



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

### Newsletter – 11 November 2020

#### What's new this week

#### LEST WE FORGET

#### Year 2 enjoy the Reptile Parke

#### Pyjama Day on Friday 20/11

#### Term 4 - Dates to remember

Thurs 12 Nov Year 2 – Reptile Park Excursion

Friday 13 Nov Year 5 & 6 Touch Football Gala Day  
Kinder 2021 Transition Morning

Thurs 19 Nov Year 4 Broken Bay Basketball  
Year 6 Market Day

Friday 20 Nov Mini Vinnies - Pyjama Day  
Year 5 & 6 Broken Bay Basketball

*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

Today is Remembrance Day, and as a school, we paused at 11am near our flagpole to recognise and pay our respects to those who have fought and died in wars. We are very lucky to live in a time of relative stability and peace (although there remain challenges nonetheless). The children were beautifully reverent as we remembered the fallen and prayed for them.





*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*

**LEST WE FORGET**

### **New Principal**

As our school transitions to new leadership with the appointment of Mr John Barton there is a great deal going on behind the scenes. I spoke to John and he is looking to relocate to our beautiful Central Coast with family. I will be introducing John to our Kinder 2021 parents' tomorrow evening via Zoom and will be looking for an opportunity for an introduction to the wider parent community and will advertise this, along with a virtual assembly for our children. Please stay tuned for updates.

Meanwhile it is business as usual in the work behind the scenes running our school. I am enormously grateful to Maria Kennedy who is doing a wonderful job as co-principal as I transition into the work at Catholic Schools Broken Bay. This extends to Laura Wales in her increased leadership role and the wider staff. Even though very busy, the school is running very smoothly.

### **Year 6 Zoom Discussion with Scott Morrison**

It was very exciting on Friday to be singled out by our Prime Minister for a short "Zoom" discussion with our Year 6 students as part of their 2x day Virtual Canberra excursion. The students had an opportunity to listen to our PM and ask questions, in a longer conversation with our local member Lucy Wicks. The students asked some excellent questions.

I congratulate the Year 6 teachers on the hard work of organising their two day virtual experience, which was very interactive and far more than just trolling through websites.



### **Welcome New Families**

Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed three new families.

Welcome to:

- Grace F (4D) – commenced Monday
- Elsa D (2P) – commenced very recently
- Eve D (1D) - commenced very recently
- Amelie M (3D) - commenced very recently
- Anja M (5S) - commenced very recently

I know our OLSS families will welcome each as you cross paths. We will also be welcoming a number of new families in the leadup to 2021.

### **Donna Gocher – Library Assistant**

This week we say farewell to a long serving staff member who has worked at the ‘back-end’ in our library over many years. Mrs Donna Gocher has worked as a Library Assistant over many years, ensuring the smooth running of the library. We thank Donna for her many years of service and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Currently we are reviewing the model of library support and considering a small restructure using the allocation for Admin assistance, to a newer model of face to face delivery to students for special projects and contemporary learning. This will be over and above the existing great work from our current Teacher-Librarian Hania Hawton. Please stay tuned for more news on this.

### **End of Year Reports**

Our staff are currently working long hours analysing assessments and writing end of year reports for parents. Unlike Semester One, where there was a long period of Home-Based Learning, we expect to be reporting entirely on all curriculum areas. Reports will be issued to parents on Tuesday 8 December.

### **Year 3 BYODD iPads**

On Monday I wrote to Year 3 parents with all specs for BYODD iPads for Years 4-6. Please refer to that letter. The iPads won’t need to be brought in until the start of next year, however if parents wish to purchase directly from the school, we have procured 30x iPads, covers and AppleCare+ to assist. Once this supply is exhausted, parents will need to go to retail options. If of course any parent is concerned about financial ability to purchase, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will ensure an appropriate and sensitive arrangement can be made so your child doesn’t miss out.

### **P&F**

Thank you to the parents who could join us last week for our Term 4 meeting and AGM which was held via Zoom. I am enormously grateful to our 2020 P&F Executive and Parent Council who have been a wonderful sounding board for myself and our school leadership team in the challenges of 2020. Thank you to our 2020 executive, all of whom will be backing up in 2021:

President: Adam Haines  
Vice President: Jacqueline Powers  
Secretary: Lianne Wallis  
Treasurer: Campbell McArthur

Diocesan Parent Council rep: Paul Quinn

Please [click here](#) to access Minutes of the meeting, as well as the Principal, President and Treasurer’s report from the meeting.

### **Uniform**

Our girls’ uniform option of skorts and blouse is now available after a long delay with China exports. They look wonderful and are an excellent alternative to the dress only option in Summer. These can be purchased from now. Please go to the uniform shop to view. Thank you to our P&F who have initiated and overseen this wonderful change. Please [click here](#) to access the Alinta pricelist on our website.



## **Kinder 2021 Transition – COVID version**

A reminder that our second and final transition morning for 2021 Kinder students takes place this Friday morning with staggered arrival and pickup for the children at our parish hall.

Drop-off:       A-M surnames 9-9.15am  
                  N-Z surnames 9.15-9.30am

Pickup:         A-M surnames 11-11.15am  
                  N-Z surnames 11.15-11.30am

The Parent Information session is via “Zoom” and is 7pm tomorrow evening. Please refer to the email sent Monday with login details. This will be an important session with lots of details as we head towards the start of next year.

## **Presents for Staff end of year**

It is very natural for parents to seek to show appreciation to our teachers and staff towards the end of each year. It is important to note that whilst the gesture is appreciated, this is never expected. Catholic Schools Broken Bay have issued guidelines which take into account expectations that gifts be modest in value and shouldn't exceed a nominal amount of \$50. Parent choice on this matter is respected, however schools are expected not to promote a culture where there is expectation to contribute to gifts. We thank parents for their understanding.

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers  
Principal

## **News from our Assistant Principal, Mrs Kennedy:**

### **Tell Them From Me Parent Survey**

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey closes this Friday. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate if you could complete this survey. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *Our Lady Star of the Sea, Terrigal*.

You can access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by [clicking here](#).

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary, easy-to-use and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school.

## ICAS Computer Skills Competition

Congratulations to the following students who received wonderful results in the ICAS University of NSW assessments this year.

	<b>Merit</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distinction</b>	<b>Year</b>
ICAS Digital Technologies					Gusatv H. Harrison E.	5 5
ICAS Science	Harrison E	5	Zach H Harry G Li- Shin G	4 5 5	George G	2
ICAS Spelling Bee	Zach H Seamus H Harrison E	4 4 5	Spencer A Finn W Brianna S	2 4 5		
ICAS Mathematics			Alexandra Mc Seamus H Harrison E Samantha H Harry G Li Shin G Charles U Albert C	3 4 5 5 5 5 5 6	George G Zach H	2 4
ICAS English	George G Jessica O	2 5	Spencer A Zoe A Eva B Zach H Finn W Keeley P Harrison E Harry G Abby O Brianna S	2 3 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5	Alexandra Mc	3

ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence.

The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning.

To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level.

Congratulations to all the other children who participated in what is a very challenging competition.

## News from School Office:

### School Office hours

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

### Second Hand Uniforms

A friendly reminder to families if you have any spare old uniforms if you could please send them into the office. We are in desperate need for sport shorts and boys' shorts.

### Birthday Treats

With current COVID restrictions we remind families that if you are sending in treats for the class that they **MUST** be packaged food i.e. ice blocks, pre-made cup cakes from supermarket. **NO** homemade treats are to be bought into school.

### Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported to the office. Can we please remind parents to be aware and check their children's hair and treat your child's hair before returning to school. Please [click here](#) for guidelines from NSW Health for treatment of head lice.

## Sport News from Miss Molly:

### Basketball and Tennis

Broken Bay will conduct trials for upper primary students highly skilled in tennis and basketball during this term. Students who wish to trial for tennis must be in Year 4 or 5 and must have experience playing in regular competition and be able to score and self-umpire competently. If your child meets this criteria and are interested, please come and see me for an information pack.

Basketball trials for representative standard players for Year 4 and 5 boys and girls have been conducted over the last few weeks at school. Unfortunately, each school is only permitted to enter 4 boys and 4 girls for basketball (3 boys and 3 girls for tennis) which makes school based trials necessary. Good luck to the students who will be taking part in the basketball trials.

### Touch Football Gala Day

This week we have our Year 5 and 6 Touch Football Gala Day taking place at EDSACC South. All children are required to come to school and travel by bus to and from the gala day. All students are required to wear their full school sports uniform (no Broken Bay shirts). Students need water, morning tea and lunch for the day. Students will also need to have sunscreen and reapply throughout the day. Please ensure you have completed the Google permission form.

## Library News from Mrs Hawton:

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair in Week 3 was very busy. Thank you to all the parents and students for your great support. The commissioned earned will be spent buying books and resources for the school and library.



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

**SAPPHIRE Award:** Patrick V (4S) - The very first Sapphire Award at OLSS- Congratulations!

**RUBY Award:** Nicholas B (KS), Matis M (1P) and Georgia B (3S)

**Gold Award:** Lydia M (4S) and Christelle C (4S)

**Silver Award:** Charlotte B (KS), Jacob G (1P), Archie W (2S) and Riley K (6S)

**JF Silver Award:** Fletcher R (2D)

**Bronze Award:** Eric M (3D)

**A-Z Author Award:** Eli T (1P)

Keep up the good work!

There are many new titles appearing in the library. Look for one that you might like to read.



Destiny our Library catalogue can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

**Scholastic**

The last scholastic Book Club orders for 2020 (Issue 8) are **Due Back by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November (week 6)**.

This is the last BOOK CLUB order for the year. Any parents wishing to buy books as Christmas presents, either use the Gift ordering through LOOP or I'm happy to keep your orders in the library office for your collection. Please [click here](#) to order.

**End of Year Library Borrowing**

**Week 7 will be the last week for borrowing, 23 to 27 November.**

I regret that library borrowing needs to finish early at the end of the year as there are many resources for which to account. I realise that this is very early to stop borrowing, however with classes coming and going, books circulating, returning and reshelving being ongoing, getting the library ready for 2021 would not be manageable or effective.

Below is an explanation of how the end of year will work.

Week 8 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov- 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Children return <b>ALL</b> library books by Friday 4th December
Week 9 &10	Chase late returns/Overdue & lost books / solve problems

I hope that the children will continue to read, there are some great titles in their class libraries. This is a great opportunity to visit the local libraries at Erina Fair, Kincumber or Gosford. All of these libraries are open during the holidays with summer reading programs as well as holiday story time and art/craft activities for the children.

I would ask that all parents please remind their children to **return all library books by the end of week 8, Friday 4th December**. If a book has been missing for some time, I ask that you either replace it or send in the money to cover the cost of purchasing a new copy. Currently there are a lot of overdue books. Notes for these books will be coming home shortly.

Thank you for all your support throughout 2020.



Happy reading,  
Hania Hawton  
Teacher Librarian

## Canteen News - We are Online!

As mentioned at the end of term, as we move to the Summer months, we have reviewed how we might best proceed with our canteen to both comply with ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and support our children with warmer weather approaching. The following will apply from our return next term:

- We will continue to operate without volunteer helpers for the time being.
- Lunches and lunch snacks (apart from below) will remain pre-ordered and paid via Flexi-Schools.
- Added to our lunch and snack venue, a limited number of ice-blocks and drinks will be available to purchase directly and sold in lunch and fruit break. Students may bring coins (preferred) for these and we will have strict procedures of putting received coins into a 'quarantine' dish, and change will be served from a separate 'quarantined' float. There will be minimal handling of change by canteen staff.

The menu for this purpose is below:

Quelch Juice Sticks-----	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup-----	\$0.50
Lemonade Icy Twist-----	\$1.60
Calippo Minis -----	\$1.00
Juicies-----	\$1.00
Paddlepop-----	\$1.60
Vanilla Ice-cream Cup-----	\$1.00
Ice Mony -----	\$1.00



Milk, Juice and water also available.

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

Thank you everyone

Kerrie and 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 8:30am)

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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# THE UNIFORM SHOP

## Need Uniforms for 2021?



The Uniform Shop is now conducting fittings for students requiring uniforms for 2021.

Any student that may require special sizing are required to be fitted and order by 31st October 2020 to avoid disappointment.

Contact your School Uniform Shop to organise your uniforms or to make a fitting appointment.

Layby payments available in store.

Thank You

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