



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Fr Brendan - 9623 1962

Newsletter

TERM 4 WEEK 6

We Follow Jesus

20TH NOVEMBER 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 21st November

- The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast
- Crazy Sock Day - Gold Coin Donation

Thursday 22nd November

- Cyber Safety Stage 3 Police Visit

Friday 23rd November

- Emmaus Step Up Program
- KINDER attend PARISH MASS

Monday 26th November

- 8.45am - Morning Assembly

Tuesday 27th November

- Kindergarten Transition Morning-9.00 - 11.30am
(children to bring hat, recess and a drink)

Wednesday 28th November

- Kindergarten Transition Morning-9.00 - 11.30am
(children to bring hat, recess and a drink)

Friday 30th November

- Emmaus Step Up Program
- Years 4 & 5 @ Charlie Pilgrim Performance

Monday 3rd December

- 8.45 am - Morning Assembly - St Vincent de Paul Hampers to be presented at today's Assembly
- School Swim Program
ALL WEEK Yrs 2 - 4

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4
FOR STUDENTS 2018**

WEDNESDAY 19TH

DECEMBER

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,



PRESENTING 2019 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the 2019:

School Captains

- Gardinia Gae'e
- Priyam Saha

Vice Captains

- Amelia Kondek
- Xavier Tinga

During the week we the year 4 & 5 children went through the process of selecting the 2019 Student leadership Team. With this in mind I'd like to share some information about leadership which is relevant to us all because we all take on leadership roles in our lives.

Some children and adults seem to have that a natural personality that inspires others to

follow their lead, however, the ingredients of true leadership aren't really a mystery. Many people have researched and studied the qualities that leaders possess, and they have observed many commonalities.

If children are aspiring to take on a leadership role at school, or if they simply wish to have more influence in their circles of friends and classmates, encourage them to begin building the characteristics of a Leader today.

Andrew J. DuBrin has identified many of these characteristics in his book. Here's a quick summary of the traits he recounts:

- **Self confidence.** Per DuBrin, "A leader who is self-assured without being bombastic or overbearing instills self-confidence in team members." *Your self-confidence and calm demeanor can help others feel more certain that they, too, can overcome hurdles or reach a challenging goal.*
- **Humility.** When you're willing to share credit with others, and you're willing to admit that you're not perfect, others see that and appreciate it.
- **Core self-evaluations.** Research shows that four related self-perceptions relate to effective leadership: "self-esteem, locus of control, that is, taking responsibility for what happens in your life, self-efficacy, akin to self-confidence, and emotional Stability."

From the Principal cont'd.....

- **Trustworthiness.** People trust you when your attitudes, words, and motives align with what you actually choose to do. This includes being honest about mistakes, refusing to gossip and shift blame, and doing things the ethical way, even if it's more expedient to do otherwise.
- **Authenticity.** Be yourself, and act in line with your core values and personality. *People will notice if you're trying to be someone other than who you really are.*
- **Extraversion.** Most leaders maintain an outgoing demeanor, show an interest in people, and gladly participate in group or team activities. If you feel that you're not naturally extraverted, you can work on your skills by making a conscious effort to demonstrate genuine curiosity about and friendliness toward others.
- **Assertiveness.** Be up front about your needs, concerns, and opinions, but, don't forget to be tactful!
- **Enthusiasm, optimism, and warmth.** Staying positive, being approachable, and expressing positive thoughts and feelings through both verbal and nonverbal communication help you build rapport with those around you.
- **Sense of humor.** Your ability to make people laugh can help others feel comfortable and relieve tense situations.

In addition to these general personality traits, DuBryn also lists several task-related personality traits common to leaders:

- **Passion.** Leaders show an extremely strong commitment to and enthusiasm about their work.
- **Emotional intelligence.** A solid leader exhibits empathy towards others, has a good understanding of emotions – both others' and their own – and recognizes that their own mood can have an effect on the entire organization's performance.
- **Flexibility and adaptability.** A leader can bring about change, so it follows that he or she must also be ready and willing to adjust to different settings and situations.
- **Internal locus of control.** Strong leaders take responsibility for events and believe that they can have an effect on outcomes and conditions.
- **Courage.** Willingness to take risks on new ideas may put you "out there" for criticism and blame... but it also carries the reward of bringing new ideas to fruition.

Through awareness of what it takes to be a leader, you can begin building habits that lead to increased effectiveness.

Other researchers promote the following skills as important in developing student leaders:

- **Communication Skills.** This includes cooperation, problem-solving and listening skills. In addition, students learn how to deal with conflict situations.
- **Social Awareness Skills.** Students learn how to consider other people's opinions and show empathy.
- **Emotional Management Skills.** The students learn how to manage stress and motivate themselves to work towards particular goals.
- **Self-Awareness Skills.** Throughout the process of collaborating, students learn how to identify and express their own feelings.
- **Decision-Making Skills.** When students work in a group, they have to make reasonable choices that everyone agrees with.

In acknowledging our current year 6 students, and as they move onto high school, we reflect on the times when we saw see these qualities and virtues in the the children as they continue to develop into the leaders of the future.

From the Principal cont'd.....

During November, the month of All Souls, let us continue to pray for loved ones.

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In November, it is the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those faithful Christians who have died and gone before us but who still must atone for their sins. The church teaches that the time they spend in Purgatory

cleanses them so that they may enter Heaven free from all effects of sin.

Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is a part of our Christian charity. Our own prayers and sacrifices can be offered up to relieve their suffering. Many prayers can be incorporated into our daily prayers during the month of November. One of the most commonly recited of Catholic prayers in times past is the Eternal Rest Prayer. This prayer has fallen into disuse in the last few

decades. Prayer for the dead, however, is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform, for loved ones, to help them during their time in Purgatory.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.

Farewell Mr Rooney

This week we say Farewell to Mr David Rooney who has been the General Maintenance man at OLR for the past 16 years. We thank Mr Rooney for his service at OLR and we wish him well as he commences his new job at Parramatta Marist College. God bless and best wishes.

Thought for the Week

*Much that passes as idealism
is disguised hatred or disguised love of power.*

Bertrand Russell

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL





From the Assistant Principal's desk....

Welcome to my desk. In each Newsletter I will provide general information, ideas and tips for parents in all key Learning Areas. If you have a particular question or query or anything you would like more information about, please let me know.

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2019

OLR Mission Statement: We strive to be a school, which is a centre of excellence, where the Gospel message is proclaimed and all individuals are catered for in a happy, caring and innovative environment.

Two weeks ago we held our Orientation morning for the children beginning Kindergarten in 2019. The children spent the morning with the teachers in the classroom while the parents attended the information session in the Library. We have a large number of siblings beginning school next year as well as many new families who will be joining our community. This is an exciting time for both the children and their parents.

The children had a wonderful morning and the teachers spoke about how happy and settled they were.

During the information session for parents we discussed many things with our new families, including our commitment to their children.

'This is a responsibility and a partnership we will never take for granted'.



In order to assist families in this transition phase we encourage them to focus on the strengths of their child and to build on their social and emotional development, independence and learning skills. It is a timely moment to remember as a parent that the teaching of these skills continue to be important *throughout your child's school years. Teaching friendship skills, involving your child in conversations, helping your child to manage their emotions, promoting a sense of responsibility, encouraging listening skills, and helping your child to follow instructions all assist your child to continue to grow and set them up for success at school and in life in general.*

An important learning message to our new and current families is to **READ! READ! READ!** Read to your children, with your children and model yourself as a reader.

We take pride in the fact that during the enrolment process new parents often speak about choosing OLR for their child based on the strong reputation our school has for providing a quality Catholic education. This reputation is reliant on the positive, mutually respectful relationships that parents, children and staff form at OLR. This reputation is also a testament to our families and staff who continually value working together to optimise success for all children.

From the Assistant Principal's desk cont'd....

The key message is the partnership ...

'We are working together to make a difference to each individual child.'

Next week, on either the 27th or 28th November the children will return to participate in another morning at school. We make these newest members of our community most welcome.

The Prayer from the Orientation morning.

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you.
Thank you for the gift of our children.

Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.
Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your Word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord. Amen.

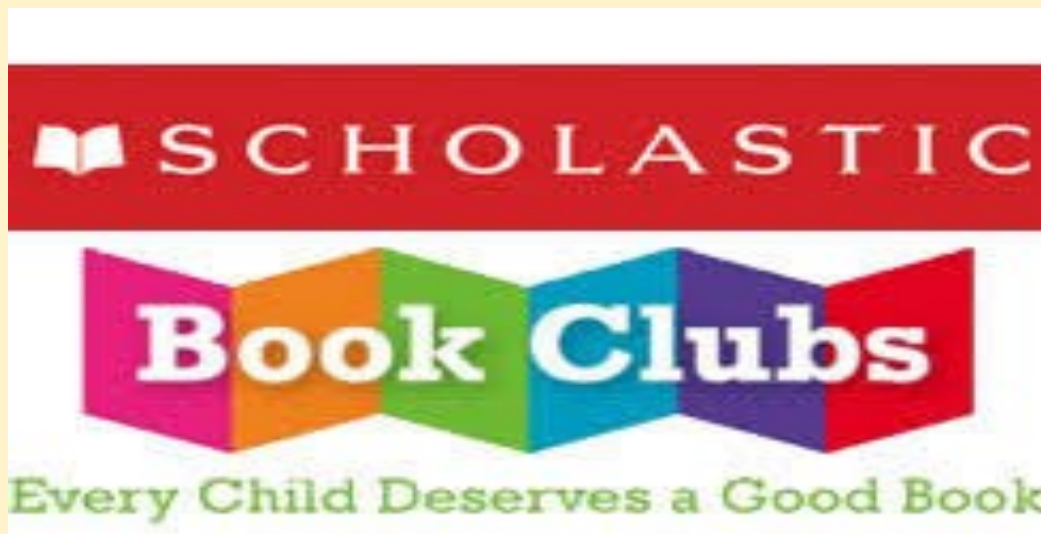


***Kind Regards....Let us remember that as many hands
build a house, so many hearts make this school.***

Mrs Julianne Regan
Assistant Principal



From The Library...



The last issue of Book Club for 2018 went home with students last week. In this issue there is a beautiful selection of books to purchase that any child would treasure for Christmas. To ensure delivery before end of term please have all orders and monies paid online or returned to the front office by Tuesday, 27 November.

Rebecca Weston
Library Administrator



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR

From the page of the Religious Education Coordinator - Mrs Colleen Fuller

Parish Mass times are listed for your convenience.

You are invited to gather with the believing community for Holy Mass, at one of the many available times.

We are blessed to have this choice.

Saturday 6.00pm.

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am. 10.30am & 5.30pm

Choose a Mass time that is most suitable time for you and your family.

Sunday November 25... This Sunday we remember and celebrate the Feast of CHRIST THE KING.

Brothers and sisters, encouraged by the word of God we pray for our needs and those of humanity.

Gospel Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?'

Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd.....

Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom from this world; if my kingdom were from this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.'

'So you are a king then?' said Pilate.

It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, **I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.**'

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Gospel

'Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his kingdom with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force.

Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done *on earth as it is in heaven.*' **(Michael Tate)**

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

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Gospel Focus – Truth

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world '**to bear witness to the truth**; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered.

The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.

Greg Sunter

WHOLE SCHOOL NATIVITY CELEBRATION

Tuesday December 18

All families are invited to this End of Year Whole School Celebration of Christ's Birth - a saviour is born into the world.

Generations of believers had waited for thousands of years for the birth of the Messiah!

We are people of the Resurrection. We believe that Jesus' sacrifice and his return prove that what he promised in his revelations about the Kingdom are true.

Each Grade will present a part of the story of CHRIST'S BIRTH. All children are needed to attend to represent their Grade in presenting this great salvation story.

Students are invited to dress in green, red or white unless their grade communicates specific requests to parents.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS at OLR cont'd.....

The school gates will be opened at 5:00pm and families are invited to assemble in the school grounds to share a simple family meal before the students present the scripture story of Christ's birth.

The following food items will be available for sale.

Sausage sandwiches \$3:00

Soft drinks \$2:00

Poppers \$1:00

Food items will be available for sale until 6:00pm. No food items will be sold during the performance.

The presentation of the Story of Christmas will begin at 6:30pm.

We look forward to sharing this family evening with you and your children.

Traditional Christmas Carols will be sung between each Grade presentation.

VINNIES HAMPERS

Thank you most graciously for your generous contribution to our Vinnies Hampers which we make available each year for families in need through the great work of St Vincent de Paul. Each child in the school has been asked to donate one food item to their Class Hamper. **All Hampers need to be finalised by Friday November 30.**

These Hampers will be presented to a representative from St Vincent de Paul on Monday December 3, at our Whole School Assembly.

END OF YEAR LITURGY and GOLD AWARDS

Date: Thursday December 13

Time: 9:00am

All families are invited to attend.

VENUE: School Undercroft

We look forward to coming together as a school community to praise God and give thanks for our many blessings in 2018. It is a time when we acknowledge the achievements of all students and in a particular way we applaud those students who have excelled in their learning.

Mrs Colleen Fuller

RECoordinator

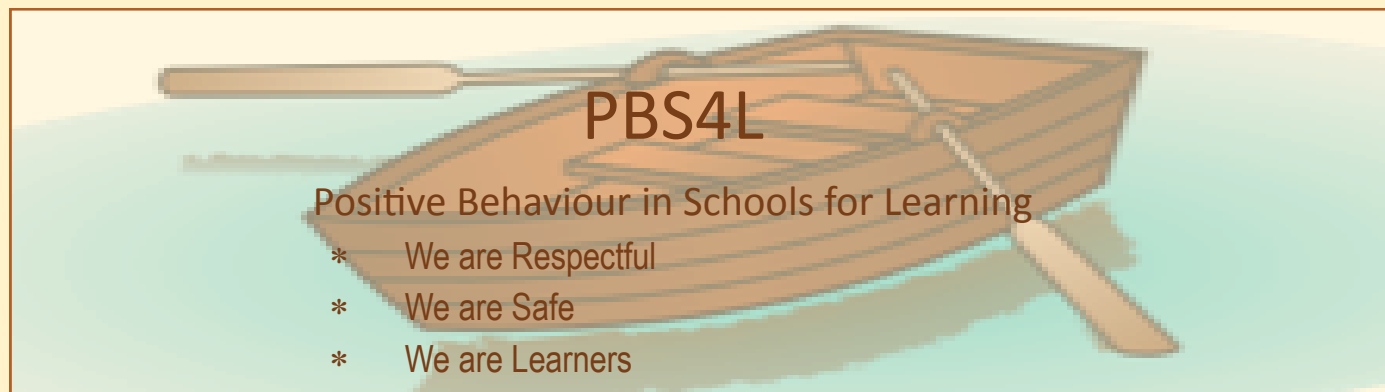
CHANGES TO CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

There will be no Celebration of Learning in week 7 or 9 as per the parent calendar.

There will be a Celebration of Learning in Week 8 where we will also present our Star Awards.

Our Gold Awards and End of Year Liturgy will be Week 9, Thursday 13th December.





PBS4L update: Congratulations to all the students receiving awards this week! These students have received Oarsome cards on the playground or during excursions for being Respectful, Safe, Learners.

A special congratulations to Sandra Chalouhi and Annalise Buda for receiving their 2nd Speedboat award!

On Wednesday 22 November, Mr Siciliano will invite all the children that had received Speedboat awards to attend a Principal's Morning Tea. A special congratulations to all of these students who have been showing Our Lady of the Rosary's expectations of being Respectful, Safe Learners.

PRINCIPAL MORNING TEA

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|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mannoor Kaur | George Dib | Tristan Pierre | Gloria Rookes |
| Charlize McMillan | Michael Wall | Reec Reec | Tony Succar |
| Kahil Perez | Adut Aleu | April Vocalan | Xavier Tinga |
| Jasper Matthews | Elijah Cahill | Mou Luar | Anjleina Khouri |
| Francis Tafaese | Samantha Cazar-Mungcal | Amelia Kondek | Guedy Malek |
| Vanessa Komi | | Madison Mizzi | Jemma Matthews |

ROWBOAT Coordinator Award	SAILBOAT Assistant Principal Award	SPEEDBOAT Principal Award	
Raine Acuna	Nyanwut Reec	Xavier Tinga	Jacob Sara
Mareng Agok	Kaydence Taruc	Tony Succar	Mareng Agok
Charlyn Bankler	Emily Vocalan	Tyrell Nguyen	Vanessa Komi
Troy David	Kyla Darby	Gardinia Gae'e	Jemma Matthews
Sophia Furner	Akot Akot	Priyam Saha	Kyla Darby
Thiep Ngor	Jackson Bingham	Gloria Rookes	Guedy Malek
Om Saha	Paige Ama-Magele	Aleu Aleu	Amel Ker
Crystal Christine	Christian Berrier	Boulis Ker	Samantha Cazar-Mungcal
Liyah Dannaoui	Gom Maout	Lilli Te	Elijah Cahil
Garang Deng	Lenna Orake	Bayleigh Lom-merse	Adut Aleu
Raemon Gatehau	Pranshu Renish Thakkar	Jayden Ngyen	Alexander Wernhard
Ceana Paranis	Mou Luar	Jaidyn Matthews	Michael Wall
Matilda Drew	Abur Ujuangi	Alyssa	George Dib
Deng Deng Jal Ngong	Samuel Sabastiano	Wernhard	Holly Blazevic
Yom Loual	Tristan Pierre	Emily Drew	Awein Arou
Baylea Parker	Madison Evans	Annalise Buda	Alak Ajou
Eric Tuliatu	Pasquina Acayo	Jacinta Dib	Tristan Pierre
Thomas Balgowan	Norman Ambayo	Giane DyPenilla	Reec Reec
Tony Succar	Priyam Saha	Jason Jose	April Vocalan
Gardinia Gae'e	Shawn Anufe	Kelei Kelei	Mou Luar
Gaurika Manocha	Sophie Sawyer		Sandra Chalouhi
	Beau Shearer		Valentina Buda
	Jennifer Agok		Maria Challita
	Annalise Buda		Stella Croucher
	Salih Karahasan		

Congratulations

War Memorial Recount:

On Sunday the 11th of November, an important day in Australia came around. It was Remembrance Day.

We gathered to celebrate the Centenary of the end of WWI, when the Armistice was signed to call off the fighting to end the war. It was the 100th Anniversary and people from all around the Penrith area came to celebrate and remember the soldiers that fought and defended this country. During the gathering, we marched and had a minute of silence to pay respects.

At the Penrith Paceway, we gathered with many others to celebrate this wonderful day. The School Captains and Vice Captains were invited to come, but one person wasn't able to attend. We came inside, wearing our summer uniforms, and was given a bag full of items with significant meaning; including books with memories, and postcards sent at the time of the war. The books showed the events that happened in the war, and the postcards showed the significance of family, and every man, or woman that sacrificed their life left behind their family.

We participated in the march with other schools, from primary to high schools attending. All of us, listened attentively to different notable people speak about the memories, and how important the war was to us.

At the end of the ceremony, feeling exhausted, we left knowing all about the major events of the war, and how special it is.

Written by Madison Moriano, Xavier Joyce and Emmanuel Danao





Dear Parents And Carers,

Our Lady of the Rosary recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher.

As you could appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parent's and student's outside of normal working hours.

Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your email's to olorstmarys@parra.catholic.edu.au which will be triaged, as per usual practice.

Kind Regards

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL

ST MARYS
TOWN CENTRE

St Marys

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Friday 23rd November 2018, 5.00pm - 8.30pm
Coachmans Park, St Marys

Come along and celebrate with the community as the St Marys Christmas Tree is turned on for the first time. There will be lots of family friendly activities to enjoy such as: Santa visit - Air brush tattoos - Entertainment - Prizes - Jumping castle - Characters

For more information visit:
www.stmarystowncentre.com.au or <https://www.facebook.com/stmarystowncentreltd>



School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) 2019 applications now open

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

Regards,

Transport for NSW