



Wednesday 23 October 2019



## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Sunday's Fair by the Sea was an enormous success and a real reflection of not just the hard work, but also passion and pride evident throughout our community. There was a positive buzz amongst the numerous volunteers, parents, children and visitors throughout the day with many of them telling me how impressed they were with the sense of community here. A huge thanks to everyone who supported FBTS, led by Matt McCudden who tirelessly and willingly puts in so much work and leads others to do the same! Congratulations OLSS! I'm so proud to be part of this amazing community after days like Sunday.
- Today we held our annual Rosary procession which led into the Jack Costa Awards for Catholic Life and Mission, inspired by our late and dear friend Mr Jack Costa. The children were magnificent in the way they conducted themselves so reverently, and I have no doubt Jack was watching closely and smiling warmly as we prayed to Mary our heavenly mother in this beautiful Catholic tradition.
- Congratulations to our cricket team who represented our school with pride on Friday at the Waratah Shield. The team beat OLR Wyoming, then St. Cecilia's Wyong to make the Semis. They play the Semis this Friday and with a win they will then compete in the final.
- Last week I spoke to all classes in Year 5 about their pathway to leadership this term. It is both an exciting and challenging term for the Year 5 students and I am very confident they will follow in the footsteps of Year 6 and previous leaders in our school in the challenges ahead. I look forward to spending more time with this great group of young people.
- On Friday we welcome 2020 Kinder families for the first of three transition mornings. Our first transition morning will have both parents and our future Kinder students sharing a morning together in the classroom and around the school. I too look forward to spending time with the children and also their parents in what is always a lovely 'stepping stone' towards Kindergarten.
- All the children are benefitting from a weekly Peer Support Program that is focusing on learning about and developing Social and Emotional skills. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 children who are leading the way.
- Year 5 are enjoying a day out tomorrow on their Geography Excursion to Terrigal Beach/Haven to investigate "Factors that shape places". They will have the opportunity to analyse types of geographical features and use fieldwork techniques.
- A reminder to the Year 3 families that the Japanese Gardens excursion is next Thursday 31 October. Please [click here](#) to complete the permission form.
- A reminder to parents that the school day and supervision begins at 8:10am each morning. I have noticed that there are children arriving at school well before this time and for the safety and well-being of everyone I ask that parents utilise the Before School Care Service in the hall provided by the parish. Please [click here](#) to access the information about this wonderful service.

*God bless you and your families.*

*Todd Vane-Tempest*