



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

### Newsletter – 22 July 2020

#### What's new this week

**Welcome back to Term 3**

**Motiv8sports commence on Monday 27 July**

#### Term 3 - Dates to remember

Monday 27 July      Motiv8Sports commences

Thurs 30 July      Years 4-6 Cyber Safety Talk

*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

Welcome back everyone from what I hope and pray was a restful and renewing break. The first half of 2020 has certainly presented some challenges, and as we commence the second half of the school year, here's hoping for a smoother time of it, so our children can enjoy school-life as normally as possible. As mentioned last week, we are still required to ensure adjustments during current COVID-19 issues and the school will continue to put in place all steps to support a safe environment for everyone.

One of the biggest aspects to this is the requirement that parents/carers not gather on site, especially in large groups at drop-off and dismissal time. We will therefore continue drive-through drop-off and pickup as has been the case. Towards the end of term, a few parents did take it upon themselves to ignore our procedures and this put the school (and their children) in a very difficult position. We ask parents to please respect the need for all of us to follow procedures as noted and thank you for your understanding.

Our afternoon Drive Through roster for the next two weeks is:

**This Week:**                      1st Wave at 2.45pm: **MACKILLOP** and **THERRY** families.  
   2nd Wave at 3.05pm: **POLDING** and **CHISHOLM** families.

**Next Week:**                      1st Wave at 2.45pm: **POLDING** and **CHISHOLM** families.  
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## Sacramental Changes

With COVID-19 disruptions throughout the diocese, Bishop Anthony has flagged some changes that have come out of both the disruptions, and the opportunity to take stock and consider long term. Please see details below:

### Confirmation

This was normally offered for students in Year 2. Due to uncertainty throughout the diocese, this will not take place in 2020 at all.

In 2021, Confirmation will take place for students in Year 3.

This practice will continue after 2021 so that students will from now on, normally be in Year 3 for Confirmation.

### First Communion

Children currently in Year 3 will make their First Communion in 2020. This will complete their initiation to the Catholic Church started at Baptism and last year with Confirmation. **Enrolments will not be after Masses as usual. A Form will be emailed if enrolled previously and a link will be provided to parents.** Dates will be advised.

From 2021, due to Confirmation moving to Year 3 students, First Communion will be for students in Year 4. (Because we are holding this in 2020 for Year 3 students, there will not be large First Communion classes next year.)

### Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

From 2021 onwards, First Reconciliation will move to students in Year 4.

Students in Year 3 this year made their First Reconciliation very recently, and so there will not be large Reconciliation classes next year.)

## Visit by Police-School Liaison Officer – Digital Safety

Next Thursday (we will be welcoming The Gosford Police-Schools Liaison officer, Ryan Hall. Ryan will be speaking separately to Years 4, 5 and 6 on the importance of responsible and safe online behaviour. In this day and age, it is imperative we continue to educate our children on the importance of responsible and safe digital use. This includes the way children conduct themselves if messaging others, digital footprints (including the ability to trace deleted messages) and safe behaviour from online strangers.

This issue is more relevant than ever, and it is critically important parents and carers have a strong understanding and controls for what children are doing at home online. Parents are very welcome to pop in to hear the talk and most importantly, are urged to closely monitor their children's digital use.

Ryan will be here from 10.30am-1pm next Thursday. Parents who would like to attend are encouraged to contact the school from Monday when we will know specific times for each grade talk.

## Motiv8sports Term 3 After School Program

I am delighted to announce our school will be commencing the after school sports program in Term 3 where students are able to participate in the "Motiv8sports" program. This will take place each Monday after school commencing next Monday 27 July.

Please [click here](#) to register directly with "Motiv8sports". We do hope that by providing an opportunity such as this we are providing our children and families with a great service and experience.

## Uniform

Thank you to the families who have adhered to our uniform expectations which were again part of a reminder sent home last week. Whilst we have generally had a good response, some students still persist in wearing incorrect uniform. Parents and carers are asked to respect the expectations made clear at enrolment and save your child and the school the awkward situation of addressing this at school. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

### 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

A reminder to families for students in Years 2-6 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**.

### FURNITURE

We currently have some good quality furniture (lounges x4; dining tables x4 and chairs) that is no longer required. If you are interested in these items, please contact the school. You will need to organise own transport and manpower to remove safely from our staffroom. We have contacted a number of charities but due to COVID-19 they are unable to collect.



## News from OLSS P&F:

### Christmas in July

Christmas in July that was scheduled for 31 July has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

## Canteen News - We are Online!

Welcome to term 3

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. Canteen is still operating as per term 2.

Reduced menu, no over the counter sales (hopefully soon).



**Please order lunch on the Tuesday by 10pm for Wednesday & Thursday by 10pm for Friday**

Thank you everyone

Kerrie Heidi

PS Don't forget you can always message myself if your child is unable to attend and I can cancel order in the morning for you (before 830am)

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](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

**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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