



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 9 December 2020

What's new this week

Enjoy your evening Year 6 and we wish you all the best for High School

Captains Announcement on Friday 11 December

Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas

Term 4 - Dates to remember

Thurs 10 Dec	Year 6 – First Aid Course Meet the Teacher @ 1.30pm
Friday 11 Dec	Whole School Assembly Captains Announcement at 2pm
Monday 14 Dec	Year 6 Luna Park Talent Quest
Tues 15 Dec	End of Year Thanksgiving Mass @ 9am Year 6 – Farewell Guard of Honour @ 2.25pm
Wed 16 Dec	Last Day of Term 4

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A note from our Principal, Mr Robert Peers:

Dear Parents and Children

Tonight, the young men and women in Year 6 will have their graduation Liturgy and ceremony. Reflecting the times we find ourselves in and to satisfy COVID restrictions, this is being held outdoors, where parents will be able to join their children in this special milestone as they complete their primary education here at OLSS. With a fine weather forecast we are excited about this special occasion. This cohort of students commenced in Kindergarten in 2014, and this coincided with my commencement as principal in our community, so for me this will be a very special group. Witnessing their growth and development, it's hard to believe the tiny Kinder students starting in January 2014, have grown into the young men and women about to embark in High School.

I take this opportunity to thank our Year 6 teachers, strongly supported by our wider staff for embracing the much greater workload and planning for the outdoor event tonight. Not all schools have done this much to support their Year 6 students and parents, but their effort is indicative of the value add our staff provide, not just in this example, but day-in and day-out at OLSS.

Likewise, we have a wonderful group of Year 5 parents who are going above and beyond to support the hospitality and efforts after formal proceedings tonight, and this will be a wonderful conclusion to the evening for Year 6 students and parents alike. I am really looking forward to tonight, and the special memories created for our families.



Leaving Year 6 Families

Each year we say goodbye to a number of long serving families to OLSS with their last child leaving after several years' connection. This year seems bigger than most, and amongst the names, there seems a larger than ever proportion of families who have not just been with us for a long time, they have supported enormously both in upfront ways, but also behind the scenes quietly. To merely say thank you to these families seems inadequate:

Boffo, Bookallil, Boonstra, Botfield, Boyton, Briggs, Bryan, Cippollone, Dawson, Dodd, Elwin, Farrell, Fearnley, Gilmore, Gudaitis, Hall, Hamilton, Harris, Hoban, Hogan, Homan-Corless, Hope, Johnson, Johnstone, Kahler, Lewry, Lyons, Markulin, Marques Cox, Martin, Matthews, McCudden, McIntosh, McMahon, Milson, Morgan, Noble, Peters, Ratay, Rheinberger, Ross, Ryan-Englund, Scott, Seers, Shepherd, Wilson and Winser families.

It is always a danger singling out individuals as it has the potential to offend, however on this occasion there are some families who warrant special mention due to their tireless contribution over many years, often for hours.

Lenise McIntosh: Lenise has tirelessly served on our P&F, and Parent Advisory Council for well over ten years, often in behind the scene roles without any notoriety. Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls each year (except for 2020 with COVID restrictions) have operated seamlessly, and there have been numerous other contributions, with no hint of ego. I know nobody will begrudge me by singling out Lenise to say 'Thank you' on behalf of our community.

Colleen and Matt McCudden: Fair by the Sea, which is synonymous with this community, has been part of the fabric of Colleen and Matt's existence here and their tireless efforts range from upfront leadership, to quiet behind the scene hours of problem solving and organising. Fair by the Sea has seen numerous opportunities for our school including abundant resource purchases, both the existing play area and soon to be opened creative playground, electronic sign, as well as classroom and library furniture to name but a few. Whilst they haven't undertaken this without lots of support, they have "owned" this, and we owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

Daniel and Kylie Hogan: I also thank Daniel and Kylie for their work on the P&F executive in my early years at OLSS for their tireless work.

Reports

Yesterday Semester 2 reports were sent home via Compass to all families. Please take the time to read these carefully, and of course talk to your child about what you are proud of, and where there might be room for improvement. Please focus on the “*effort*” as much as achievement, as this is the aspect your child can control most. Parents who wish to discuss the report with their child’s teacher are most welcome to do so. Please contact the office and a time will be organised for you to meet before the end of year.

Important Parish News

Last week Bishop Anthony made several announcements across the diocese, including the news that Fr Pawel will be moving to Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming as Parish Administrator during January. Although Fr Pawel has only been with us since last Christmas, we are enormously grateful for his pastoral leadership during a difficult 2020 and wish him all the best for his move to Wyoming.

The new Parish Priest of the Terrigal parish in January will be Fr Vince Casey. Fr Vince is a very well respected priest who has held several senior positions in Broken Bay, including the role of Vicar General, and Administrator of the Diocese following the retirement of Bishop David Walker a few years ago. We look forward to welcoming Fr Vince in the new year.

Staff News

In addition to news published previously, I am able to advise the following re staffing next year:

- One of our previously advised new staff members, **Sharmane Arundale**, has accepted a permanent teaching position at Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming and will not be joining us in 2021. We are pleased to announce **Georgia Kevin** will be joining us in 2021 fulltime, and I know our community will welcome Georgia in 2021.
- Tomorrow we will publish a full list of 2021 staff for the information of parents and the community.

Meet the Teacher and Class 2021

Also, tomorrow children will be meeting their classmates and teacher for 2021. This is always a much-anticipated time, and I thank the staff who have worked long hours considering the best options for the students. Please talk this up in discussion with your child tomorrow as there will no doubt be a mixture of excitement but also at first glance there might be disappointments. Your response as a parent directly influences this news to your child.

Every year we explain the complexities of the decision-making process, and our inability to “open the can of worms” if parents decide exceptions need to be made and a change sought. For this reason, we ask parents not to put the school in the difficulty of expecting changes after tomorrow’s announcement, as we simply will not be able to fulfil such requests. We thank the vast majority of parents who understand and respect such decisions.

Student Leaders 2021

Our Year 5 process of leadership formation culminates with the announcement of 2021 School Captains, Vice Captains and Colour House Captains. This assembly, which will be beamed to classes (except to Year 5 who will be present) will take place at **2pm this Friday**. Parents of Year 5 students will be sent a link tomorrow for the assembly as our COVID restrictions will prevent them attending.

Importantly, we know not every student who sought a captain role will be successful, and if that is the case, it is hugely important to react positively, and show support to the elected leader. We congratulate all those who put themselves forward, regardless if they are named on Friday or not.

End of Year Mass (Year 6 and Kindergarten Blessing)

As we head towards the end of the challenging year 2020 has been, we will be holding our end of year Mass next **Tuesday, 15 December at 9am**. A feature of this Mass will be the blessing of our Year 6 students by their Kinder buddies, which was the same blessing bestowed to our Kinder buddies when the Kinder students arrived at the start of this year. (This will occur on the church forecourt towards the end of Mass so we can comply with COVID restrictions in the church.)

Because of COVID restrictions, this will be live-streamed to all classes, except Year 6 who will be present in the church. Year 6 parents are also most welcome to come to the church but must observe social distancing requirements (2 square metres). We will make the link available on Monday via Compass.

Year 6 Last Day and Guard of Honour

Also, next Tuesday, our Year 6 students will have their final official day of school. After Mass in the morning, the students will go through a COVID version of our traditional guard of honour, on the oval at **2.25pm**. Parents are welcome to join us, but must:

- Observe social distancing expectations of 2 square metres.
- **ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS GOING HOME WITH PARENTS WILL NEED TO BE GONE PROMPTLY BY 2.40PM SO WE CAN RUN THE AFTERNOON DRIVE THROUGH PICKUP SAFELY AT 2.45PM.** (We thank parents in advance for their support in this endeavour).

Bushfire Procedures

Accompanying this newsletter is the annual bushfire season letter. This provides details of the school's protocols if 'Catastrophic' conditions occur and our safety procedures for the information of parents. Please keep this in a safe place for future reference if needed.

2021 Mathematics Assessment Interviews

Tomorrow a letter will go home to parents and this will include login procedures to book MAIs (Mathematics Assessment Interviews). Although only one day will be available prior to students commencing, we ask as many parents as possible make the time to attend, and remaining MAIs will take place during the school day in the weeks following. The date for the interviews is **Thursday 28 January**. Please be on the lookout for the booking link notice tomorrow.

Lucy Wicks Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Willow M from 3D for winning a Highly Commended place in the 2020 Christmas Card Competition!

The theme of this year's competition was 'Hope', there were over 1600 entries from 25 schools! Well done Willow.

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.

Broken Bay News

The December 2020 issue of [Broken Bay News](#) is now online! Featured in the December Christmas edition is Bishop Anthony's Pastoral Letter, Celebrating Vocations with three diaconate ordinations, a new look for Catholic Schools Broken Bay and much more!

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.

Sports News from Miss Molly:

Well done to our representatives from Year 4 and 5 who recently took part in Broken Bay trials for Basketball and Tennis.

The following students were selected in the Broken Bay Basketball team and will trial for the Polding team in Tamworth next year-

Boys - Cruz P, Oscar M and Noah G

Girls - Summer M and Immy C

Our tennis players, Harry E, Patrick V and Jess S, faced some tough competition and narrowly missed out on making the team. Only 3 boys and 3 girls are selected to represent Broken Bay. Patrick V was ranked 6th overall.

We wish all of our participants all the best when they represent Broken Bay next year.

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

In line with Catholic School Broken Bay recommendations, it has been decided that school banking will not restart in 2021. Students who have student banking accounts can continue to make deposits at their local branch.

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

[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

For pricelists, opening hours and shop details, login/register online www.alintaapparel.com.au

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Uniform Shop January Opening Hours

Monday 18 January – 2pm to 4pm

Friday 22 January – 8.15am – 10.15am

Monday 25 January – 2pm to 4pm

Friday 29 January – 8.15am – 10.15am