



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 1 April 2020

What's new this week

**No student banking until
Term 2**

Term 1 - Dates to remember

Sun 5 April Palm Sunday

Thurs 9 April Holy Thursday
Last Day of Term 1

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and obtain all upcoming dates***



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[Click here to access Home Learning Updates - IMPORTANT](#)

A note from our Principal, Mr Robert Peers:

Dear Parents and Children

As we all come to terms with the new 'normal' at least for the time being, let's continue to support one another in the beautiful and respectful way already so evident. As a Catholic community, we are people of faith and hope. Whilst many of our families are hurting financially, and most of us are now physically apart, our faith unites us, as we look forward to the risen Jesus and the hope of good times to come.

Prayer for a Pandemic (by Cameron Wiggins Bellm).

*May we who are merely inconvenienced
remember those whose lives are at stake.*

*May we who have no risk factors
remember those most vulnerable.*

*May we who have the luxury of working from home
remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making the rent.*

*May we who have the flexibility to care for our children
remember those that have no options.*

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the turmoil of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour. Amen.

This weekend is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest week in the Church's year. We are developing some ways we can bring this to the children next week. Stay tuned.



IMPORTANT - Home Learning Updates – (Phase 2 Learning)

As we move deeper into the Home Learning agenda, we respect and appreciate this is just so new and for many, such a difficult adjustment. For some parents, we won't be moving quick enough – yet for others, we are moving too fast.

We respect that for many of you, working from home anyway – then juggling the different needs of your children can feel overwhelming. Please know the school understands this. Many of our staff are parents who are also facing these challenges. Let's continue to listen, respect and support one another in these challenging times. We all have the same 'end game' in mind. Travel gently!

Years 4, 5 and 6

All students should now be engaging in the learning tasks with their teacher on 'Google Classrooms'. If your child has not commenced this, please ensure they get started.

Year 3

Learning on 'Google Classrooms' is now up and running. **Your child should be able to access this now. We will email today login procedures to all Year 3 families in case you are uncertain.**

Year 2

Learning on 'Google Classrooms' is about to be launched. (Login details to be provided – see below).

Kinder and Year 1

Learning on 'See Saw' is about to be launched (Login details to be provided – see below).

- *Parents in K-2 classes are about to receive an individual email. We have subscribed to a range of different reading and literacy resources which children will be prompted to engage with through their learning platform ('See Saw' for Kinder & Year 1; 'Google Classrooms' for Year 2).*
- *The email will include different login details and passwords unique to each child. This will be a 'one stop shop' for parents so logins can happen as easily as possible when required.*

Parents these platforms will be simple to begin with, so you and your child have time to get used to this. Once we're all familiar with them, they will expand and develop.



The Power family in action - learning from home

Does your K-3 child need to Borrow a School iPad?

We have already written and offered to lend a school iPad for those parents who indicated shared use at home in K-3 in our recent survey. Any other families who feel the use of a school iPad will assist in making things work at home is invited to let us know by [clicking here](#). Of course, there will be strict expectations about looking after our school property, but during these challenging times, we are happy to assist you on the home front in this way if required. We will be in touch next week to allocate the iPads to families requesting them.

OLSS Library Express

Our trial yesterday was enormously successful and thank you to the parents who very quickly booked timeslots to enable children to be borrowing and reading something which is extremely important at the moment.



Bookings for next week are now open 'and we encourage families to book a place by [clicking here](#). The code is **y9thg**

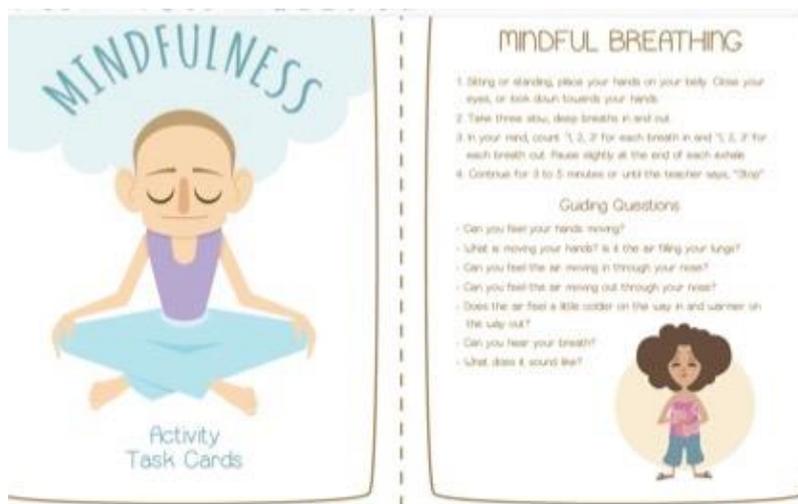
Library Express will be open next Tues 7.4, Wed 8.4 and Thurs 9.4.

We would love you to book in and for our children to have lots of books available for the upcoming school holidays.

Zoe (Year 4) and her dad making some careful selections at OLSS 'Library Express' yesterday

Wellbeing – Mindfulness Learning from Home

In these changing and stressful times, we have added a **Wellbeing** Tab for Home Learning and encourage families to access this and keep mental health and wellness a high priority. [Please click here](#) to access this tab and use the lovely resources available to keep up spirits.



God bless you and your families

Robert Peers

Principal

Sport from Miss Molly

Please see below updated information about suspensions and cancellations of Sport in Broken Bay and Polding. We realise this will be very disappointing for our families, but there is some hope some of these events can take place if the situation improves.

No official decision on the cancellation of Term 3 PSSA events except for Cross Country and Netball have been made even though they seem unlikely.

An Update on the Status of Primary School Sport Representative Pathway Events

All Broken Bay primary sport events scheduled for term 2 have been cancelled or suspended (see table).

All NSWCPSS Polding primary sport events scheduled for term 2 have been suspended or cancelled including cross sector AFL girls trials (see table).

All NSWPSA state carnivals scheduled for term 1 and 2 have been cancelled and will not be rescheduled (including swimming and diving).

All School Sport Australia events for 2020 have been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. There will not be any state team selections.

Broken Bay, NSWPCS Polding and NSWPSA will not make any further decisions regarding sports events scheduled for term 3 until further government announcements regarding schooling and restrictions on events in light of the COVID-19 situation as it evolves.

Please find a table below that notes the status of Broken Bay and Polding events as either cancelled or suspended. Further confirmation regarding suspended events will be announced as a decision is made regarding the possibility of postponing to a later date.

EVENT	DATE	VENUE	STATUS	LEVEL
NSWCPS Swimming Championships	25th March	Homebush	Suspended	Polding
Polding AFL Trials	1 April	Newcastle	Cancelled	Polding
Cross sector AFL Girls Trials	8/9 April	various	Cancelled	Polding
Polding Netball-League-Football-Hockey Trials	1 May	Bathurst	Cancelled	Polding
Broken Bay Cross Country	26 May	Fagan Park	Cancelled	Diocesan
Polding Touch Trials	29 May	Port Macquarie	Suspended	Polding
NSWCPS Polding Cross Country Championships	12th June	Eastern Creek	Cancelled	Polding
Polding Softball Trials	19 June	Wahroonga	Suspended	Polding
Polding Rugby Trials	29 June	Forbes	Suspended	Polding
Broken Bay Cricket Trials	tba	St Ives	Suspended	Diocesan

News from Mrs Morris *'Cinders – A Charming Tale'* DVD Available for Families

The week of the 18th to the 20th of September 2019 saw the culmination of many months' preparation for our wonderful school concert *'Cinders – A Charming Tale'*. The teachers and children worked extremely hard and were repaid with performances that can only be described as 'fit for Broadway'.

We have finally been able to employ someone to edit the hours of footage taken by one of our teachers so that a DVD can be available to purchase. **The cost of the DVD will be \$15.** What a great way to relive all the fun and what a wonderful keepsake!

To express interest in purchasing the DVD, please indicate no later than Wednesday 29 April. [Click here](#) to express interest. Once we have collated these, we will be in touch with order and payment options.



Mass in Terrigal Parish During COVID-19

On Sunday morning, Mass was streamed live here in OLSS church. Although very different, there was something very reassuring about being there in spirit and following Fr Pawel and Janette. I encourage families to tune in on Sunday, which is the start of Holy Week. To do so, parents please search for Our Lady Star of the Sea Terrigal Parish Community on Facebook.



News from School Office:

School Office hours

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

Library News from Mrs Hawton:

Congratulations to the following children for completing their OLSS Reading Challenge Awards:

GOLD Award: Amelia E (4P)

Silver Award: Matilda S (5P)

JF Silver Award: Caden P (2D) and Eleana B(2D)

Bronze Award: Jonty G (KP), Nicholas B (KS), Leilani O (1P), Matis M (1P), Flynn P (2P), Ivy H (2P), Alexandra M (3S), Georgia B (3S), Dane D (3P), Isabella A (3D) and Abigail C (5P)

JF Bronze Award: Ivy H (2P), Archie W (2S) and Lydia M (4D)

Author Award: Patrick V (4S)

Destiny our Library catalogue can be accessed online:

<https://destiny.dbb.org.au/quest/servlet/presentquestform.do?site=506>

CHECK OUT Our school subscription to World Book online. Some great information, activities, quizzes and educational games.

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU17034>

username : olss

password : olss



The **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** has once again started for this year. Anyone who completed the challenge last year may now start filling their reading log online, using the same username and password from last year.



["Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge](#)

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely." From the PRC website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#

New Students: please let me know if you would like to take part in this challenge so that I can organise your usernames and

passwords.

If you have any questions regarding the PRC please come and see me, I'm only too happy to help, Monday afternoon is best.

Scholastics Book Club – anyone who has ordered and not received their book club from Issue 2 can collect them from the front office.

Happy reading!

*Hania Hawton
Teacher Librarian*



Uniform Shop

Please see over, a flyer regarding the Uniform Shop. Although the Uniform Shop are indicating they will be open, the school is not able to advise whether or when we will at this stage.



Uniform Shop is Open for Business

We are pleased to advise that the Uniform Shop is fully stocked with all your Winter requirements. We encourage all families that require uniforms for Term 2 to place your orders via online or phone. Details are below.

Place Orders and ask Questions

Online: www.alintaapparel.com.au
Shop Phone: 0437 133 032
Head Office: (02) 4321 0433
Email: starofthesea@alinta.com.au

When will the shop reopen?

The Uniform Shops will open as normal when school reopens in Term 2. For the latest information please visit the school website.

Can I place a Layby?

Yes, Laybys with a 20% deposit are still available by phone order only.

How can I receive my delivery?

School Pick Up – FREE or Home Delivery (delivery charge apply). Please note, orders will be picked and packed for pick up or home delivery when the Uniform Shop reopens at the school.

What if I don't know my size?

The consistent sizing of our garments across the range ensures you will be able to view your current garment size to assist in determining your size. However, our friendly Customer Service Team will be able to assist if you would like further advice.

What if I order the wrong size?

Don't worry, if you order the wrong size, we will happily exchange for another size when school reopens.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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



School Banking

We have been advised by Commonwealth Bank that all school banking will temporarily cease and will recommence in Term 2.

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.



SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR EASTER 2020
CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS
(made from Cadbury 200grams)

Beautifully packaged and lovingly made by
the Michaelite Community & helpers.



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