



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- As mentioned last week, our OLSS fathers, father figures, stepdads or those who take on a fatherly role will have received an invitation to **'Dads Down Tools Together'** for our Father's Day celebration on **Friday 4th September at 10am**. Fathers 'Feed and Read' morning each year is one of the great highlights of the school calendar and it is a real shame it can't go ahead due to COVID restrictions. We've worked hard to find a way to connect our school, children and dads, so please clear the diaries for 15 minutes on the day to join us if not physically, at least in spirit as our children thank God for their fathers and our dads and father figures who will join us live. **It is important fathers register their attendance for the assembly, and in doing so, each will be prompted to send a short message to us which we will pass onto your child live during the assembly. Please click here to register (very important).**
- On Friday I had the pleasure of assisting our local Terrigal MP, Adam Crouch in adjudicating our Year 5 and 6 finalists for our school Public Speaking Competition. The finals were live streamed from our library to parents and Year 4, 5 and 6 classes due to COVID restrictions, with the quality of speeches outstanding. Congratulations to the following place getters.

| Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| 1 st Samantha H | 1 st Amelia M |
| 2 nd Imogen C | 2 nd Scarlett S |
| 3 rd Ben W | 3 rd Ava D |

- Our restricted Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival and K-2 Fun Day last week were as successful as possible given the COVID restrictions and my thanks to our staff who worked hard to enable these. It was a great day and although winners are below, the spirit and enjoyment was by far the biggest takeaway. We had our online presentation on Friday and below are our age champions and winning house colours. Well done everyone!

| Age | Boys Champion | Girls Champion |
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| 8 Years (Year 3 only) | Age Champion - Jordan C Runner up - Chase B | Age Champion - Giselle G Runner Up - Emerson W |
| 9 Years | Age Champion - Rocco R Runner Up - Max P | Age Champion - Emily B Runner Up - Matilda L |
| 10 Years | Age Champion - Ollie P Runner Up - Blake G | Age Champion - Penny C Runner Up - Giselle W and Olive E |
| 11 Years | Age Champion - Vin R Runner Up - Cruz P | Age Champion - Emma M Runner Up - Allira H |
| 12 Years | Age Champion - Tahj H Runner Up - Albert C | Age Champion - Taylah M Runner Up - Sophie H-C |

Spirit Points

| Colour | Primary Points | Infants Points | Total Points | Placings |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| Therry | 1640 | 860 | 2500 | 1st |
| Polding | 1560 | 760 | 2320 | 2nd |
| Mackillop | 1400 | 730 | 2130 | 3rd |
| Chisholm | 1160 | 840 | 2000 | 4th |

Colour House Overall Participation Points

1. Polding (Green) - 306 points
2. Therry (Red) - 288 points
3. Mackillop (Gold) - 284 points
4. Chisholm (Blue) - 263 points

- Families of children receiving their First Communion should have been contacted by our parish with information postponing the Parent–Child workshop scheduled for this Saturday, to the following **Saturday (5th September) via 'Zoom' at 3pm**. This is because of further restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19. If you were not contacted via email by now, please contact the parish office as a matter of urgency. Updated information on Communion Masses will be provided at this workshop.
- On another note, during the next school holidays work will commence on modernising our school reception and admin area. This area on a busy morning replicates a busy Sydney street it is so crowded, and we look forward to a more streamlined space for Term 4 onwards. Work will commence in the last week of this term, and we will be moving reception entirely to our library for that week, with more details to come.
- Congratulations to our Denise McCarthy, 1S on becoming a grandparent for the first time last weekend. Denise is the proud grandparent of a little girl Georgie June. I know our community joins me in congratulating Denise on this exciting news.
- A friendly reminder to families that ordered a copy of the Cinders DVD to please pay and collect from the office.
- **Please note that the last day of Term 3 is Friday 25 September. The scheduled Pupil Free Day has been cancelled.**

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers