

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MARCO IANNI PRINCIPAL

It has been an exciting and enjoyable two weeks at Our Lady of Dolours.

Students had a wonderful week celebrating their love of all things books for book week. A special thank you to Mrs Charlton for organising our annual book week parade, grade visits to Chatswood Library and the finale treat, the Magician incursion. Students are now busy making wish lists from the book fair, it is certainly wonderful to see a love of reading at OLD is well and truly alive. This week also saw OLD represented at numerous Broken Bay events. Firstly congratulations to Grace and Bella in Year 6 who participated in the North Shore Cluster Finals for public speaking. Both girls spoke exceptionally well and we are very proud of your achievements. Congratulations to all other students who were our stage finalists and winners entertaining us all with their speeches. Congratulations must also be extended to the OLD athletics team. Thank you to Mr C for the additional training sessions and coaching provided to help our students be the best they could be. The 2 recent representative carnivals saw outstanding results achieved for our students, more information can be found about this later in the newsletter.

A reminder that we are hosting a well being week parent seminar next Tuesday evening on the Neuroscience of Screen Addiction which we encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

Finally thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Fathers' Day celebration, it was a wonderful morning and we hope all our dads' have a special day with their families this coming Sunday.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3 - The Neuroscience of Screen Addiction Parent Seminar

Thursday 5 - North Shore Review Community Engagement sessions

Tuesday 17 September - Creative Arts Festival High School Musical Jr Performance

Thursday 26 - Last Day Term 3

Tuesday 15 October - Term 4 commences

Enrolling now for 2025
Limited places available in our senior classes



Fathers' Day



Thank you to all the dads that joined us for our Fathers' Day celebration this morning. It was wonderful sharing our breakfast, liturgy and open classrooms with you. A special thank you to Miss Ferrero for organising the liturgy and Year 2 for co-ordinating breakfast



Public Speaking

From the Assistant Principal Mrs Clouston

Our Public Speaking finalists from each grade delivered their speeches last week and each speaker was well prepared and engaged the audience beautifully. From the Stage 3 finalists, two students (Grace Moores and Isabella Rojas- Alali) were selected to represent Our Lady of Dolours at the Cluster Finals at Sacred Heart Primary School on Wednesday.

Grace and Isabella both did an amazing job at the Lower North Shore Public Speaking Competition, not only with their rehearsed speech but also with their improvised speech. They performed first and second speech respectively and set a very high standard for all the speakers. It was a tough competition and whilst they didn't place in the top 3, we are all very proud of their efforts.

The principal of Sacred Heart as well as representatives from other schools taking part, commended the children not only for the high level of the speeches given but the sportsmanship and support they showed each other during the morning and labelled them all as 'good humans to be very proud of'. One of the judges, an English teacher from Mercy, commented that he had Year 11 girls that couldn't speak as well as these children.

We are certainly very proud of Isabella and Grace who represented our school so magnificently.

Congratulations girls!

We also congratulate all our finalists and the winners and runners up listed below:



Grade	Winner	Runner up
Kindergarten	Shinaya	Raymond
Year 1	Jo	Derek
Year 2	Christopher	Ilaria
Year 3	Eva	Tegan
Year 4	Isla	Sophia
Year 5	Autumn	Lylah
Year 6	Grace	Isabella



Book Week

It has been an incredibly exciting time in the Library this term! We celebrated Book Week with a book parade and a magician performance. Reading is truly magic!

To add to this, every class visited Chatswood Library to work with two of the teacher-librarians there. The students did craft, multiple choice activities, paper folding and listened to some of the short and long listed books from the Children's Book Council of Australia. Thank you to our generous volunteer parents who came along to the Library visits and supported our children in their learning.

An additional huge thank you to all the OLD staff for their support this Book Week. Congratulations to all the students for their efforts and commitment to Library activities this term.

We are finalising our Book Week with our Scholastic Book Fair. Students are browsing and making Wish Lists in Week 6 and will receive their order hopefully by the end of Week 7. In some circumstances with popular book titles, a re-order may need to be made (this can take slightly longer to arrive). Thank you for supporting our Book Fair.



Magician Performance

Lillian 4B

The magician was fantastic, it was full of surprises! My favourite part was when a real bunny came out of the bucket! I wonder how Charlotte the spider spun a web? She was a really good and funny magician. The funniest thing was when she popped a balloon and a head popped onto 'Airhead Fred'.

Lucia 4B

I thought the magician was very good but some bits were a tiny bit obvious like the Charlotte's Web and the bunny trick. Not including that I loved the Magic Show. Some parts of it were funny and I couldn't help laughing. I also liked how cute and fluffy the bunny was.

Annamaree 4B

I thought the magician was good, but there were a few obvious tricks included. I really enjoyed it when Missy Magic turned a blank, plain book into a colourful book with pictures in it. Many people liked it when the magician opened a brown book and out came fire! The magic show was quite funny though and Missy Magic was extremely funny and kind too.

Madeleine 5B

I loved the tricks the magician did. Some were really cool and amazing. I especially like the "Airhead Fred" one it was funny and also had a good message in it. I also liked how interactive the show was. The rabbit from Velveteen Rabbit was really cute.

Hayley 5B

I thought the magician was very entertaining. She did tricks that older kids wouldn't find 'childish'. Her first trick was about a toy bunny transforming into a real fluffy one. She was very believable when she was doing them although there were some tricks where a lot of people knew them.

Evelyn 5B

The magician was AWESOME! She did reveal one of her tricks! She made velveteen rabbit come to life! It was very interactive.

Book Week



Malcolm 5G

I dressed up as Olivander the wand maker from Harry Potter. I could cast spells on people. I enjoyed looking at people's crafting on their costumes.

Isla 4B

I really enjoyed the Book Week Parade because the school was showcasing everyone's amazing creative costumes and everyone could see how much effort everyone had put in. OLD did this in a fun way – with music to dance to around while we paraded and the quiz questions kept us thinking and entertained. When the Year 6 Literacy Leaders drew classes out of a hat they kept everyone in suspense and surprise. Overall I think it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase everyone's creativity.

Anamika 5B

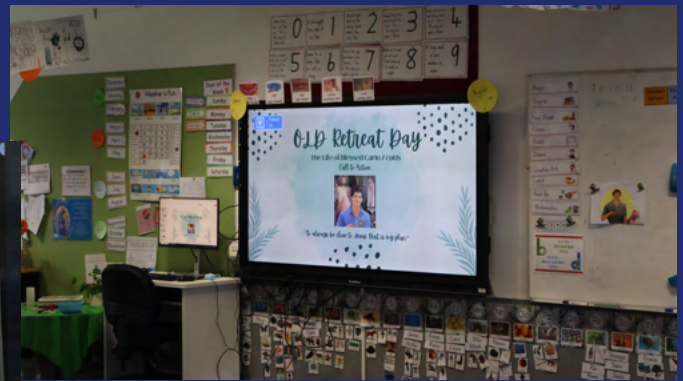
The Book Parade had many different people dressed as book characters and so were the teachers. We had some music on and each class would be picked from a hat. That class would go around in a circle like a parade. We all had so much fun dressing up as book characters.



Student Retreat



During OLD students third retreat day for 2024 they learnt about the life of blessed Carlos Acutis who will become a Saint in 2025. The students were asked what their call to action is in their young lives and how Carlo can inspire them.



North Shore Zone Athletics Championships 2024

On the 22nd August 2024, our amazing squad of athletes represented Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood at the North Shore Athletics Championship at Sydney Olympic Park, Warm up Arena. Regardless of the travel distance, the students arrived with great enthusiasm and this was displayed with their amazing results on the day.

The 2024 Athletics Squad were represented by the following 39 students: Alannah.A, Liam.B, Sophia.Cha, Sophia.Che, Maria.C, Joshua.C, Caleb.H, Floyd.H, Ella.H, Nathan.H, Owen.J, Emma.K, Elly.K, Maxwell.L, Sophia.L, Cassius.L, Lucas.L, Imogen.M, Stella.M, Conor.M, Louis.N, Marco.P, Isla.Q, Sara.R, Eli.R, Rachel.S, Freya.S, Annabelle.S, Michael.S, Lucia.S, Olivia.S, Go.T, Brigitta.T, Fergus.T, Greyson.W, Caryne.W, Tatsumi.Y, Oscar.Z and Isabel.Z.

These students must also be commended for their outstanding behaviour, their great sportsmanship and their extraordinary athletics skills. As I always say to students, it is not whether you come first or last in an event that matters, rather it is the willingness and determination to give your very best and to keep improving on your times/distances. You have all made the OLD, Chatswood community very proud! Well Done!

The following students qualified for the Broken Bay Athletics Championships which was held yesterday 29th August at Mingara Athletics Centre at Tumbi Umbi.

The results of these students are as follows:

Liam.B – Boys 11yo Discus – 3rd Place

Elly.K – Girls 8yo 100m – 5th Place

Emma.K – Girls 12yo 100m – 4th Place

Brigitta.T – Girls 12-13yo 800m – 3rd Place

Girls 12-13yo 1500m – Qualified

Fergus.T – Boys 9yo 100m – 3rd Place

Boys Junior 1500m – Qualified

Greyson.W – Boys 12-13yo 800m – 3rd Place

Boys 12yo 100m – 5th Place

Boys 12-13yo Discus – 2nd Place

Tatsumi.Y – Boys 11yo 100m – 5th Place

Boys 11yo Long Jump – 1st Place

Boys 11yo 1500m – Qualified

Isla.Q – Girls Junior 1500m – Qualified

Boys 11-13yo 4x100m Relay (Go.T, Conor.M, Floyd.H and Greyson.W) – 1st Place

Floyd.H – Boys 12yo 100m – 2nd Place

Boys 12-13yo 200m – 1st Place

Boys 12-13 High Jump – 1st Place

Boys 12-13 Shot Put – 2nd Place

Boys 12-13 Long Jump – 3rd Place

Results are being finalised for the Broken Bay Athletics Championships and published in the next newsletter.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS must go to Floyd.H, not only did he progress to the next stage for Athletics, he also broke the Boys 12-13yo High Jump record for the carnival. The record was 1.48m held in 2023. Floyd now has the record at 1.52m. What an amazing accomplishment. It is a memory he will never forget and a record which could last for years. Floyd, the students, teachers and community are very proud of you and congratulate you on your achievement. Horrayment!!

A BIG thank you to Ms Hull for making sure the students got to their events on time and helping supervise the students as well as the amazing three parent helpers: Mrs Ho, Mr Turton and Ms Mustaca for their tremendous help on the day. Another thank you must go to the amazing parents who took the time to attend the day and support our OLD, Chatswood students. It is wonderful to see that our parent community supports our school in participating in these sporting events. Thank you, thank you!



Blessed Carlo - our first Millennial Saint



Carlo was born on the 3rd May 1991 in London and was baptised on the 18th May at Our Lady of Dolours. Later that year his family returned to Milan.

At a young age Carlo showed a special love for God even though his parents were not practicing Catholics. Carlo loved to pray the Rosary and after he made his first Holy Communion he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school.

Carlo's love for the Eucharist inspired his mother devotion. The priest promoting his cause for sainthood because he "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily."

He had a gift for empathy and was known for defending kids at school who were bullied or picked on, especially those who could not stand up for themselves.

With his extraordinary faith at such a young age, Carlo was still a boy like any other, he loved Soccer, Pokémon, Spiderman and Video Games. He also played the saxophone.

He is a great inspiration to our young children, to have faith and be caring to others.

Wellbeing Week Parent Seminar

Professor Wayne Warburton will be speaking to our community on the negative impacts of excessive screen use and screen addiction.

We invite you to join us to learn more about strategies to manage screen time.

Tuesday 3 September
2024

6.30pm

Our Lady of Dolours
Primary School

Register [here](#)



Creative Arts Festival

**Creative Arts Festival 2025 -
School Musical - High School
Musical Jr to be held at the
Concourse Chatswood
Tuesday 17 September**

Disney
**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL JR.**



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Year 4 girls who play netball for Willoughby United under 10s (Immy, Lucia, Lillian and Alessia) who have made it to the semi finals. They've had a great season winning 7 out of 8 games. Well done girls and good luck in the finals.



Looking for more opportunities for your Year 5 or Year 6 student? Limited vacancies available for 2025



For Parents

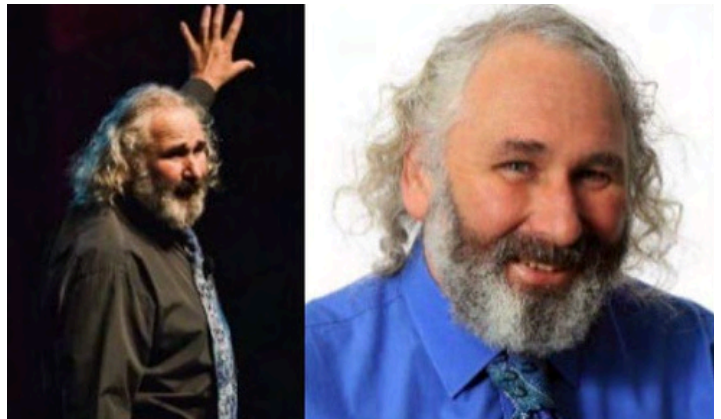
Are you concerned about the amount of screen time your child has and the effects it has on their brain development? Did you know around 10% of children develop a substantial problem around screen use and gaming? To find out more about the affects of screen time on the growing brain and how to develop a healthy relationship with screens join us for:

THE NEUROSCIENCE OF SCREEN ADDICTION

Tuesday 3 September
6.30pm

Our Lady of Dolours Primary School
RSVP: 30 August - [Neuroscience of Screen Addiction 2024](#)

Please note this is a parent only event



Game Changer - Professor Wayne Warburton

School of Psychological Sciences
Macquarie University

Many parents worry their children are gaming to excess and don't know how to deal with it. Psychologist Wayne Warburton says he can help, with an Australian first program tackling problem gaming. Will it work?

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 2024 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](#)

JRS AUSTRALIA

FOODBANK

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia provides vital support to over 150 families seeking asylum and refugees every week through our Foodbank program. These families, who are largely unable to access Federal Government assistance, have expressed that JRS is their only safety net. With your assistance, we can ensure that these families no longer face the difficult choice between paying rent and putting food on the table.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



COOKING OIL
750ML/1L/2L BOTTLES

LONG LIFE MILK
1L/2L BOTTLES



BASMATI RICE
1KG - 5KG

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COCONUT MILK
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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COMPASSIONATE SUPPORT!



Jesuit Refugee Service Foodbank Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated supplies to our JRS Foodbank Appeal. We have had an overwhelming amount of donations coming through!

We are now looking for **volunteer drivers who can deliver these donated items to the JRS** in Parramatta using their personal car after the collection. Please contact Miss Ashleigh Ferrero via the school office if you may be interested in helping us distribute the materials. JRS is open Monday 9am-4pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The JRS outreach community, along with the refugees, people seeking asylum, and migrants in vulnerable situations are immensely grateful for your kindness.



On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for supporting JRS!