



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 5 February 2020

What's new this week

Wishing all our Year 3-6 children a great day at our Swimming Carnival Friday 8 February

CANTEEN CLOSED ON FRIDAY

BOOK CLUB ORDERS CLOSE THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Term 1 - Dates to remember

Friday 7 Feb	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Monday 10 Feb	Band commences Motiv8sports commences
Wed 12 Feb	Parent Information Evening – 6pm
Thursday 13 Feb	Opening School Mass at 9am
Sat 15 Feb	Reconciliation Enrolment after Mass
Sun 16 Feb	Reconciliation Enrolment after Mass
Tuesday 18 Feb	P&F Wine & Cheese welcome night at 6.30pm

Please click here to access school diary and obtain all upcoming dates



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A note from our Principal, Mr Robert Peers:

Dear Parents and Children

It has been an excellent start to the year with all classes well and truly into the swing of new routines. Thank you to our staff, parents and of course children in working so well to get our routines underway. Our Kinder students have had an amazing start and with little fuss, are already well and truly into the routine of learning (see below)



A special welcome again to our new staff: Our new Assistant Principal Maria Kennedy, 6P teacher Grania Pourbozorgi and Japanese Teacher Kate Jackson.

We have a number of new families below. I know all our existing families join me in welcoming the following:

Kindergarten: Aanerud, Baldovin, Bladon, Booth, Bouchet, Bowles, Cossar, Davis, Diffin, Eddy, Ellis, Faro, Harvey, Hutchin, Lollback, Lovatt, Luongo, Melville, Morrow, Osborne, Papas-Pope, Paul, Robb, Scotland, Stephenson, Swaney, Tillott, Wainwright, Ward and Westerdale.

Year 1: Dimis (James 1D) and McCulloch (Noah 1S)

Year 2: Brooker (Mackenzie 2D) and Cranny (Jenna 2P)

Year 3: Blemith (Natalie 3S)

Year 4: Dimis (Isabella 4D) and Kidd (Zoe 4S)

Year 5: Blemith (Daniel 5D), Robertson (Preston 5D) and Tillott (Aden 5P)

Parent Information Evening

All grades will run their Parent Information Evening next **Wednesday 12th Feb.**

At these sessions, parents will have an opportunity to meet the grade teachers, get a sense of expectations and routines for the year, and connect to other parents in the grade.

6pm: Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 4

6.30pm: Year 1 and Year 2

7pm: Year 5 and Year 6.

Please note: This is not an evening for the children, and no children should be left outside classrooms unsupervised. If you require childminding, some of our specialist staff are kindly offering this in the hall (movies).

This service is offered only for primary aged students. The hall will be open from **5.45pm** and close **7.40pm**. Please attend in person and sign your child/ren in /out.

Swimming Carnival – This Friday

There is a great deal of excitement each year with our swimming carnival and we are hopeful this year will be no exception. Thank you to our Sports Coordinator, Miss Molly who puts in hours of work supported by parent helpers, staff and our Year 6 Leaders.



Fingers crossed the weather will be kind enough for us to proceed... **Sadly the forecast for Friday is for a very wet day, and reluctantly we will need a 'Plan B' if it is likely we will have a deluge all day and can't proceed as normal.** We understand there will be some disappointment, and this is further complicated by selections being required for our upcoming cluster carnival and Gosford pool fully booked prior to then.



PLAN B for Friday is:

- If it is likely to be too wet for an event on this scale, we will reluctantly have to scale the day back for safety reasons.
- We will run a morning purely as a selection trial for 50m + swimmers who are talented and aspire towards selection in our school team.
- All other children attend school as normal.
- We will run two buses only from school for students attending the carnival and one bus return at approximately 12noon.
- We will investigate a purely school-based fun event (possibly a water fun day) in Term 4.

Please stay tuned for Facebook and Compass updates if we have to refer to Plan B.

Communication Protocols (Parents and Teachers / Staff)

As I know parents appreciate, it is vital we have smooth and efficient communication between parents and the school. I am a huge believer in the importance of timely and responsive communication as a fundamental aspect to our work together as partners.

It is, however, really important to have workable systems and boundaries in place. Teachers work very hard during the day and often long hours after school but can't be beholden to parents who decide their personal issue requires a breach of our protocols, often impacting unreasonably with emotional issues in teachers' family time. (Direct emails to teachers or staff **are not** part of our policy).

Written and verbal communication must follow our guidelines and parents who adhere to this, will rarely feel there are issues that can't be resolved reasonably. Please [click here to access our procedures for verbal and written communication](#). When we are all on the same page in this regard, I am confident all parties are able to find ways to get timely messages and information heard. Thank you in advance, and to those parents who have always supported us in this regard.

God bless you and your families,

Robert Peers
Principal

A message from our Assistant Principal, Mrs Maria Kennedy:

It is with enthusiasm and excitement that I begin the role of the new Assistant Principal at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal. I look forward to working with Mr Peers, as well as the rest of the staff, in our goal of nurturing the growth of the whole child mind, body and spirit, in an environment of support and partnership between teachers, parents and parish.

I have most recently been Assistant Principal at OLR, Wyoming and throughout my career have taught all primary grades and held a variety of different leadership positions.

I am excited to undertake the role of Assistant Principal and have been touched by the warm welcome I have received from not only the staff but also parents and the children. I look forward to getting to know everyone and becoming a full member of this community.



God Bless

Maria Kennedy
Assistant Principal

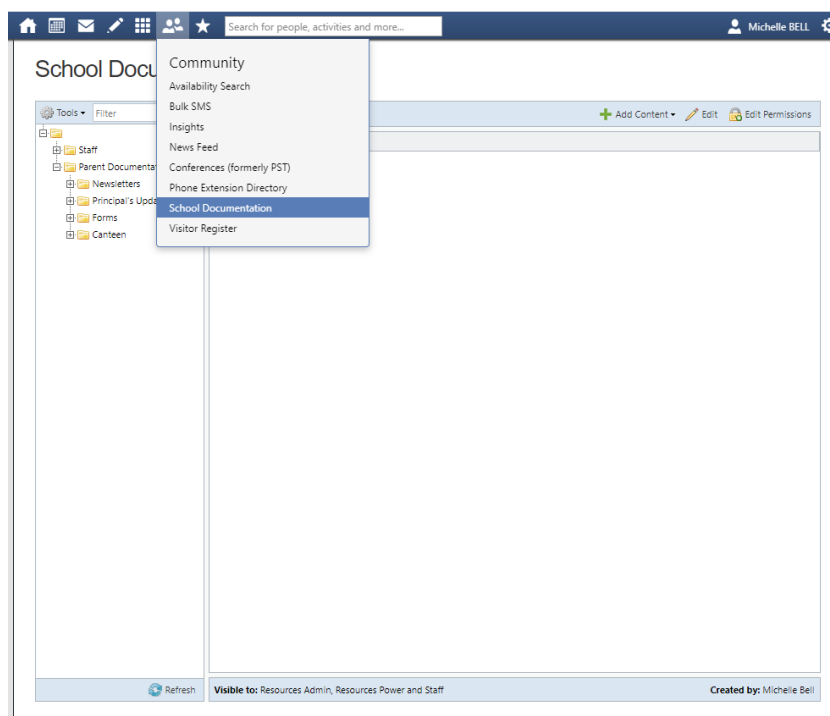
News from School Office:

School Office hours

Please note the School Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.10am until 3.30pm.

Compass

We have now downloaded all relevant School Forms and Newsletters onto Compass for your easy reference. You can locate these under “School Documentation”, please see the image below to show you where to locate the folder. However, if you are using the Compass App you will need to firstly select “Open in Browser”. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Sports News from Miss Molly:

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone who has completed the Google permission form for the school swimming carnival being held this Friday at Gosford Pool.

A reminder that entries for the 100m and medley for the swimming carnival close tonight. Students who haven't returned notes may miss a place in these events if the event is full.

100m and medley entrants need to make their own way to the pool. These events begin at 9am.

Students who wish to swim 50m events enter on the day. Students swim in their age group. Age groups are determined by the age they turn this year.

Students may wear a coloured shirt representing their colour house.

Canteen will not be available for students at Gosford Pool.

A reminder novelty events are for students who will not be swimming in 50m events.

Basketball Polding

Good luck to our Broken Bay representatives who are taking part in the Polding Basketball trials being held in Lismore on Friday.

Boys Basketball - Oli P, Josh G and Cruiz P

Girls Basketball - Ava D, Scarlett S and Amelie B

Library News from Mrs Hawton:

Welcome back to another exciting year of reading!

Borrowing for Term 1 Weeks 2-6

Tuesdays - Years 1P, 1S, 4P, 4S, 2D & 2P

Wednesday - KP, KS, Years 3P, 3S, 5P & 5S

Thursdays - Years 6P & 6S

Fridays - KD, 1D, 2S, 2T, 3D, 4D, 5D & 6D.



Just a reminder that the children all need a library bag to protect the books. In this hot weather please remind the children not to place the library bags next to their drink bottles.

Children who forget their library bags may bring them the following day to borrow during lunch time.

The Library is open at Lunchtimes Tuesday to Thursday from 11.05 (2nd half)

All children are welcome to come and read, play a quiet game, chat with friends or borrow books (with their library bags).

We are still missing quite a few guided readers from last year. If you managed to find some over the holidays, please return them to school as soon as possible (either return to the library or hand to your new teacher).

Scholastics Book Club

Issue 1 orders are due back Thursday 13th February week 3

Families can order either online using LOOP (preferred) or by cash. If ordering and paying cash, please send in the order form with the correct money placed in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name & class. Families can order together.

Destiny our Library catalogue can be accessed online by [clicking here](#).

You might like to spend some time with your child browsing through our catalogue and helping them choose some books they might like to read. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have their own log in (same log in as google classrooms) to My Quest where they can keep a record of books they have read or would like to read.

Happy reading!

Hania Hawton
Teacher Librarian



General Information:

Canteen News - We are Online!

Please [click here](#) for more information on Flexischools.

A reminder to all families to please update students classes on Flexischools.

The parent helpers are:

FRIDAY 7 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm

8.30am-11.30am

10.30am-2pm

**CANTEEN CLOSED UNLESS CARNIVAL IS
CANCELLED CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN**



WEDNESDAY 12 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm

8.30am-11.30am Dre Galluzzo

10.30am-2pm

FRIDAY 14 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm

8.30am-11.30am Renee Williams / Olivia McKenzie

10.30am-2pm Kathy Kennedy



WEDNESDAY 19 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm

8.30am-11.30am Danielle Milson

10.30am-2pm

Thank you
Kerrie Clarke
Canteen

Parish News

Please [click here](#) for Parish Website.
Parish Office phone number 4367 4610.

Reconciliation 2020

Enrolments will take place after the Masses on the following weekends:

Saturday 15 February after 5pm
Sunday 16 February after 8.30 and 10am

Saturday 22 February after 5pm
Sunday 23 February after 8.30 and 10am

Saturday 29 February after 5pm
Sunday 1 March after 8.30 and 10am

Input sessions for parents will be on **Wednesday 4 March at 7pm**. Please arrive at 6.45pm to receive a copy of the resources.

Parent & Child Preparation support class will be on **Saturday 7 March at 3.45pm** in the Parish Hall and will follow with the Year 3 Family Mass.

Presentation Mass for the children will be on **Saturday 14 March at 5pm** or **Sunday 15 March at 8.30am**

Catch up Class after school on Friday 20 March.

The Sacrament of Penance First Confession/Reconciliation will be on **Wednesday 25 March 2020 at 6.30pm**.

School Banking

Our School Banking Day is **THURSDAY**
Please [click here](#) for information on School Banking.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop is now contactable by sending an email direct to them olsosuniformshop@gmail.com with your request for second hand uniforms.

Sustainable School Shop

Please [click here](#) to access our 2nd hand uniforms on the Sustainable School Shop.

Before and After School Care

Please [click here](#) to get all the information about Before and After School Care.



Early Learning Centre

Please [click here](#) for ELC Website

ELC Phone Number: 4365 3222.



OLSS Village Hub & Playgroup

All are welcome every Tuesday during School Terms in the Parish Hall at 9-11am. Please [click here](#) for more information.



[Please click here to access our uniform shop](#)

Our Lady Star of the Sea Uniform Shop

Opening Hours:

Monday 2pm to 4pm

Friday 8.15am to 10.15am

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