

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us for our Mother's Day Breakfast and Liturgy last week. It is wonderful to be able to come together as a community for these special celebrations.

A special thank you to Miss Ashleigh Ferrero and our students for leading us in our liturgy. A special thank you must also go to the amazing volunteers in our community for running our Mothers' Day Stall and the Mothers' Day Breakfast.

The school has been a hive of activity over the last 2 weeks, as along with Mothers' Day celebrations we have had year groups enjoying incursions and venturing out on excursions and have proudly heard of the achievements of our students representatives in both soccer and cross country. As our students immerse themselves in their learning in the weeks to come we will also see year 4 participate in their Communion Retreat and the much anticipated annual Athletics Carnival.

Upcoming Events

Mon 20 May - Pentecost Liturgies in class

Mon 21 Tues 22 May - Year 4 Communion Retreat

Tues 27 May - School Athletics Carnival

Tues 28 May - Parents invited to tour of OLD Parish

Tues 4 June - Students School Photos

Mon 10 June - Public Holiday

Enrolling now for
2025





Thank you to all the Mothers', Grandmothers and significant women in our community that joined us last week for our wonderful Mothers' Day celebration. It was a beautiful morning gathering of our community. Thank you to our Year 1 families for hosting the event and for all those that contributed to the mornings delicious treats. Thank you also to Miss Ashleigh Ferrero for organising our morning liturgy and to all our teachers and staff who welcomed our students mums into their classrooms to see the amazing work their children are producing.



Year 4 Excursion to Reverse Garbage



On Monday 6th May Year 4 went on an excursion to Reverse Garbage in Marrickville. Reverse Garbage is a place where they recycle materials that are donated to them. It is different to other shops as they sell new products that have come from a factory. We went there as part of our Science & Technology unit on reducing plastic waste.

In the first workshop we built mini sustainable house models out of the reused materials we were provided with. The purpose of this was to show us how to make houses sustainable and environmentally friendly. We included solar panels, gutters, water tanks and gardens in our designs. The materials my group used were cardboard, paper clips, split pins (lots of them), paper, string straws and sticky adhesives that had all been donated.

In the second workshop we made some packaging. The purpose of the task was to design some suitable packaging to send a product to Melbourne (well not actually you had to imagine it!) We had to think about the properties of our product before designing the packaging. For example, was our product fragile or need to stay fresh. We used coconut fibre, cloth and cardboard to send our... We found it tricky to stick the coconut fibre on as we couldn't use sticky tape or glue because they are not sustainable products. My group enjoyed making our package.

We would absolutely recommend Year 4 to go there next year because it is fun, you can practise your craft skills and most importantly learn new things!

By Annamaree and Kathleen



Year 1 Science Incursion

On Wednesday Year 1 were so lucky to have a visit from a scientist to consolidate their knowledge from Term 1 Science. Scientist Mitch showed us how to turn liquids to gases and liquids to solids.

We saw liquid nitrogen and we even saw liquid metal freeze into a heart! The students enjoyed participating in the experiments and watching the changes that happen when we heat, cool and combine materials.



Kindergarten Aboriginal Incursion

Kindergarten had a wonderful day experiencing the Aboriginal culture. They got to throw a spears, boomerangs and learn some traditional dances.



Pentecost

Prayer For Pentecost

Oh God, on this day you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit.

By that same Spirit give us a right judgment in all things that we may always rejoice in His holy comfort;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen



Sports News Week 3 Term 2

Polding Girls and Boys Football (Soccer) Representative Trials



On Friday the 3rd of May, the school was excited to have our future Football (Soccer) stars Caryne and Joshua participate at the Polding Football (Soccer) Rep Trial at Tamworth (a 4 hour and a half drive north of Chatswood). Both students arrived in Tamworth the day before, for a training session and ready for their trial the next day.

Here is a recount by Joshua on his experience at the trial:

At the soccer trials, I played against other dioceses to get into the Polding team, which was all the dioceses together. Before we played the first game, there was a goalkeeper trial to see what the goalkeepers could do. I did that and then we played the matches.

After the first 3 games, we had a 20-minute break to rest, then we got into the 4th game and then the 5th. Then we had another break to eat lunch. After the last game, we had some water and then we all went to where the people choosing the team were. They picked the possibles and probables teams. I made it into one of the teams, which they played a last game to choose the final team and unluckily I did not make it into the team.

A fantastic effort Caryne and Joshua for reaching this stage of the Football (Soccer) Trials. We as a school and community are proud of you both. For you both to come this far into the trials is a wonderful achievement. Mr. Caltabiano and everyone from OLD, Chatswood wish you all the best of luck in the Football (Soccer) season this year.



North Shore (Zone) Cross Country Trials

Sydney Cross Country Championships 2023

On Thursday 9th May, 2024 at Pennant Hills Park - Pennant Hills, our cross country squad: Ethaniel, Ranbir, Sophia, Brianna, Joshua, Ella, Floyd, Emma, Lucas, Conor, Ilaria, Hannah, Isla, Sybella, Liam, Annabelle, Michael, Olivia, Go, Caryne, Tatsumi and Oscar proudly represented Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at the North Shore (Zone) Cross Country Trials.

Congratulations to all students, as they all ran exceptionally well despite the cold start in the morning and some running in the rain. All students were prepared to compete as they had been training prior for their big race. All students warmed-up eagerly before the race. As an onlooker from within the course, Mr. Caltabiano noticed all students putting in their best effort in completing the course. Every OLD, Chatswood cross country squad member should be commended for the amazing job they did. Every student cheered on each other, and encouraged their school peers when they were running. Mr. Caltabiano is so proud of you all!!! Well done to you all!!!

Big congratulations must go to:

- Isla (8/9 year Girls) who came 4th overall
- Oscar (8/9 year Boys) who came 19th overall
- Annabelle (10 year Girls) who came 4th overall
- Sophia (10 year Girls) who came 14th overall
- Ella (10 year Girls) who came 19th overall
- Tatsumi (11 year Boys) who came 8th overall
- Ranbir (11 year Boys) who came 19th overall
- Emma (12/13 year Girls) who came 16th overall
- Caryne (12/13 year Girls) who came 14th overall
- Floyd (12/13 year Boys) who came 12th overall
- Conor (12/13 year Boys) who came 17th overall

All eleven students have made it into the next stage of the cross-country trials which will be held next Tuesday in Gosford. What an amazing achievement from these eleven students. From our school community, we wish them all the best in the next stage. Good Luck!!

Mr. Caltabiano would like to thank those parents who came 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. Thank you to the parent helpers who came to assist on the day and helped when needed. It really made the day run smoothly and the students were thankful for having you there.

A BIG Thank You must go lastly to Ms. Hull who came out to help and assist on the day. Thank you for helping with the proceedings during the day. Your commitment should be highly commended as we couldn't have been there without you. Thank you, thank you, Thank you!!!

For Parents



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

FREE

TERM 2 PARENTING PROGRAMS

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TUNING INTO TEENS**

Free parenting programs delivered by CatholicCare during Term 2. Parenting is the most important job that any of us ever have – raising children to become responsible, caring, compassionate and resilient. It is also one of the most challenging and frustrating so we provide a range of parenting programs to help you do the best you can in this critical task. We work with you to build on your strength as a family and help you to create a home environment where children thrive. By gaining important insights and learning new skills parents via our parenting programs, you'll be better equipped to help your children reach their potential.

Kicking off in May CatholicCare have the following programs running - all are free – some are run in-person and others online. School families are welcome to attend. Please note these courses are for parents residing in Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney and Northern Beaches suburbs.

Visit [Parenting Programs](#) for more information and to register but be quick as spots are limited.

I would like to introduce myself, I am the new Youth Engagement Officer attached to the North Shore Police Area Command.

My mobile number is 0498 149 314 if you require anything at all.

I have attached a flyer for the Fit For Life program run out of the PCYC at North Sydney if you could please promote this to your students.

I look forward to meeting you soon and please feel free to reach out if I can be of any assistance.

Kind Regards,

Natalie SMITH
Senior Constable
Youth Engagement Officer
Youth Command - Ku-Ring-Gai Sector
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NSWCPS Golf Tournament (MacKillop and Polding)

Date: 5 August 2024

Venue: Blackheath Golf Club

18 Hole

- Students must have a golf link number and a handicap
- Eligible for selection into the MacKillop and Polding Golf Teams pathway
- 8 Years - 13 Years

9 Hole

- Golf link number and handicap not required.
- Not eligible for further pathways.
- 8 Years - 13 Years.



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29 July 2024

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Daniel Kickert, Alex Newsome, Daniel
Georgievski, Matthew Jurman and many others.

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VOLUNTEERING AT OLD

Are you interested in volunteering at OLD in 2024?

It is always wonderful having our parent community join us in the many volunteering opportunities at OLD such as, joining us on excursion, in the OLD Canteen, the preloved uniform stall, morning teas and more.

If you are interested please click on the below link to complete your volunteer form

[Volunteer Declaration](#)

The students thank you in advance for playing an active role in our school community



Canteen Volunteers needed

Looking to volunteer in but don't have much time?
Why not sign up for the OLD Canteen, we only need

30-45 minutes of your time and the students thank you in advance
for your contribution

[Canteen sign up](#)



Pews and views

A Guided Stroll Through Our Lady of Dolours Church

SACRISTY

Behind the scenes of where all the preparation for Mass happens.



CHURCH

See spaces within the main church building and get to know more about the meaning and history.



CHOIR LOFT

Possibly the best view of the entire church is where the choir sits at the top in the loft. Come see our organ!



28 MAY 1:30 - 2:30

Dear Parents, we warmly invite you to come on a special tour of Our Lady of Dolours church and see things in a new light! We will explore spaces you may not have been, and learn more about the interesting and rich meaning and history in how the church was built. We will finish in time for the school afternoon pick up.

Please RSVP to Rebecca
Parent Engagement Co-Ordinator by 26 May
rebecca.molinaro@dbb.catholic.edu.au





Our Parish-in-Council III

Belonging in Community - Charisms, Connection & Contribution

Dear Friends,

On Saturday 18 May, we will once more come together as a community, to encounter one another, listen to each other, and experience the bond of communion with one another through a shared participation at our third Parish-in-Council meeting.

Starting with a free lunch, followed by a range of conversations, Parish-in-Council is a wonderful opportunity for us all to discern and shape the future of our parish together.

When is our Parish-in-Council III?

On the afternoon of Saturday 18 May from 12 pm to 5 pm in Harrington Hall.

Who can participate?

All parishioners and anyone associated with the life of the parish are invited to attend and participate.

Can my children come?

Absolutely! We warmly welcome children to participate in our Kids-in-Council.

Do I need to register?

To assist our organisers, it is essential to register your attendance before Sunday 5 May.



Simply scan the QR code or fill out a paper registration form.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 18 May as we come together and discern where the Holy Spirit might be guiding our parish.

