



Wednesday 17 December 2019



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- On this, our last day for students in 2019 I wish everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy some much needed downtime with family and friends. Please take the time to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas by coming to the Christmas Eve Mass and pageant at 6pm, or any other parish Masses whether here or travelling.
- Bishop Anthony announced through a letter to the parish last weekend that Fr. Jacek has concluded his time at the Terrigal parish. Many parishioners will find this to be very sad news as Fr. Jacek has exercised an energetic and popular ministry at Terrigal. This week we welcome Fr. Pawel (Paul) Kopcynski as the new parish priest (Administrator). Bishop Anthony will be celebrating each mass this weekend in the parish.
- Yesterday we said farewell to Year 6 at our end of year Thanksgiving Mass and Guard of Honour as their final moment at OLSS. It was a beautiful occasion and we wish our leaving students and their families (some after long and strong contribution to our school) every happiness as they go onto new beginnings.
- We also said farewell to Mrs Melissa Jones (6P) who will be commencing at OLR, The Entrance, Mrs Tahren Van Laar (6D) who has taught that class for most of Semester 2, Miss Hannah Fryar (5P) who will be commencing with St Patrick's at Asquith and Mrs Shanae Brennan (KS) who taught KS two days a week in Terms 3 & 4. We thank them for their support and wish them every happiness. Please [click here](#) to view 2020 Staff and classes.
- Last Friday we announced our student Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains as part of our student leaders for 2020. Congratulations to all who were elected. Please [click here](#) to see our captains for 2020. I also acknowledge all our senior students who have important leadership roles next year.
- Wednesday 29 January is allocated for MAI assessments for Years 1-5. The booking process for MAIs (Mathematics Assessment Interviews) through COMPASS will be provided in the coming weeks. Please keep a look out for this information.
- School returns for staff on Tuesday 28 January. The first day for **Years 1-5 is Thursday 30 January**. Kinder commence on **Monday 3 February** following the allocated days (29th-31st January) for Best Start Assessments. By mid-January, more Term 1 dates will be available on the [school diary](#), so please check in to get updates.
- In Term One we will again be hosting a 'Motiv8Sports' After School program on Mondays. More information will be sent during January, however interested parents are welcome to [click here](#) for information and bookings.

God bless you and your families

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