

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

For those of you that were able to join us on Monday for our annual athletics carnival I'm sure you will agree it was a spectacular day. The excitement amongst our students was immeasurable. From the joy of the bus ride to the activities on the day, fun was had by all.

The hard work put in by our sports coordinator, Ross Caltabiano, was rewarded with the many smiles and laughter from all students.

A special mention must go to our parent volunteers, thank you for your assistance on the day. Your help makes events like this possible. We also thank the sports students from Mercy College Chatswood for their contributions.

A reminder to families that may have a child at home ready to commence school in 2024. Applications for enrolment are now due and positions are almost filled. Please see the school office if you are yet to submit an application

Upcoming Events

Tues 4 June - School Photo Day

Wed 5 June - World Environment Day

Wed 5 June - Parent Engagement Meeting

Mon 10 June - Public Holiday

Mon 17 June - Student Retreat Day 2

Wed 19 to Fri 21 June - Stage 3 Camp Canberra

Enrolling now for
2025

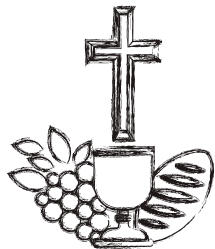


First Holy Communion

This weekend our OLD students will be receiving the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion during the parish mass times. We would like to congratulate them and please keep them in your prayers as they receive Jesus into their hearts.



<i>Ella</i>	<i>Lucia</i>	<i>Kira</i>			
<i>Cassius</i>	<i>Caleb</i>	<i>Julian</i>			
<i>Isla</i>	<i>Nathan</i>	<i>Micaela</i>			
<i>Annabelle</i>	<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Mary</i>			
<i>Aiden</i>	<i>Elise</i>	<i>Arabella</i>	<i>Hayley</i>	<i>Alexelle</i>	<i>Rafael</i>
<i>Fergus</i>	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Alessia</i>	<i>Caleb</i>	<i>Ashleigh</i>	<i>Michelle</i>
<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Rachel</i>	<i>Sara</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Tatsumi</i>	



Year 4 Sacramental Retreat- Communion preparation

Thank you to Angela and Mona from our OLD Parish for joining Year 4 last week and running the Sacramental Retreat. This was an important part in the reparation process for our year 4 students as they readied themselves for receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Thank you also to our Year 4 teachers for their assistance in this program.



What's been happening in Year 6...

Lego Education Spike

In 6B we had great fun using Lego Education Spike as part of our Science and Digital Technology lessons. We have learnt how to construct a dog called Kiki which involved coding, problem solving and teamwork. We have worked in small groups and have had to share ideas and suggestions. Everyone enjoyed this activity as we all had something to contribute. Above all it was great fun learning a variety of skills.

Now the rest of Stage 3 will get to follow in our success and have fun also. Thomas and Caroline Year 6 Blue.



Musical Auditions



It's been a hive of excitement in Year 6 as they began the audition process for roles in years musical 'High School Musical Jr'. It has been great to see the many and varied talents on display from our students - we can't wait for the big event in Term 3.



National Simultaneous Storytime!



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This is an important campaign to share our love and enjoyment of reading with children and libraries across the country.

This is the 24th year of NSS and the chosen book is Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker. It is a beautiful story about searching for treasures but even greater-finding connection with others. It is moving and powerful. OLD will be connecting with this story in a variety of ways today and this week!



Farewell Mrs Pidcock

This week, our school community sadly farewelled Mrs. Pidcock after an incredible 11 years of teaching at OLD. Year 3G led a farewell assembly on Thursday, where the students shared special memories and expressed why they believe Mrs. Pidcock is a great teacher. Trudy is an exceptional educator with a true passion for teaching. Her patience, calmness, and kindness will be deeply missed at OLD. The students at OLD always loved being taught by Mrs. Pidcock and we thank her for sharing her wonderful gifts and talents with OLD. We wish Trudy all the very best as she moves to the beautiful Port Stephens with her family.



OLD *Athletics Carnival*



On Monday 27th May, our students participated in our school Athletics Sports Carnival for 2024 at Bannockburn Oval, Pymble. Although the weather was a bit chilly to start off with, nothing was going to deter these young upcoming athletes from competing in their events.

The students arrived at 9.30am and the first group of students eagerly and enthusiastically started the carnival with the 800m races and infants started their novelty events. It was then time for the primary students to begin their track and field events.

Students went into their age groups and participated in the events. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship shown by all students should be much-admired. All students excelled to do their best as well as having fun with their peers. With the support of teachers, Mercy College students, parent helpers and students, all the events were successfully completed.

The students then had lunch and thank you to the Year 6 parents for providing the pizza slices for the students to eat. It was then time for the heath hustle which the students danced to the song 'Shake it off' by Taylor Swift, followed by House Colour Cheers. What great dance movements could be seen, and great vocals could be heard across the grounds.

A carnival of this size cannot be organised and run on its own. Firstly, I must thank the teachers, support staff and exec team for doing a superb job in supervising and directing the children on the day. We thank the office staff, for their tremendous assistance. There is so much work involved behind the scenes that I could not do it on my own. These ladies are exceptional, and I thank them very much for all that they do during these sporting events.

Thank you to all the parent helpers/Mercy College students for your role on the day. Thank you for giving up your time to help in our school sports event. Without your help and commitment, events like these are difficult to run smoothly. A special thank you to those parents who helped set up in the chilly morning and to those parents who helped pack up in the afternoon. There are so many people to thank that the list is endless. Without your help, I could not have done this on my own. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the students, for their great listening skills to instructions when given and great participation. Well done Our Lady of Dolour students! Also thank you to the parents/carers who came to the event to support the students. It was good to see so many parents at the oval, supporting not only their child but the event as well. Bring on the Swimming Carnival in Term 4!

The House Colour Winners will be announced at this coming Monday assembly. Looking forward to the announcement!

Broken Bay Cross Country Champions ships

Last week on Tuesday 21st May, the following eight students, Ranbir, Sophia, Floyd, Emma, Isla, Annabelle, Caryne and Oscar represented our school at the Broken Bay Cross Country Championships at The Entertainment Grounds at Gosford.

Here is a recount by Isla about her experience of the day:

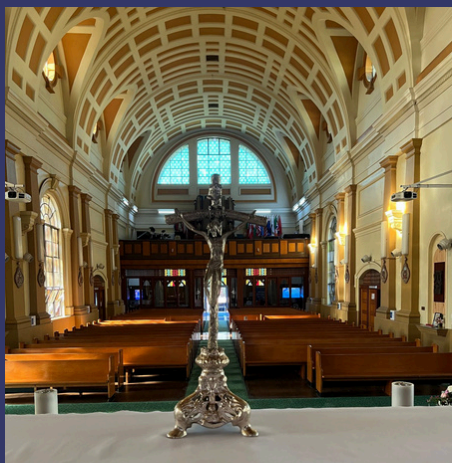
Cross country is a race run through bush and up and down hills – however this course was flat and was literally on a racecourse for horses. I was very nervous, but I felt better when I saw my friend, Annabelle. This was the Broken Bay trials and in my race, it was top ten to qualify. The zone managers sang the National Anthem and said a prayer.

Right before the whistle blew, one of the girls made a false start which caused me to be a bit confused, but I just kept running. When the orange cones led off the finish line, a couple of girls had overtaken me, but I sprinted ahead and came 14th place out of 58 8/9-year-old girls. I stayed to watch the presentation and 1st, 2nd & 3rd were given medals! After that, I bought a nice, cold, refreshing ice cream. I ran a personal best time. My race was the youngest age group, but it went all the way up to 18-year-old – who had to run 8km (I only ran 2km). I hope next year I will make it to the next level.

On behalf of the school, I would like to congratulate all eight students for trying their best on the day and showing great determination in finishing the race. We are so proud of you all for making it this far into the cross-country trials. Well done, to you all!



Pews and Views Church Tour



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It was wonderful to go behind the scenes, experience different views and explore some of the history of Our Lady Of Dolours Church. Thank you to Olivia and Father Anselm from the parish for sharing their knowledge and giving us a whole new perspective when we celebrate mass.



Parish in Council

On Saturday 18th May the Parish held their Third Parish In Council which I attended representing our school. It was a great opportunity to meet parish members and to collaborate and listen to each others ideas of what they desire for the Church.

There was 130 participants in the school hall and we came together for lunch and Father David opened the Parish in Council with a liturgy.

The focus was about Belonging in The Community – Charism, Connection and Contribution.

Speakers talked about Radical Hospitality and on our tables we came up with with ideas on how we can create better relationships with new and current parishioners with the gifts that we have and what we can offer to share with the parish community. On our table our main points of action was to take the time to meet new parishioners after mass, carpooling elderly members to church and also organising a church open day.

All of our suggestions were presented and will be taken into consideration by the Parish.

I look forward to the next Parish in Council and would invite Parents to come.



For Parents



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

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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.

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](#)



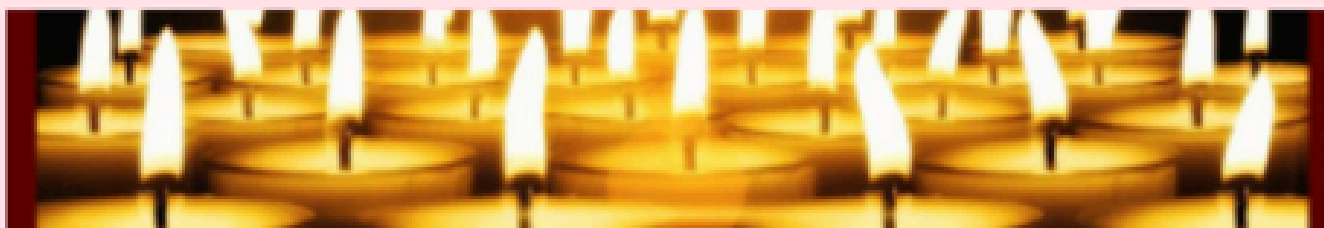
Join us for a very special evening
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Taize Prayer
Friday 21 June @ 6pm - 6.45pm

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, PARISHIONERS
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