



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

### Newsletter – 3 June 2020

#### What's new this week

**Book Club Orders due tomorrow 4 June**

**Enjoy your long weekend!**

#### Term 2 - Dates to remember

|                |                                |
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| Thurs 4 June   | Book Club Orders Due           |
| Monday 8 June  | Long Weekend                   |
| Tuesday 9 June | P&F Zoom General Meeting @ 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

Although school-life has been still quite different to 'normal', it has been wonderful to have school full of the sights and sounds of our children learning and connecting with each other in class and on the playground. There has been a real buzz within the school which has been lovely.

As we head towards a much-deserved long weekend, I wish our OLSS families and staff all the best with some much-earnt time for yourselves and each other.

#### Welcome Ashby Family

On Monday we welcomed Ava (5P) and Harry (3D) as new students, along with parents Damien and Sarah. I know each won't have to look far for welcoming support here at OLSS and we wish them well as they commence their journey in our community.

#### Canteen Re-Opening (Restricted)

Thank you everyone for your patience as we have held-off on our canteen over the last two weeks. This has enabled us the opportunity to carefully plan a workable version during COVID-19 restrictions which is both safe for students and staff, but also practical. I am delighted to announce the canteen will open as usual on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from **next week (not this Friday)**. We are very grateful to our Canteen Manager, Kerrie Clarke who has worked with us to enable this restricted return.

Very importantly, due to safeguards and our inability to engage volunteer helpers, service will be very restricted. We will be reviewing how things progress each week and adjusting where we can, however some important decisions about the canteen for next week and until further notice are summarised below:

- **Canteen will be cashless** for the next few weeks. It will operate entirely through 'FlexiSchools'.
- There is a reduced menu (as we are unable to have volunteers for the time-being).
- It will only be possible to make purchases via advanced orders and at lunchtimes. (Not Fruit Break).
- Students will be able to order lunch and a snack (which will be added with the lunch order).

- No ice blocks will be available for the next few weeks
- Cut-off for ordering will be strictly **10pm the night before**. (This will enable appropriate planning).
- Other control measures such as ‘sneeze guards’ are being put in place, as well as overcrowding procedures to stagger access from children. This will all be explained to the children at school.
- The first day of re-opening will be next **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**.

Also sent with this newsletter is the restricted menu. This will be reviewed each week as we see how things progressed. We will also review some of the above restrictions and relax them when we think we can manage.

### **P&F General Meeting (via ‘Zoom’) next Tuesday night**

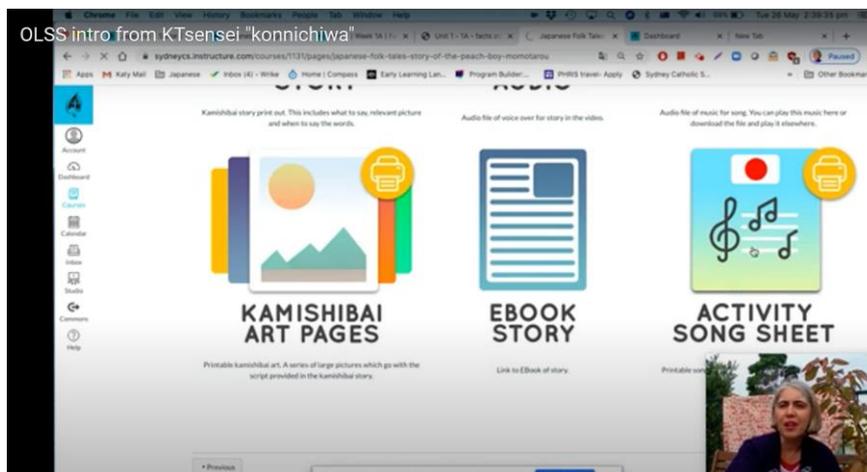
Elsewhere in this newsletter are details for our P&F General Meeting next Tuesday night via ‘Zoom’. During this meeting I will be providing updates to the community on our planned ‘Creative Playground’ construction which is due to start soon. We will also have important reports from various sub-committees. I look forward to seeing a great turnout from our parent community on Tuesday.

### **Year 6 Social-Emotional Learning Programs**

This week we commenced run simultaneously programs for both of boys and girls in Year 6. Our Year 6 Boys will be taking part in an internationally acclaimed program called ‘Rock and Water’, while our girls are undertaking a program called ‘Power Girl’. By grouping our students this way, it is hoped we might provide specialised learning to support social/emotional development in their last year of primary school. I encourage our Year 6 parents to engage with their children about what they learn each week in these programs.

### **New Japanese Teacher**

Yesterday we welcomed the appointment of our new Japanese teacher, Katy Gilles. Katy will be known as “Sensei Katy” to the children. Katy’s appointment is a huge windfall for OLSS. Her recent background was as a specialist advisor for Sydney Catholic Schools in the teaching of Japanese where she was very highly regarded. Katy has sought a change and is very impressed with our environment at OLSS. Our students will very quickly notice Katy’s enthusiasm and energy. Below is a link to a short introduction video by ‘Sensei Katy” which I encourage you to view from home. Konnichiwa Sensei Katy!



*Click on the image above to see Sensei Katy's Introduction*



### Visit from Visiting Teachers (Our Lady of Good Counsel Forestville)

Over the last few weeks, we have been fielding several enquiries from staff at other schools who are enquiring about some of the work that goes on in classrooms at OLSS. We are very proud of our school and if others are interested in seeing our students and staff in action, we are only too happy to oblige. Today visiting staff from Our Lady of Good Counsel, Forestville came to see some of our classes in action and went away suitably impressed with our students in action.

### Drop-Off and Drive -Through

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have taken the time to understand and work with us to implement our morning drop-off and afternoon Drive-Through procedures. We hope community restrictions might be eased sometime soon, but in the meantime, we do need everyone to remain patient and ensure we don't compromise safety for our children.

Important Reminders for Afternoon Drive-Through:

**THIS WEEK:**                    *1<sup>st</sup> Wave at 2.45pm:* **POLDING** and **CHISHOLM** families.  
    *2<sup>nd</sup> Wave at 3.05pm:* **MACKILLOP** and **TERRY** families.

**NEXT WEEK:**                    *1<sup>st</sup> Wave at 2.45pm:* **MACKILLOP** and **TERRY** families.  
    *2<sup>nd</sup> Wave at 3.05pm:* **POLDING** and **CHISHOLM** families.

Don't forget to have your surname prominently displayed on the passenger side!

### Parish First Reconciliation

With the easing of COVID restrictions, The Sacrament of First Reconciliation can now be considered again after being postponed. Parents will soon receive an email from our parish office with more information, however we can flag the following dates and times for 4 x sessions (strictly only 1 x parent per child to comply with restrictions).

The dates and sessions are:

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 4.30pm
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.30pm
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm

An online booking link will be provided with very strict restrictions on numbers per session. We thank parents and children for their patience and please be on the lookout for the email in the next few days.

## **Procedures if COVID-19 hits our community**

On Monday, I referred to an extensive letter outlining our procedures should we encounter a case of COVID-19 here at school. We are hoping we don't have to enact the plan, however it is important parents know that such a plan exists, and we will be ready to implement this should there be any student or staff member who is suspected to have COVID-19. I do realise it can feel like 'information overload' during this difficult time, however, please take the time to at least scan the plan for your information. This can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Have a lovely long weekend - God bless you and your families,

Robert Peers  
Principal

## **News from School Office:**

### **School Office hours**

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

### ***Cinders – A Charming Tale' DVD Available for Families***

Last chance to express interest in purchasing a DVD of the School Concert. Please [Click here](#) to express interest. Once we have collated these, we will be in touch with order and payment options.

Jenny Morris – Creative Arts Teacher

### **Parents and Friends General Meeting (Via Zoom) Next Tuesday Night**

The P&F are holding their next Community Forum this Tuesday 9th June at 7pm.

Anyone interested in attending please email myself on [Adam.Haines@outlook.com](mailto:Adam.Haines@outlook.com) and I will send you the Zoom meeting details.

The P&F community forum will cover the following topics:

- Welcome and Prayer
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Principal's Report
- Skorts update
- COVID-19 updates
- The Creative Playground construction.
- Welcoming Committee Update
- Social Committee Update
- Questions

All OLSS Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.

Adam Haines  
**President**

## General Information:

### Parish News

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

### 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](mailto:olsosuniformshop@gmail.com) with your request for second hand uniforms.

### Sustainable School Shop

Please [click here](#) to access our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### Uniform Shop

Alinta are doing a system upgrade from the week commencing 29 June through to the first week of the school holiday. Therefore, the shop will close the last week of the school term. Please refer to the flyer below.

**[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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# THE UNIFORM SHOP

## Great News!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

From the 27th June to 6th July the Uniform Shop and Online store will be moving to a new and improved operating system.

We kindly ask that all customers before the 26th of June,

1. Collect and pay in full any outstanding lay-bys
2. Collect any outstanding shop orders

If you need to place an urgent order during this time, please contact our customer service team on 02 4321 0433.

In store trading will commence ready for Term 3.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

Alinta Management

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