



MAY 2026 EDITION 7

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

It has been a very busy few weeks with students attending both incursions and excursions. Thank you to our wonderful staff for co-ordinating these experiences for our students and for our amazing parent volunteers for assisting with supervision and guidance.

We had a productive and informative Parent Engagement meeting earlier this week and I thank all those parents who attended, with special thanks to Miss Camilla Brown and Mrs Rebecca Molinaro for their presentation on how REC is implemented in the classroom and explanation of the connections we have with our Parish.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our student disco next week and around the school as more volunteering opportunities arise. If you are available and interested in volunteering opportunities please see the office staff about completing your volunteer declaration or sign up to spend a lunch break in the canteen - sign up details have been sent out on COMPASS.

Finally Kindergarten enrolments for 2027 are filling quickly so if you have a sibling at home ready to commence school please see the school office.

School Advisory Council Term 2

The School Advisory Council recently met for the second time this year. We received an update on the school's 2026 priorities and goals, the outcomes of recent audits, and progress in preparing for the new Creative Arts, HSIE, PDHPE and Science and Technology syllabuses in 2027. We discussed the strong connection between the school and the parish, and the important role the school plays in supporting the sacramental program. We noted that Father Hien's ongoing presence within the school, and the school and parish coming together each term for the student retreat day, continue to strengthen this connection. We also received updates on school finances, recent fundraising efforts, and the expanded range of extracurricular activities, which now includes morning Mandarin classes and tennis lessons. - Camerone Dark

Parent representative

Upcoming Events

Monday 1 June
Year 6 Bake Sale

Tuesday 2 June
School Photos

Wednesday 3 June
Guide Dogs Incursion

Friday 5 June
Student Disco

Sunday 21 June
Year 2 Mass
Parish Church 9am

Monday 22 June
Athletics Carnival

Enrolling now for 2027



Stage 3 visit NSW Parliament House and the NSW Art Gallery



Learn more about the *Making of The Keys Under the Mat* here: agnsw.art/mike-hewson

Stage 3 went on an excursion to the NSW Parliament House and the NSW Art Gallery. It was such a great experience, as we learnt about many of the things our history teachers have been teaching us. At Parliament House, we got to participate in activities like role-plays and much more.

The Art Gallery was also amazing! We even got to play on an interactive art playground equipment. There was also a dance floor where everyone started dancing, including the teachers! In conclusion, the excursion was both fun and educational. I would love to go there again with all my friends, and it is an experience I will never forget.

Sophia



On Monday 25th May, Stage 3 went on an excursion to the NSW Art Gallery and NSW Parliament House. We caught the metro to the city and left school at around 9:00 am.

At 9:00, Year 5 went to Parliament House first, while Year 6 went to the Art Gallery. At the Art Gallery, we visited a fun and unique playground designed by an artist. Members of the public were also there, so we had to share the space. The playground included a really cool climbing frame with monkey bars that we all enjoyed climbing on. Around the frame was a rope draped down, which acted like a rope swing.

Before leaving for Parliament House, we had an early lunch outside the Art Gallery. Parliament House was only a short walk away. Before entering the building, we had to put our bags through a security scanner for safety.

Once inside, we went to the Green Room first, where bills are discussed for the first time. Some of us were given roles for a role-play activity where we debated a bill about whether children in NSW should have to go to school on Saturdays. I was the Speaker. Our local member, Tim James, even came to visit us. He told us about Parliament, and we got to take a photo with him. He also signed my notebook.

After that, we moved to the Red Chamber, where we continued discussing the bill and then voted on whether we would prefer to go to school on Saturdays or have an extra hour added to each school day. The extra hour of school won! (Don't worry—this was just part of the activity 😊)

Finally, we caught the metro back to school.

Lillian



On Monday 25th of May we went to the Art Gallery of NSW to see the Mike Hewson - The key is under the mat exhibition and Parliament House NSW. My favourite part was the art exhibition when we got to play on the cool climbing sculpture. After we went to the DJ area and had a dance party. At Parliament House we took part in a mock parliament session. It was about passing a bill to extend school time to include Saturdays because of poor NAPLAN results. In the end the opposition won in the legislative council after making an amendment to the bill - instead of coming to school on Saturday we would add an extra hour a week during the week days. Thank goodness it was all pretend - imagine having to go to school more than we already do!

Harin



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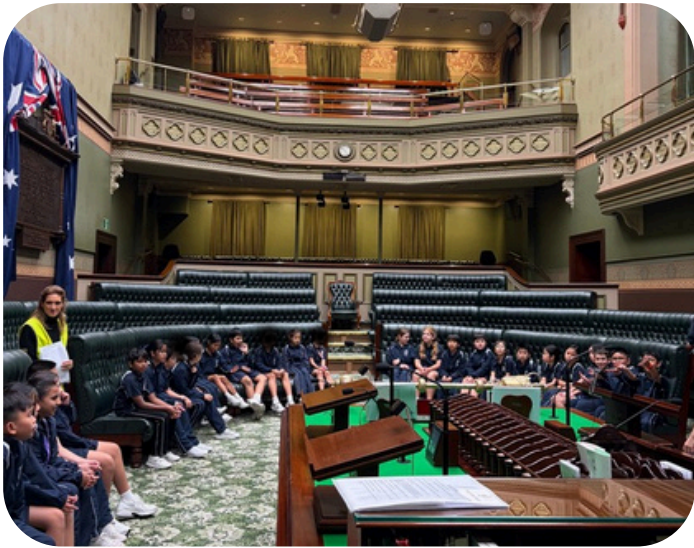
The Art Gallery was not your average one. When Year 6 went downstairs, they discovered a playground made from scrap materials. There was a climbing ring, swings, a sandpit, and even a bucket of water that you could splash on yourself. I think the best part was when Caleb got half buried in the sand.

After visiting the Art Gallery, Year 6 went to the State Parliament.

When they arrived at the front entrance, their bags had to go through an X-ray machine to check for anything dangerous. After passing through security, they entered NSW Parliament and went into the first room, where bills are introduced.

They took part in a role-play activity where they acted as members of Parliament debating a bill about having school on Saturdays (which didn't go down well with Year 6!). They acted it out with roles such as the Speaker and the clerks. "The Parliament" was able to pass the bill, but it still needed to go through the second room, where the opposition could make changes to it.

Fergus



Year 3 visit the Royal Botanical Gardens and Hyde Park Barracks

On Monday we went to the Royal Botanical Gardens and Hyde Park Barracks. In the Botanical Gardens my favourite things to see were the fruit grow and the stick insects. At Hyde Park Barracks I learnt that the people in England had to wear straw hats and woolen coats and pants. It was lots of fun pretending to be like the first fleet people. - Ciara



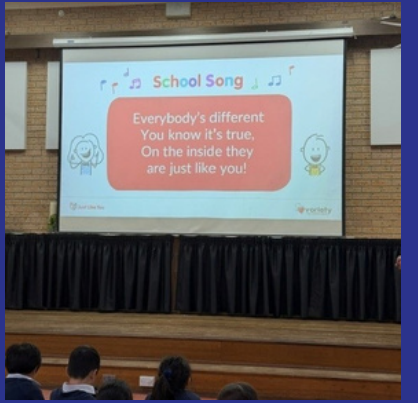
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On Monday we went to the Royal Botanical Gardens and Hyde Park Barracks. I liked it when we put on convict clothes to build something. I learnt that if you did a little something wrong you got smacked!! - Dominic

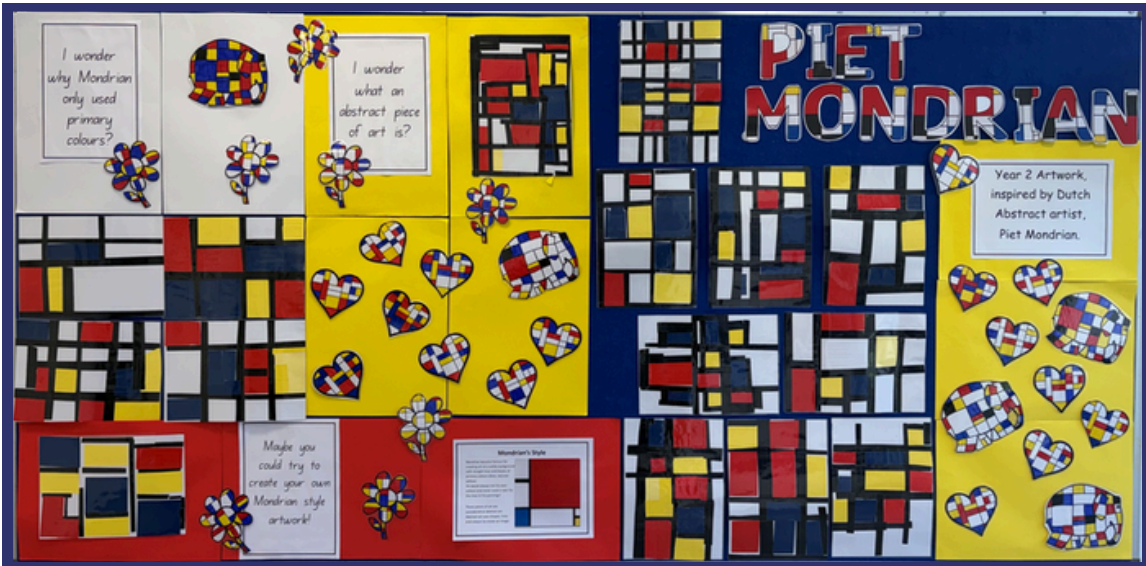


Just Like You Incursion

Students recently took part in a program called 'Just Like You'. Just Like You is a disability awareness program run by Variety - the Children's Charity. The program is designed to help students build understanding, acceptance and inclusion of all. We had two wonderful presenters, both with disabilities themselves, teaching students through tailored workshops that people with a disability are the same as everyone else - they are 'Just Like You'.



Exploring different forms of art in Year 2



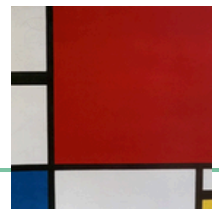
Year 2 recently adorned our foyer with beautiful artworks inspired by Dutch artist Piet Mondrian.

Mondrian became famous for creating art on a white background with straight lines and blocks of primary colours (blue, red and yellow.)

He would always mix his own colours and never use a ruler for the lines in his paintings!

These pieces of art are considered abstract art.

Abstract art uses shapes, lines and colours to create an image.



Sports news

Reminder: Athletics Carnival

This year's School Athletics Carnival is on Monday 22nd June 2026 (Week 10) at Bannockburn Oval, Pymble. Please make sure you put it in your calendars as we will need parent helpers that day.

A Compass event has come out with details/information and for parents to fill in. Please read the questions carefully and make sure you put in the right information when filling out the event please.



Broken Bay Cross Country Championships



On Tuesday 19th May, five students, represented OLD at the Broken Bay Cross Country Championship held at Gosford.

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding determination, willpower, great school spirit and efforts on the day, they represented OLD with pride. With their passion and enthusiasm we are sure these students will continue to excel in their sporting endeavours. Well done on achieving the below results:

Candice 41st
Joshua 32nd
Alexa 55th

Luke 39th
Olivia 48th



NSWPSSA Girls Basketball Championships

Congratulations Annabelle from Year 6, who recently competed in the NSWPSSA Girls Basketball Championships held in Port Macquarie.

Here is Annabelle's experience of her time at the championships:

On Monday 18th May, I went to Port Macquarie to compete in the Primary School Sports Association (PSSA). I left my house at 8:00 am and travelled for four hours to get there in time for my team training at 1:00 pm. After we met each other and trained, we checked into the resort where we were staying. Before dinner, we spent time doing fun activities like bowling, karaoke, and darts to prepare for the next day.

Unfortunately, we lost our first game against Sydney East, but we still had another match that day against Barrier. We played really well in that game and won, ending the day on a high.

The next day, we played against the West Coast and won again. However, one of my teammates was injured during the game. While we were playing, there was a cameraman and a commentator, and we later found out that we were on live TV when my mum's friend called to tell us she had seen us.

After that, we played against the South Coast but unfortunately lost. During the game, a player pushed me, and I fell on my leg. It has been sore ever since. Later, we went to Kmart to buy something to keep us busy instead of using our iPads.

On Thursday, we played against the North Coast and won again. After finishing that game, we returned to the resort before heading back out to play Sydney North. Sadly, we lost that match.

After all our games, we waited for the grand final between MacKillop and CIS, as both teams had also lost one game, like us. Finally, at 2pm, we attended the presentation where the NSW team was announced. Unfortunately, I didn't get selected.

Later, we drove home after a long but exciting and memorable week.

Annabelle should be very proud of her efforts during that week. To get this far into a Basketball Championship is a fantastic achievement and the community of OLD, is very proud. Keep on practising Annabelle and I am sure we will see you in the WNBA in the future!



Learning About our Church

This term Kindergarten to Year 4 will be attending a Church tour led by Father Hien.

Year 1 Blue were the first class to visit the Church and they got to explore behind the scenes in the Sacristy (a room behind the altar where the priest and altar servers prepare for mass).

Father Hien showed the students the Tabernacle where Jesus is present in the sacrament and when we see the Tabernacle we show respect by bowing or by genuflecting.

He also showed the students the Chalice which holds the wine which is turned into Jesus' blood and the Paten which holds the bread which is turned into Jesus' body. The students then prayed to Mary and finished at the Shrine of Hope where we prayed to Jesus expressing how much we love him.



First Holy Communion



On the 6th and 7th of June and on the 13th, 14th and 21st of June our OLD students will be receiving the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion during the parish mass times. We warmly congratulate these students on this special and sacred milestone in their faith journey. May they be blessed as they receive Jesus into their hearts for the first time.

We ask our school community to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for and celebrate this beautiful sacrament.

Year 3
Sienna

Year 4
Aveline
Lindsay
Louis
Samuel
JoshuaC
Abigail
Joy

Isabella
Leon
Samaria
Dominic
Nicolo
Ilaria
Keira
Casey
Christian
Giacomo
Railey

Samuel
Neil
Annabelle
Petar

Year 5
Neil

Year 6
Imogen

A Special Family Baptism Celebration

We are very grateful to share that our children, Kaleb (Year 2) and Keziah (Year 4), were baptised this Easter at OLD Parish, becoming part of the Catholic family.

We are deeply thankful for the love, support, and warmth we have received from OLD over the past years. We give thanks to God for His guidance and blessings throughout this journey.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Father David, Father Hiem, Ms Grace, Mr Ianni and everyone at OLD Parish who has walked alongside us in faith and fellowship.

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”— Mark 10:14

Thank you all for being part of our journey.

God Bless,
Karen & Kevin



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Your School Photo Day/s:

Tuesday 2 June 2026 (Main Day)



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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.

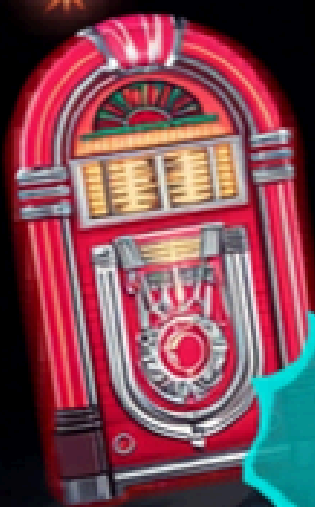
*Separated parents must contact us directly to have their orders left at the office for
collection.*

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
on Qkr!

Friday, 05 June 2026

Kindy to Year 2: 5 to 6pm
Years 3 to 6: 6:15 to 7:15pm

Harrington Hall

Feel free to wear these colours for a little extra fun, but no pressure!
Just come ready for a great night!



Cherry Red



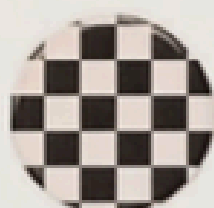
Baby Blue



Butter Yellow



Mint Green



Black & White



\$10 Kids' Entry

\$10 Kids' food
(Pizza & Juice)

\$10 Parents' food (Sausage
& Softdrinks)

\$5 Sausage or
drink only

Proceeds will go towards
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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.

Children's Liturgy



At 9am Mass

...supports parents in helping their child nurture their relationship with God and with their Catholic friends.

We need parents to support this important ministry by becoming a parent volunteer.

Please consider joining our team of parents who support each other in this role and grow your own faith friendships at the same time.

Volunteers are rostered on once per month during the school terms.

If you can help or would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Angela at the parish office on 9410 9033 or angela.hague@bbcatholic.org.au



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AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



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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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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LOCATIONS

- Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Ryde - 6, 7, 8 July 2026
- E.L.S Hall Park, North Ryde - 15, 16, 17 July 2026
- Macquarie University, North Ryde - 14, 15, 16 July 2026
- Forestville War Memorial Playing Field - 8, 9, 10 July 2026
- Ryde Secondary College, Ryde - 15, 16, 17 July 2026
- Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen - 13, 14, 15 July 2026

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