



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 24 February 2021

What's new this week

**Kinder 2022 Enrolments
are now Open**

Term 1 - Dates to remember

Thurs 4 March Year 6 – A day in the life of St Eddie's
and Joey's Girls for a Day

Friday 5 March Cross Country

Saturday 6 March St Edward's Open Day

***Please [click here](#) to access school diary
and obtain all upcoming dates***



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A note from our Principal, Mr John Barton:

Dear Parents and Children

We are almost at the halfway point of the term and the students are well and truly settled in for the year ahead. Just as we have orientated our new Kindergarten students to the school for this year, we begin enrolments and interviews for Kindergarten students for 2022. We are expecting as always, a strong interest from families wishing to be part of the OLSS community. Please ensure you read the information in this newsletter if you are wishing to enrol your child for the new school year.

NAPLAN Testing 2021

NAPLAN Testing for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place this year from 11 to 21 May. Our school will be completing the tests this year online except for Year 3 writing test. Year 3 and 5 students are familiarising themselves with the format of the test and will be well and truly prepared when the tests commence. Parents who are wishing to exclude their child from the testing are asked to have a conversation with their child's class teacher as soon as possible. Exclusion from the testing would be for a specific reason such as language, disability or conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests. Your child's class teacher can provide you with further information in this area if required.



Kindergarten and Other Grade Enrolments for 2022

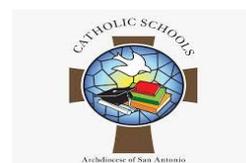
Parents wishing to enrol their child for Kindergarten and other grades for 2022, are advised that the enrolment process has now begun. Enrolment forms are available now either online or can be picked up at the school office. To support parents in the process, we will conduct an **Open Evening on Tuesday 16 March**. This evening will run from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and will showcase what our school here at OLSS can offer in terms of a Catholic education for their child. This will be followed up with an **Information Evening on Tuesday 23 March at 7.00pm**, where parents will be able to come along to find out



about the school and ask specific questions related to how the school operates. The final phase of the pre-enrolment process will be a **Fun Morning for Kinder Students** which will take place on **Wednesday Morning 24 March from 9.00am to 10.30am**. This session will be an opportunity for the prospective 2022 students to come and involve themselves in activities to orientate them to the school as well as an opportunity for parents to see the school in action. Each of these sessions are open to both new and existing families in the school and will be advertised on Facebook to the wider community. Parents are advised that applications for enrolment can be submitted to the office at any time. Interviews for places in 2022 will begin immediately and parents will be contacted directly regarding an interview time.

200 Years of Catholic Education

The story of Catholic Education reaches a new milestone this year chalking up some 200 years of service in Australia. It is a unique story from humble beginnings to an organisation that spans the country providing quality Catholic Education to over 20% of the students in Primary schools and even higher in Secondary schools. The road has never been an easy one with numerous stories of perseverance and dedication by so many. Just one of these many stories occurred in Goulburn in the 1960's and became a pivotal point in Catholic Education in Australia. If you're not familiar with the story, click on the attached link to watch a short clip about this amazing event. Our Lady Star of the Sea exists because of the perseverance of people like this. Please [click here](#)



Reflection for the Week

In class, students are encouraged to work independently and to use their problem-solving skills. One day, a pupil began following the teacher throughout the classroom. Whenever the teacher turned around, he would be standing there. Eventually the teacher said, jokingly: "You don't need to follow me. Would you follow me over a cliff if I jumped off?" He looked at me very seriously before responding, "Yes, to see if you were okay!" Can't argue with that!

Lord, bless our children's academic skills and efforts. We pray you would give each of them the desire to learn and the gift of knowledge. Help them excel in their strengths while persevering in their weaknesses. May wisdom and knowledge enter their hearts and minds. Amen



My best wishes for some peace-filled weeks ahead.

John Barton
Principal

A message from our Assistant Principal, Mrs Maria Kennedy:

Changes to Attendance from CSBB

Please be aware that parents are required to provide a reason to substantiate a student's absence within 7 (calendar) days of the first day of the absence. If a reason for the absence is received by the school after this time, the official record of attendance will not be altered. Parents will find that after the seven-day period that they will be unable to add an attendance note after this time on Compass. The school will send reminders to parents asking for an attendance note however if not received within the seven-day period, the roll will show an unjustified absence.

A message from our REC, Mrs Wales:

4 Starfish Prayer Reflection

4 Starfish have been learning about God's healing and forgiveness in Religious Education. They have read Scripture Passages around these themes and then chose one passage to publish as a comic book using the iPad app Book Creator, "The Man with a Withered Hand" created by Hugo W and "Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law" created by Delilah M.

Please [click here](#) to view 4 Starfish scripture stories

PROJECT COMPASSION 2021

School Newsletter Notices

Caritas AUSTRALIA **First Week of Lent**

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about the story of Jamila and her family. Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. A single mother, she fled armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support and learnt sewing skills, to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family.

- 860,494 people remain in the densely populated camps, in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, especially due to COVID-19. ([UNHCR](#))

Watch a short film about Jamila's story [here](#).

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Please support Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



Caritas AUSTRALIA **Second Week of Lent**

This week through Project Compassion we learn about 39-year-old Margret, a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment. Apart from the difficulties the students all have, the school also faced water shortages, with not enough to supply staff and students with safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden, amidst the threat of COVID-19. Staff and students rely on the vegetable garden to provide food for their meals.

With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures. Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, with plans to boost food security, through increased agricultural production.

- Around 60% of people in rural areas in the Solomon Islands don't have access to piped water, while about 80% don't have access to latrines or toilets. ([UNICEF](#), 2019)

Watch a short film about Margret's story [here](#).

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News from School Office:

School Office hours

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

Red Bus Service

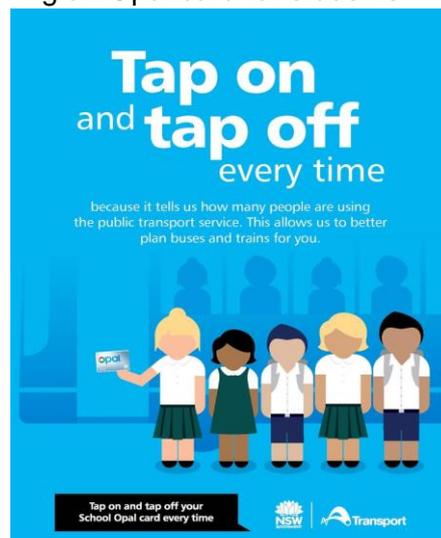
Red Bus service have advised all schools that the period for not presenting an Opal card for students has passed.

Under Transport for NSW guidelines any student travelling to or from school by bus is required to present and tap on and off with a current valid Opal card.

Opal tap on and off numbers play an integral role in determining school bus requirements for the number of students requiring these services.

For example, if 5 students tap on with an Opal card and 45 students on board, in reporting viewed by Transport for NSW this service is carrying only 5 students.

It is important to remind students to ensure they tap on and off when travelling on the bus. **The greater concern could be that services may be lost rather than added.**



Sports News from Miss Molly:

CCC Swimming Carnival

Well done to our CCC swimming team who competed on Monday. The behaviour and team spirit throughout the day was excellent.

We had some strong results on the day including:

Alex G - 3rd 50m Free, 2nd 50m breaststroke

Ariya G - 3rd 10 Year Girls 50m Free, 3rd Junior Girls backstroke and 1st Junior Girls butterfly

Kai Burch - 3rd 11 Year Boys 50m Butterfly

Nate H - 3rd 11 Year Boys 50m breaststroke

Baylin C - 3rd Senior Boys backstroke

Mitch S - 3rd Junior Boys breaststroke

Senior Boys Relay team (Aden T, Nate H, Baylin C, Jonah B) 2nd overall.

Students placing 1st and 2nd overall will now compete at the Broken Bay trials being held at Mingara on Tuesday 9 March. Thank you to our Year 6 leaders, particularly swim captains Aden T and Bella S for being great leaders for our younger students.

Cross Country

It's great to see so many of our students being active and training for our school cross country which is being held next Friday 5 March. Following is an approximate schedule of the order of events for the morning.

9am - 8 Year Olds (2km)

9:20 - 9 Year Olds (2km)

9:40 - 10 Year Old (2km)

10:00 - 11 Year Olds (3km)

10:30 - 12 Year Olds (3km)

Please ensure your child is wearing their sports uniform to run in the event. Students should also have a water bottle. Students who are asthmatic must run with their puffer. Due to current restrictions parents are unable on site to watch the event.

All students in Year 2-6 will take part in the event. The emphasis on the event is to participate, try your best and complete the course.

The CCC Cross Country is being held Friday 30th April (Term 2 Week 2) at this stage there are no further details. A note will be sent home next term to students who will represent our school. At this stage, the organisers have not yet determined the number of students each school can send and if parents are able to attend. We will keep you posted.

Library News from Mrs Hawton:

There have been many keen students that spent their holidays reading and completing OLSS Reading Challenges.

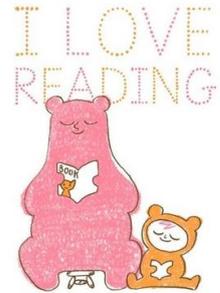
Congratulations to the following:

RUBY Award: Dane D (4P)

Silver Award: Patrick V (5D),

JF Bronze Award: Isla A (1P), Jude C (1S), Isabel J (2P), Noah A (2S) and Kalen H (2S)

Bronze Award: Patrick V (5D), Lily B (5P), Allison F (5S), Eva B (5S), Elijah T (1P), Monique Q (3P) and Marley W (4S)

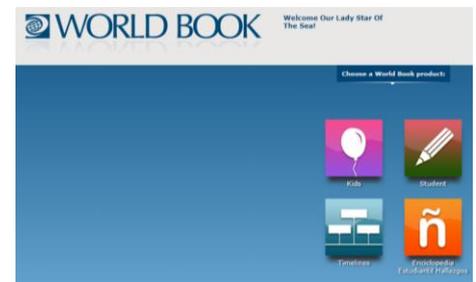


Destiny our Library catalogue can be accessed online by [clicking here](#)

Our school also has a subscription to World Book online which can be accessed by [clicking here](#)

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Happy reading,
Hania Hawton.
Teacher Librarian



Canteen News - We are Online!

- 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.

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

Alinta Apparel Pty Ltd Phone: **0437 133 032** Email: starofthesea@alinta.com.au



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St Joseph's Catholic College,
East Gosford

Open Day

Book your tour at www.sjcc.nsw.edu.au
Meet our students and staff and tour our college
from 3:30pm by appointment

Monday, March 1st 2021

Enrolments now
open for 2022

St Joseph's Catholic College in the Diocese of Broken Bay educates girls from Year 7 to Year 12 empowering them to lead with compassion, serve with respect, pray with hope and act justly.

The caring and supportive community of St Joseph's nurtures confident, resilient and independent young women who act with courage, strength and gentleness in the service of others and in the stewardship of our earth.

Challenging learning experiences inside and outside the classroom encourage students to develop their unique gifts and talents, strive for personal excellence and purpose, and recognise that learning is for life.

For more information on enrolment, contact
the college office:

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