Book Club

Issue 3 has now closed and books are expected to be delivered shortly. It is always super exciting to be given the opportunity to order new books and items from Book Club! I appreciate the patience of our students who wait for the Book Club issue window to close and for deliveries to be made.

ATLAS

State Library – Atlas Clubs

The NSW State Library offers a great program to engage students in writing, visual arts and reading. Membership is FREE for ages 5-15 years old and those that sign up receive a free pack delivered to your home. This is exciting and gets the ball rolling on student creativity!

The Book Lovers Club has special events like online interview sessions with renowned authors and opportunities to discover how writers get inspired.

There are two online meetings per school term from 4pm-5pm.

Search atlas.sl.nsw.gov.au to find out more about this excellent initiative as well as all other ATLAS Clubs.





Our Lady of Dolours School Retreat Day

Monday 18th May 2026

Purpose

To nurture the spiritual faith formation and sacramental journey of our students and to build stronger connections with the parish.

Theme

Devotion to Mary Mother of God,
in the Month of May

Dress Code

Students are to wear School Uniform.

Children's Mass

Students will be attending a special children's mass after lunch, led by Father David. The mass will feature simplified language, interactive elements and educational explanations to help students appreciate the beauty of the celebration.

Parent's Prayer

A Prayer to Mary
Parents are invited to join Rebecca in the Library at 2:45pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO: OLD Parish Family Rosary!



Fr Hien will share his personal rosary story and Karen, our Catechist Coordinator will explain and lead our rosary.

Join us for a fun and insightful gathering! Suitable for primary school aged families.

Time:
11:45AM

Sunday
17
May 2026

Magnificat Room,
Kirk St
Chatswood NSW
2067 (across
from church)

Please Register for catering purposes:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMAHZ>

Contact chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au
or phone 02 9410 9000



Parent Connect Corner



We had a wonderful turnout at our first Parent Connect Corner for Term 2, with plenty of conversation and laughter shared among parents.

Don't miss our next Parent Connect Corner on Monday 15 June at 8:45am — we'd love to see you there!



PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Your School Photo Day/s:

Tuesday 2 June 2026 (Main Day)



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Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School - Chatswood

HOW TO ORDER

Ordering your 2025 photos is quick and easy!

You can order now through the Compass Portal

Be quick to order and take advantage of the special pricing
when you order through the Compass Portal

To place your order make sure you have your Compass login details handy

[Click here for our simple Online Ordering Guide](#)

<https://olddb-nsw.compass.education/>

If you are having problems logging into your parent portal, click "Can't
access your account?" and follow the prompts

Please note Sibling Photo orders must be placed BEFORE your last photo day.

*Separated parents must contact us directly to have their orders left at the office for
collection.*

PLEASE NOTE

Online Ordering Cut off date: 02-June-2026

After this date, an archive fee will apply to any orders placed

Boogie at the Diner: Disco Night



Tickets
@ Qkr!

Friday, 05 June 2026

Kindy to Year 2: 5 to 6pm

Years 3 to 5: 6:15 to 7:15pm

Harrington Hall

\$10 Kids' Entry

\$10 Kids' food
(Pizza & Juice)

\$10 Parents' food
(Sausage & Softdrinks)

\$5 Sausage or
drink only

Proceeds will go towards STEM resources for the school

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.

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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MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

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FREE

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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KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

A 5 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS EXPERIENCING CONFLICT AFTER SEPARATION

THIS IS AN ONLINE COURSE
THURSDAYS
21 MAY - 18 JUNE 2026
12.00PM - 2.30PM

Date: Thursdays 21 May – 18 June 2026

Time: 12.00pm – 2.30pm

Location: Online

Fee: \$150 or \$50 concession

This course is designed to assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation. Parents will also develop a greater understanding about how to support their children. Topics include:

- Grief and loss after separation
- The hidden world of children
- Rebuilding resilience
- Bridging the gap
- Looking back, moving forward.

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced counsellors, social workers, mediators and educators.

More info here [Body](#).

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for **Friday 22 MAY 2026!**

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

9am Special Mass & Events Calendar

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL 9AM FAMILY MASSES AT CHATSWOOD CATHOLIC PARISH - 94 ARCHER ST CHATSWOOD

Year One Mass 17 May - Children in year one from all schools in our parish are invited to join us for this Year Mass followed by morning tea and an opportunity to meet catechists and other parents.

Pentecost Sunday 24 May - Join us to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples for the first time and birth of the Church

First Communion Masses - 6, 7, 14 & 15 June
Over two weekends in June children who have been preparing for First Communion in our parish will receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Year Two Mass 21 June - Children in year two from all schools in our parish are invited to join us for this Year Mass followed by morning tea and an opportunity to meet catechists and other parents.

Year Three Mass 16 August - Children in year three from all schools in our parish are invited to join us for this Year Mass followed by morning tea and an opportunity to meet catechists and other parents.

Year Five Mass 18 October - Children in year five from all schools in our parish are invited to join us for this Year Mass followed by morning tea and an opportunity to meet catechists and other parents.

Year Six Graduation Mass 8 November - at 5:30pm
Year 6 students from all schools in our parish are invited to join our 5:30pm Youth Mass for a special celebration of their primary years and a blessing as they head into high school.



Our Lady
OF DOLOURS

Year One Mass

9am
17
MAY

Our Lady of Dolours
Church

94 Archer St Chatswood

Please bring a plate of food to share and join us after Mass in the school playground for morning tea.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For any queries contact: Angela at angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



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, scan the QR code, or speak with our parish office. Registration is essential to help us plan for catering and table seating.



Youth Group



Our parish youth group is for young people looking for fun evenings, with faith formation and new friends!



Dinner



Games



Sunday 24th May
6:30 - 8:30pm

We meet in the **Church forecourt** after 5:30pm mass, before moving to the parish meeting rooms

Cornerstone: Yrs 5-8

Keystone: Yrs 9-12



For More Information
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