



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TERRIGAL

Newsletter – 10 March 2021

What's new this week

Kinder 2022 Open Evening
16 March @ 5pm

Kinder 2022 Information
Evening 23 March @ 7pm

Kinder 2022 Fun Morning

Sport Jackets and shorts are
back in stock

Term 1 - Dates to remember

Thurs 11 March Gosford High Test

Mon 15 March Broken Bay Netball Trials

Tues 16 March Broken Bay AFL Trials
Kinder 2022 Open Evening

Wed 17 March St Patrick's Day Liturgy Years 1-3 at
12noon

Thurs 18 March Broken Bay Soccer Trials

Friday 19 March Broken Bay Rugby League Trials

Tues 23 March Broken Bay Hockey Trials
Kinder 2022 Information Evening

Wed 24 March Kinder 2022 Fun Morning
Polding AFL trials

***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

Just as we think we've got a handle on the COVID requirements, the restrictions change again but this time in a good way! As you have no doubt heard in the media, parents are allowed back on site at schools, albeit ensuring the appropriate social distancing guidelines of 1.5 metres. This changes the landscape of our school in a big way where we can at last welcome parents back into the school community and invite you to be part of normal school life once again. On a personal level, I look forward to meeting many more parents who I have yet had the opportunity to make contact with.



Each grade is already in the process of creating an opportunity for the parents to be welcomed back into the school. This will be different for each grade but what we can guarantee is that parents will be welcomed back with open arms from an absence that while necessary, has been far too long. More information will come from your child's grade over the coming week.

After School Pick Up

Whilst the restrictions with parents on site have eased, we will still continue with the protocols we put in place last Friday afternoon. We still currently have a much higher volume of cars at present so the arrangements will certainly assist with allowing cars to exit more quickly from the site. Hopefully as the new guidelines take place, we will be able to return to normal dismissal as soon as possible.

Springfield Students

We have approximately 45 students at the school who reside in the Springfield area and surrounds. Currently the only way to get to the Springfield area by public transport is to catch 2 buses which also involves changing buses at Erina. I have been approached about the possibility of lobbying the bus company to provide a direct service to the Springfield area. For this proposal to even get off the ground, we would need a commitment from those parents in Springfield that they would utilise the service and would consequently apply for an Opal Card. This is so the company can clearly ascertain as to how many students would use the service. If you feel you would like us to explore this possibility, can I ask you to contact the school via email to express your interest.



Opening Evening for Parents

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.

Open Days
Tues. 16th, Tues. 23rd & Wed. 24th March

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Terrigal

Open Evening 16th March: 5:00-7:00pm	Fun Morning 24th March: 9:00am - 10:30am
Information Evening 23rd March: 7:00-8:00pm	

INSPIRING YOUR CHILD TO LOVE LEARNING AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

Our Lady Star of the Sea is a close knit, supportive and nurturing community where the wellbeing of your child is pivotal to everything we do and plays a vital part in their learning success. Joining the school in 2022 is new Principal, John Barton, who looks forward to leading the dedicated, talented and professional team who are proud of their commitment to the children's learning. Your child will gain a well-rounded education based on the Catholic values which underpin our curriculum all within a dynamic learning environment encompassing extensive greenspace. DEDICATED ONSITE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

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All families looking for a faith-based education for their child are welcome to apply

Counselling

Children can experience a wide range of behaviours and emotions that they don't yet have the skills to deal with. Counselling can often provide them with strategies and skills to both understand and deal with these issues. Counselling at the school is a service which many children across all grades are utilising to help them deal with issues such as behaviour, anxiety, emotions, bullying, self-esteem, making and keeping friends or anger management. The service is free, confidential and on site here at the school. Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss the possibility of your child being referred to receive counselling sessions.



Clean Up Australia day at OLSS Terrigal

The whole school was involved with cleaning up the school playground and surrounding areas on Friday 5 March. Year 3 registered with the Clean Up Australia program and were very excited when the bags and gloves arrived to encourage our campaign.

Our clean up occurred after fruit break and all classes went to their designated areas. Rubbish collected was displayed in the top courtyard before being put into the council bins. We saw just how much rubbish we can produce in one day and that was the rubbish that didn't make it into the school bins!

Many children turned up with their gloves to participate and enjoyed listening to a song by Jack Johnston "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" while they cleaned up.

Year 3 had encouraged the school with a campaign of persuasion and advertisements during the week. Read below an excerpt from Layla B's persuasion text!

"Now I think we can save our school by giving a little talk to those lazy students who can't be bothered to go find a bin in their playtime. There are even some kids who have a bin right in front of them and they decide to just throw it on the ground!"

One solution is to bring nude food to school. Nude food is where you bring food to school without packaging. You could also bring reusable zip lock bags or hard plastic containers. If we don't act now, our school will continue to feel like a rubbish dump! Can you take three for Star of the Sea everyday?"

Layla B

A big thank you to Mrs Shanley for organising this amazing event.



This Week's Reflection

With International Women's Day occurring last week, it's probably an opportune time to reflect on a quote relating to our young women of the future

"I hope the fathers and mothers of little girls will look at them and say 'Yes, women can.'"

Dilma Roussete

My best wishes for some peace-filled weeks ahead.

John Barton
Principal

A message from our REC, Mrs Wales:

 **Caritas** **Fourth Week of Lent**
AUSTRALIA (school week beginning 15th March)

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his house, so always had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner agency, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save money to construct their own toilet.

Now, Arsad's family is healthier, their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

- Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population, or 45 million people, practice open defecation – going to the toilet outdoors in fields, forests and other open spaces. ([World Bank](#))

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

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



 **Caritas** **Fifth Week of Lent**
AUSTRALIA (school week beginning 22nd March)

Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State, arriving at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima with shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to "Be More" and is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

- In the Cox's Bazar district, women and children make up 78% of the total refugee population where 52% of children are aged 0-17. ([UNHCR](#))

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

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4 Pelican Prayer Reflection

4 Pelicans have been learning about forgiveness in Religious Education. They have been analysing the words and lines in The Lord's Prayer and completed a task called Bible Journaling. They then recorded their personal reflections and ideas on what certain lines mean to them in their lives.

Please [click here](#) to watch Benny and Orlando's reflection

Please [click here](#) to watch Emerson and Darcie's reflection

Please [click here](#) to watch Noah's reflection

4 Dolphins

Please [click here](#) to watch 4 Dolphins reflection on "The Parable of the Lost Son"

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

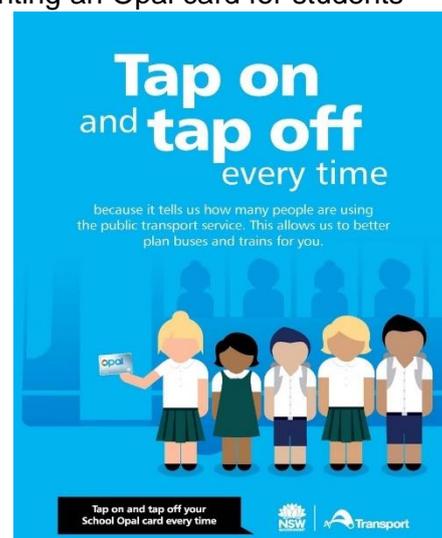
Red Bus service have advised all schools that the period for not presenting an Opal card for students has passed.

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:

Cross Country

We had a beautiful sunny day last week for our school Cross Country. It was wonderful to see so many energetic students attempting to run the 2 and 3km, no easy feat!! The children have been training well during their PE lessons which was greatly reflected in their fitness and smiles as they crossed the finish line!

We had, for the first time this year, a colour house trophy for the colour house with the most overall points. Points were given to children who finished in the Top 8. Our inaugural Cross Country trophy was capably won by the Chisholm Colour House. Well done Chisholm and all of your athletes for their wonderful efforts.

The following children were awarded Age Champion and runners up medallions at our Friday Cross Country presentation.

	Boys	Girls
8 Years	1. Lakin B (Therry) 2. Jac D (Chisholm)	1. Orla H (Chisholm) 2. Brooklyn M (Therry)
9 Years	1. Elliott H (Chisholm) 2. Archie W (Mackillop)	1. Lulu P (Mackillop) 2. Giselle G (Mackillop)
10 Years	1. Austin T (Chisholm) 2. Mitch S (Mackillop)	1. Matilda L (Polding) 2. Ariya G (Polding)
11 Years	1. Tobias G (Chisholm) 2. Talan B (Therry)	1. Olive E (Therry) 2. Penny C (Therry)
Seniors	1. Cruz P (Mackillop) 2. Oscar M (Chisholm)	1. Tatum B (Therry) 2. Jess OMJ (Chisholm)

We are still waiting on information regarding the CCC Cross Country which will be held in Week 2 Term 2 - Friday 30 April. Further details will follow.

CCC Swimming Carnival

Well done to our swimmers competing at last night's swimming carnival at Mingara, we had 8 children in both individual and relay events.

Congratulations to Baylin, Jonah, Aden, Nate, Ariya, Alexandria, Mitch and Kai who represented our school. Baylin C was 3rd fastest in the Senior Boys Backstroke and Ariya G 3rd in the Junior Girls Butterfly. Both swimmers will now represent Broken Bay at the CPS meet at Homebush on the 22 March.

Broken Bay Soccer Trials

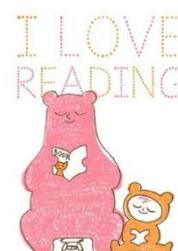
Due to the number of Year 5 and 6 boys who have indicated they are of representative standard for soccer we will have school-based trials to select our 4 students who will go to the Broken Bay trials. Boys' soccer trials are being held at lunch time tomorrow on the oval, interested children should have received a note.

Library News from Mrs Hawton:

Rotations Change this week

All Starfish classes will be borrowing on Fridays starting this Friday 12 March. Please remember to bring your library bags & books.

Dolphin & Pelican classes & 3T, 3P will borrow during their rotation time.



OLSOS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following children for completing their OLSS Reading Challenge Awards:

GOLD Award: Charlotte B (1D)

Bronze Award: Cooper W (1P), Eli T (2P), Ollie D (4S), Noah M (4P) & Amelie M (4S)

JF Bronze Award: Cruz W (1S), Eli T (2P), Oliver M (2P) & Matis M (2P)

JF Silver Award: Jude C (1S) and Noah A (2S)

A-Z Author Challenge: Lydia M (5P)

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 Scholastic Book Club orders will be given out shortly. All LOOP orders will need to be completed by **Wednesday 17th March**.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has once again started for this year. Anyone who completed the challenge last year may now start filling their reading log online, using the same username and password from last year.



[Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge](http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely." From the PRC website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>
<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

New Students please let me know if you would like to take part in this challenge so that I can organise your usernames and passwords.

If you have any questions regarding the PRC please come and see me, I'm only too happy to help, Monday afternoon is best.

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

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

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