



Wednesday 2 December 2020



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Yesterday the children and staff welcomed our new principal for 2021, Mr John Barton, with a short assembly. John had the opportunity to visit the classrooms and chat with many students. The children enjoyed engaging with John and he left feeling very welcomed.
- Student Leadership 2021: On Monday those children who made the shortlist for School Captains 2021 delivered their speeches in front of their peers and via Zoom to the rest of the school. All the children did a wonderful job on their speeches and they are to be congratulated on how they have supported each other throughout the nomination process. The School captains will be announced at a whole school assembly, Friday 11 December, at 2pm.
- Tomorrow our Year 6 students leave for their overnight stay at Camp Toukley. We know there are many wonderful activities planned for the students and we are grateful that the students are getting the opportunity to have such an experience to conclude their time here at OLSS, especially in the challenges of 2020. Many thanks to the Year 6 teachers for all their hard work in making this happen.
- Our Kinder and Year 1 students have had planned incursions this week. Year 1 had an exciting day today discovering the joys of being an archaeologist and/or palaeontologist attending a show provided by Fizzics. Tomorrow, Kinder will be attending a hands-on science 'Fizzics' show that will complement their studies undertaken this semester.
- Meanwhile, Year 4 have also been exploring the Central Coast this week with their excursion to Bouddi National Park.
- As announced in last week's newsletter Mrs Lucinda McMahon, our wonderful K-2 PE teacher will be leaving us at the end of this year. We have now completed the recruitment process to replace Lucinda and are happy to announce the appointment of Mrs Candice Gorman. Candice is a very experienced P.E teacher and she will be joining us one day a week in 2021.
- This week we welcome the Blanco family (Felicity (KD) and Alannah (2S) to our OLSS community.
- A reminder to families that Hardship and COVID fee relief are available for families. If you require assistance, please contact the office ASAP.
- A reminder for any leaving students if your child is not returning to OLSS next year could you please advise the office via email as soon as possible. It is a legal requirement that we are informed of your last date of attendance and the new school your child will be attending.
- A reminder that the new girls' uniform option of skorts and blouse is now available and can be purchased from the uniform shop. A number of girls are now wearing the new uniform option and their feedback has been very positive. Please click here to access the Alinta pricelist on our website.

***God bless you and your families***

***Robert Peers and Maria Kennedy***