



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 1 July 2020

What's new this week

Looking forward to seeing the Year 1 Fairytale characters on Thursday 2 July

Term 2 - Dates to remember

Thurs 2 July Year 1 Fairytale Day
Last day of term for Students

Friday 3 July Pupil Free Day

Monday 20 July First Day of Term 3

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

Pupil Free Day Friday 3 July



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A note from our Principal, Mr Robert Peers:

Dear Parents and Children

It has been an extraordinary term to say the least and as we head towards a much-deserved term break, I extend a very sincere thanks to everyone in our community, students, staff and parents on the enormous good will, hard work and cooperation. I am sure when we look back at this period in years to come, it will conjure a range of emotions and mixed memories. I wish all our OLSS community the very best for the next two weeks and look forward to everyone's return on **Monday 20 July** for the beginning of Term 3.

Pupil-Free Day Friday

A reminder that on Friday all Broken Bay schools will be undertaking a Pupil-Free Day with staff across Broken Bay schools to be addressed by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Interim Director Danny Casey. If you require child-minding on the day, please feel free to contact Camp Australia on 1300105343 or visit www.campastralia.com.au who will operate a government subsidised program on the day from our parish hall.

Term 3 COVID-19 Restrictions (including parent access to our school)

The latest information I have regarding parent access is that it is hoped this can commence again in Term 3. This will of course depend on continued decline of COVID restrictions in the wider community. All going well, we will soon be able to welcome parents back on site for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, and this option will mean we can revert to our normal procedures. **I will write during the latter part of the school holidays to confirm and name any easing of restrictions.**

I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the community and staff on the excellent work in adapting to the changes this term. Our procedures have worked as well as could be hoped given the scale, prioritising student safety but also timely and practical routines for parents.

Canteen

In a similar way, we are hoping parent volunteers will be permitted to assist with canteen. I will advise prior to school returning whether this can be confirmed with updated menu and offerings for the canteen.

Survey Results

As mentioned last week, in a spirit of transparency and continued improvement, parent access to the summary of the recent survey commissioned by Interim Director Danny Casey is available for viewing. As a school, there is a great deal to celebrate from the feedback, and this was amongst the most positive feedback in our diocese! Of course, we always seek to improve and staff and myself are already looking closely at all feedback, including the small amount where there has been criticism. Please [click here to access the summary](#).

Fair by the Sea 2020

With COVID-19 disruptions, uncertainty over our annual parish/school Fair by the Sea is to be expected. At this stage, and depending on further easing of restrictions, it is hoped to go ahead with a modified version of FBTS with a tentative date set for Sunday 15 November. Whilst this will be a smaller version of our typical annual event, our coordinator Matt McCudden has recently written to the FBTS committee and there is strong support from the team for a modified version.

In quoting Matt: *'It would be less of a fundraiser and more of seeing smiles on faces. It would be less stalls, and maybe an opportunity to trial some new ideas. The November date may introduce its own challenges, but it is more realistic than October.'*

Please pencil the date in your diary and stay tuned as more information comes to hand.

Visit by Central Coast Animal Shelter – Congratulations OLSS and Keeley P.

I was enormously proud last week and again on Monday with our school's support for the initiative taken by Year 5 student, Keeley P. Keeley entirely initiated a very successful drive of donations across the school for Central Coast Animal Rescue. The drive for donations was well supported by many in our community, including Anthony from Kinder who spent some of his own money on his donations.



On Monday Sarah from CCAS spoke to Year 5 and provided some insights on the issues and the strategies in place to help the less fortunate pets of the Central Coast. Congratulations and thank you to Keeley and all who got behind the donation drive.

God bless you and your families. Have a lovely upcoming holiday!

Robert Peers
Principal

Pupil Free Day

Come and join the fun with the Camp Australia Team at our upcoming Pupil Free Day!

Date: 03-Jul-2020
Time: 06:30 to 18:00
Location: The Before and After School Care Room at NSW Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fees: \$53.88

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A note from our Assistant Principal, Mrs Maria Kennedy:

Reading out loud to your children. A great holiday activity

Reading to your children is about so much more than simply teaching them to read in kindergarten or Year 1. Here are some great reasons why you should be obsessed with reading out loud daily to your children, no matter their age:

1. It is time spent together. Reading time is time when you're focusing on no one else and nothing else but them. It's impossible to read to your child and look at your smartphone or watch TV at the same time.

2. It is a conversation starter. Books always give us a reason to talk with each other, even if we don't feel like we have anything to talk about. It keeps communication open.
3. It is a great way to talk about emotional health. We talk about the things that happen in the stories, how we would feel if they happened to us, and how we might deal with such events the same or differently.
4. You can open-up new worlds for your children. Reading allows you to introduce your children to new topics that may not be covered in the school curriculum.
5. You get a wealth of information in the areas in which your child might need help. Through reading aloud to children, you are able to teach them the meaning of words they still don't understand. They will develop a wider vocabulary. They will develop better comprehension skills and understanding of abstract concepts.
6. It can lead to a lifelong love of reading in your children. If you do it right, by reading like you mean it which means getting into the story, changing your voice to reflect what is happening your children will learn to love reading on their own.

Tips for Parents around your child's online presence.

As we approach the school holidays it might be timely for parents to re-establish boundaries around the use of the internet and social media.

There is no doubt that we live in a digital world and as our children become more and more tech savvy in this digital age, it is important that parents maintain a vigilant sense of security when it comes to their child's online presence.

While having the ability to be instantaneously connected to the world around you and to share your experiences at your fingertips has several benefits, it also opens-up a whole new world of risks. From predators to cyberbullies, a child's misuse of a social network can have serious consequences.

If your child is asking to use, or is already using social media, check out these 10 tips for keeping them safe on social media.

1. *Educate yourself about social media*

As a parent, it's important to familiarize yourself with what sites are out there and which are appropriate for your child.

2. *Establish an age limit for your child to start using social media*

While you're familiarizing yourself with what social media sites are out there, you should investigate the required minimum age for each site. Most social media sites require users to be 13 or older to create an account without their parents' permission, according to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

3. *Regularly check your child's privacy settings*

Once your child has set up a social media account, it's important to remain vigilant about keeping their privacy settings updated.

4. *Keep your child's profile private*

Most social media sites give you the option to make your account private. This means that only people who your child has friended will be able to see the content on their profile. This is an important step to take in order to keep their content private and away from people who may misuse it.

5. *Make sure they're not posting personal details, including phone numbers, address, or check-ins*

It's important that your child understands what kinds of information shouldn't be shared and why.

6. *Don't allow them to post photos or videos which jeopardize their safety or character*

Talk to your children about this and make sure they understand to only post pictures and videos that present themselves and others in a positive light.

7. Make sure they choose a strong password.

8. Never allow them to accept friend requests from people they don't know.

This may be self-explanatory, but there are a lot of people out there who use social media to stalk people and steal their information to cause harm.

9. Set guidelines/rules for their social media use

Establishing rules or guidelines from the start is a great way to instil positive habits for your child on social media. However, you don't want to set up rules which are too strict or else you run the risk of your child actively and secretly trying to break them. Try to make rules that empower your child to make good decisions on their own.

10. Keep an open dialogue with your child

You can't monitor your child's social media activity 24/7, so maintaining a strong line of communication is important to understand what's going on with your child online. Talk to them about the consequences of misusing social media. Ask them to tell you if someone is teasing or harassing them as those could be signs of cyber-bullying.

Next Term we welcome Gosford Police Schools Liaison Officer to talk to the children as part of our ongoing cyber education.

News from School Office:

School Office hours

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

Fee Relief

Just a reminder to parents about Bishop Anthony's offer of fee relief for families whose employment or their businesses have been affected by COVID-19

Please [click here](#) to read about assistance available and to download the form. The form is then submitted to the Fees Liaison Team at CSO. This is very straightforward, should you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact Leonie in the school office.

ICAS

It is that time of year again and attached to the Newsletter is a letter outlining the details of the subject offerings, dates of the tests and costs for parents if you are interested. This is only for students in Years 2-6.

Parents are required to register and pay for the tests online before **Friday 7 August**. To register please [click here](#) and **enter the school's unique password RLD443**.

Broken Bay News

The latest issue of Broken Bay News was issued as an online version. Please [click here](#) to read the latest issue.

News from OLSS P&F:

Christmas in July

Please find attached to the Newsletter a flyer for an upcoming event on 31 July. Tickets will be available to purchase through Flexischools from next Wednesday 8 July. We look forward to seeing you all there.

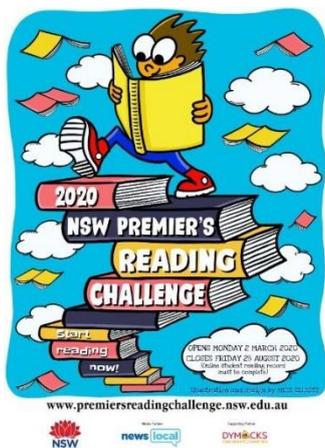
Library News from Mrs Hawton:

Thank you to all students who are consistently returning library books and guided readers. Please return any overdue library books and guided readers before end of term.

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

Ruby Award: Cooper W (KP) and Charlie W (3S)

- Gold Award:** Nicholas B (KS), Eli T (1P), Matis M (1P), Charlie W (3S), Georgia B (3S), Patrick V (4S), Ava D (6D) and Matilda S (5P)
- Silver Award:** Nicholas B (KS), Ivy H (2P), Zoe A (3S), Isabella A (3D) and Georgia B(3S)
- JF Silver Award:** Eli T (1P), Ziggy W (2P), Jake Q (2T) and Elliot H (2D)
- Bronze Award:** Charlotte B (KS), Abby Q (KP), Anthony K (KS), Genevieve T (KS), Xavier H (1P), Lucas P (1D), Ryan H (1D), Jake Q (2T), Eleanor T (2S), Jack B (2D), Harry G (5P), Eve H (6D) and Riley K (6S)
- JF Bronze Award:** Jack C (2S), Jake Q (2T), Fletcher G (2P), Gregor P (2S) and Jack B (2D)
- Classic Award:** Ava D (6D)
- Series Award:** Zoe K (4S) and Riley K (6S)
- A-Z Author Award:** Matilda S (5P)



Premier’s Reading Challenge

Just a kind reminder that the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge ends on 30 August. So, keep up the good reading!

Congratulation to the following students for completing their PRC Challenge:

Monais G (1S), Isabella A (3D), Natalie B (3S), Ariya G (3P), Brielle G (4S), Barnaby S (4D), Coco S (4S), Daniel B (5D), Ava D (6D), Zali G (6D), Scarlett M (6D) and Scarlett S (6D)

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*The more you READ,
The more you know,
The more you LEARN,
The more places you'll GO! - Dr Suess*



Happy reading!

Hania Hawton
Teacher Librarian

Japanese News from Mrs Gilles:

Term 2 にほんご

Konnichiwa こんにちは、

It's been a pleasure to teach the students Japanese this term. I have been most impressed with the efforts to memorise the hiragana letters. We have been having a lot of fun with hiragana puzzles and games.



Here are some of the songs we have learnt.

[Click here](#) to see 1 Dolphins sing Japanese greetings

[Click here](#) to see 2 Pelicans sing the greetings song we sing on the way to Japanese.

[Click here](#) to see 4 Dolphins sing Hiragana song and [click here](#) to see part 2 of the song.

[Click here](#) to see 2 Dolphins sing Samurai Ninja Spy song.





Perhaps you could discover the Japanese ghibli studio anime like My neighbour totoro or Arietty, Ponyo or Kiki's delivery service on Netflix over the holidays together.

from KTsensei KTせんせい。

Canteen News - We are Online!

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

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 advise when it will commence again.

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.



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.

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