



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 19 February 2020

What's new this week

We look forward to seeing
OLSS families at the
Swimming Arvo

Kinder Open Classroom
20 February

Bushfire Appeal Day
Friday 28 February

Term 1 - Dates to remember

Wed 19 Feb	Swimming Arvo – Gosford Pool from 4.30pm
Thurs 20 Feb	Kinder Open Classrooms @ 2.15pm
Friday 21 Feb	Year 2 Mass at 9am
Monday 24 Feb	CCC Swimming Carnival at Mingara
Tues 25 Feb	Classroom Helpers Info Sessions 9am 4S
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass Years 2-6 at 12noon
Thurs 27 Feb	Classroom Helpers Info Sessions 9am 5S
Friday 28 Feb	Bushfire Appeal Day – gold coin donation Year 5 Mass at 9am
Wed 4 March	Year 3 – Parent Input Session First Reconciliation at 7pm

Please [click here](#) to access school diary and obtain all upcoming dates



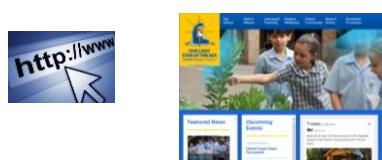
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A note from our Principal, Mr Robert Peers:

Dear Parents and Children

This afternoon we encourage families of children who can complete 50m to come along for a family afternoon evening at Gosford Pool. Although the weather stopped us proceeding with our recent full-scale carnival, this afternoon does provide a wonderful opportunity for a positive community event and whether your child comes first, last or somewhere inbetween, come along, bring a picnic dinner and join in the spirit.

Who knows, if time permits, we might be able to get a race organised for some of our 'big kids' (although the best I offer is that I'm good at sinking) and a bit of friendly banter and rivalry may come to the fore. Thanks, as always, to our parent and staff helpers, led so capably by Miss Molly. I would love to see as many of our OLSS families as possible tonight. Come along!!!



Friday Parish Masses

We had a beautiful beginning of year Mass last Thursday and thank you to those who could come and be part of this important milestone in our faith life this year. The Year 6 buddy welcome blessing of our Kinder students is always a much-anticipated moment and I'm sure those who were there would agree.



Our new Parish Administrator, Fr Pawel is settling in nicely to the role and we are working closely to forge a positive school-parish relationship. One of the ways we are seeing this in action is for new **Friday 9am Masses** where our children in their grades, will attend as parishioners. We warmly encourage parents to come along in this expression of our faith partnership, and we'll publish the dates for the various grades elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday (26 February) is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. As always, our children will take part in Mass (Years 2-6) at 12noon and a class Liturgy (K-1) in the afternoon.

Welcome 'ASPECT'

I am delighted to announce our new parish 'neighbours' at the top of the hill have arrived and are open. Following the closure of 'The Haven' in 2018, ASPECT, a Central Coast school run by *Autism Spectrum Australia* have opened a small secondary campus. Already we have met to consider ways to support one another in partnership with a few exciting ideas in the pipeline.

I do believe it is an important priority for our Catholic community to reach out and support others including young people who have their own gifts, and also some differences. Having ASPECT as our close neighbours will provide beautiful opportunities for this. Stay tuned for more information.

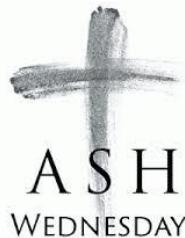
P&F Wine and Cheese (and AGM)

It was a real delight to be present at our very well attended P&F gathering last night for the wine and cheese night, which included our AGM. The turnout exceeded all expectations, and it was truly exciting to see so much positive and willing energy in the room. Thank you to the many parents, some who have served for many years, and those who came to their first meeting for coming along. This augers really well for the year ahead.

We have a strong Executive moving into 2020 led by our new President Adam Haines. Almost all positions were filled, including teams who will form various sub-committees. We have a very energetic social committee who are already planning our family 'Welcome and Welcome Back Picnic'. Please stay tuned for more information about that.

During the meeting I was able to report on some significant progress on the introduction of girls' skorts and we are hopeful they will be provided by Alinta as an option for uniform in the near future. Please stay tuned for this. I was also able to report on beginning phases for the building of a children's creative playground which we are targeting last year's P&F levy towards, as well as the school's share of Fair by the Sea proceeds.

I want to sincerely thank our outgoing committee, led by Kristie Stretton. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support our community and have been very loyal advocates for our school. We are truly blessed at OLSS to be part of a community with so many willing to lend a hand.



ASH
WEDNESDAY

OLSS Response to Recent Bushfires

Following the recent and tragic bushfires, we are organising an age-appropriate response from our classes and community. This is set for next **Friday, 28 February**. Classes will have a range of activities, including a visit from David Hawton from Avoca RFS who will bring one of their fire trucks for a talk with each grade.

Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation which we will donate to Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. We thank Dave Hawton for providing this opportunity for the children.



God bless you and your families

Robert Peers
Principal

A message from our Assistant Principal, Mrs Maria Kennedy:

CSO Parent Education

The Catholic Schools Office have, this year, launched **CSO Parent Education** news. This initiative has been developed to keep parents updated each term of parent education sessions and parent activities plus provide useful links to resources and websites to support families.

Linked is the first edition of the CSO Parent Education Newsletter. Parents can opt in to be sent the newsletter each term. To sign up for future newsletters please [click here](#). Click here for the [Term 1 Newsletter](#).

CLASSROOM HELPERS INFORMATION SESSIONS K-2

Tuesday morning, 25 February at 9.00am in 4S classroom.

Thursday morning, 27 February at 9.00am (Repeat session) in 5S classroom.

The above workshops will be held for parents who would like to help in the classroom. At these workshops we will cover ways to support and encourage the children in the areas of English and Mathematics and how to best support the teachers in the classroom. If at this stage, you are unable to assist in the classroom but are interested in ways to support your children at home please feel free to attend.

God Bless
Maria Kennedy
Assistant Principal

A message from our REC, Mrs Laura Wales:

As Mr Peers mentioned above Friday 9am Masses will be commencing this Friday. Please find below a schedule for Term 1.

Date	Grade/Class
21 February 2020	Year 2
28 February 2020	Year 5
6 March 2020	Year 1
13 March 2020	Year 4
20 March 2020	Year 3
27 March 2020	Kinder Dolphins & 6 Dolphins
3 April 2020	Kinder Pelicans/Starfish & 6 Pelicans/Starfish

A message from Kerrie and Heidi in the Canteen

Your children are excited to have a lunch order and its lunchtime and there is no lunch for them.

What should they do?

Look in the other classroom lunch box, and if not there, tell them not to worry and head straight to the canteen where Kerrie and Heidi will help them out. We will sort it out so no child will ever go without lunch!

Don't forget to change your 2020 class list, as your children's lunches are being sent to last year's class.

Thank you

Kerrie and Heidi

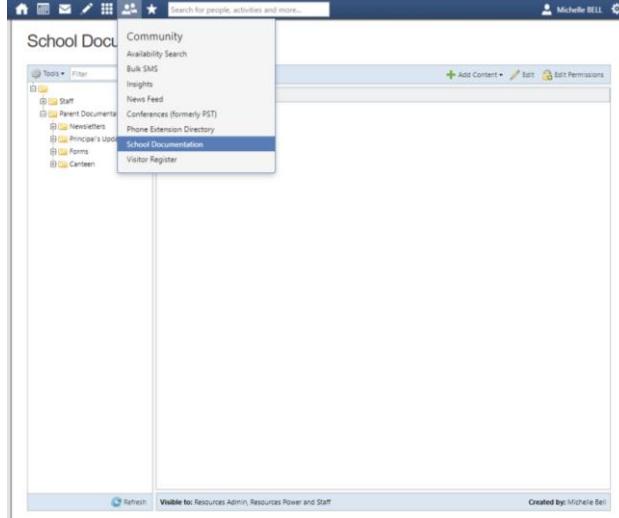
News from School Office:

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 the Office.



Sports News from Miss Molly:

Broken Bay Trials for Winter Sports are coming up in the next couple of weeks. These sports include AFL, Rugby League (opens and Under 11's) Netball, Hockey, Touch Football and Soccer. There is also girls AFL this year, as this is the first year of PSSA AFL, girls with any AFL playing experience are invited to attend the trial. Rugby Union will be held later in Term 2.

Students who wish to trial must be of representative standard. Boys Soccer, Rugby Union and girl's Netball are particularly competitive and students that trial must be already identified in talent/rep programs.

Broken Bay rules state that each school are allowed to send **ONLY 4** students to Broken Bay trials. We will have our own school-based trials for boys' soccer, with 4 to 5 boys to be selected. A date for this will be announced shortly. Any students who play Hockey please see Miss Molly.

Please [click here](#) to view the upcoming trials for Broken Bay Winter Sports.

Library News from Mrs Hawton:

There have been many keen students that spent their holidays reading and completing OLSS Reading Challenges.

Congratulations to the following:

Silver Award: Patrick V (4S)

JF Bronze Award: Caden P (2D)

Author Award: Patrick V (4S)

This week **overdue notes** are being sent home with the students that had overdue books from 2019. If these books (or any Guided readers) were found over the holidays, please send them in as soon as possible. If the books are lost, please send in the money so the book can be replaced. Thank you.

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

Our school also has a subscription to World Book online

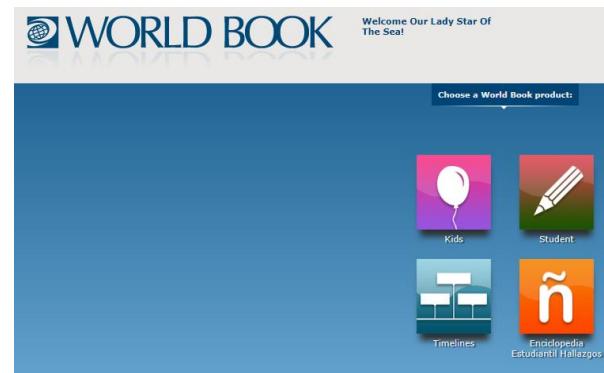
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Happy reading!

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.

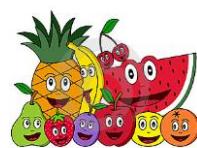
The parent helpers are:

FRIDAY 21 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm

8.30am-11.30am Jen Casey/Cherie Andonopoulos

10.30am-2pm Lynette Pearse



WEDNESDAY 26 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm
8.30am-11.30am Shelley Morrow
10.30am-2pm

FRIDAY 28 February 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm
8.30am-11.30am Jen McPhee/Sally Belford
10.30am-2pm



WEDNESDAY 4 March 2020:

8.30am-1.30pm
8.30am-11.30am Lisa McDonald
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 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.



[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

For pricelists, opening hours and shop details, login/register online www.alintaapparel.com.au

Alinta Apparel Pty Ltd Phone: **0437 133 032** Email: starofthesea@alinta.com.au



THE UNIFORM SHOP

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Coronavirus

Due to the recent coronavirus we are expecting a delay in the delivery of some uniform orders. We are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our production team while at the same time working on fulfilling orders as soon as possible.

The majority of Winter Uniforms are in stock and can be purchased as normal. We advised that there will be some delays and some winter stock items will not be delivered until Term 2. Further updates will be provided as we progress through Term 1.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Alinta Management