

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

28TH MARCH 2017

From the Principal

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be." -

Maya Angelou

Learning

Believing

Belonging

Respecting

Reaching Out

Personal Best

Sesame Street have announced they will soon be introducing a new character. Her name is Julia. And what makes Julia different is that she has autism.

But does that really make Julia different? After all, in Australia it is estimated that at least 1 in 200 people have some form of autism (compared with 1 in 68 in the US). And most of the time, when we say someone is "not normal" it is because we have a certain view in our head of what "normal", looks like and anyone who doesn't match up to that we consider "not normal."

Like many groups throughout Australia, people with autism are often misunderstood. Depending upon where they sit on the autism spectrum (you can't just say everyone with autism is the same), people with autism can be described as rude or insensitive. Often they find school a very hard place to be

because it involves the one particular thing that they have a lot of trouble understanding - social interactions.

Where most people generally pick up the art of interacting with others socially, people on the autism spectrum often can't, without specific teaching around it. And this can make school difficult, as not all schools are able to cope well with this (we only have to listen to stories of schools around Australia that have literally locked up autistic students).

Recently, Pauline Hansen has tried to convince us that we need to ban Muslims. However this is just another way of saying that she has trouble dealing with those who don't fit what she considers to be "normal." So, like we all sometimes do to various people, she "locks up" Muslim people

in her mind. That is, she puts them in a certain box and categorises them as "not normal."

Star of the Sea Catholic College, if we truly are catholic, needs to be a welcoming place, accepting people's differences and helping people to adjust to the art of social interactions. And while we have behaviour expectations we expect everyone to work towards, we need to have a much broader definition of "normal", so that we too, don't end up "locking up" the people we see as different. (image sourced from

<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/03/20/entertainment/sesame-street-julia-autism/>



Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Calendar

Thursday March 30 2.15pm Primary Assembly (including Stars of the Week)

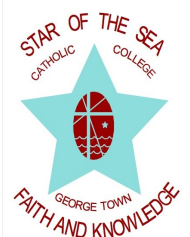
Friday 31st March TPSSA Athletics

Monday April 3 is a Student Free Day due to Staff Professional Learning Day

Our Lady Star of the Sea Mass times: Saturday 6:00pm & Sunday 11.00am

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George Town Skating information



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness

Hospitality

Compassion



Be a Change Maker

As we continue to journey through this Lenten season may we keep the poor in our prayers and act with generosity towards those in God's family who so desperately need our help. Pope Francis tells us that "we need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family."

Our Project Compassion Money Line is on Wednesday, 12th April. Be a change maker this Lent by collecting all your loose change for the Star of the Sea inter-house money line competition.

Never underestimate the difference you can make in the lives of others! It only requires small change.



Catholic Education Week Mass

Thank you to our Year 6 students who represented us at the Northern Schools Catholic Education Mass, held at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead last Wednesday. Catholic Education Week was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements and strengths of Catholic Schools.

This year's theme was 'Love God with all your heart'. It is drawn from St Mark's Gospel. When Jesus is asked what is the greatest commandment he answers, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second commandment is this: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Stars of the Week for 16/3/2017

Kinder	Allira-Grace Harris	For her fantastic counting
Prep/1	Maddison Hyland	For trying hard to do her best in all areas of her learning
Grade 2	Katie Holz	For being a kind, helpful student who is always diligent in her work. Well done!
Grade 3	Belynda Hyland	For working hard to complete her work even though her writing hand is in plaster! What a champ!
Grade 4/5	Maeve Lazdauskas	For her quiet ways and inquisitive nature
Grade 5/6	Ella Erb	For her wonderful attitude towards her learning

Reminder of Student Free Day

Reminder that Monday April 3rd is a student-free day at Star of the Sea Catholic College. On that day staff will be undertaking some Professional Learning in different areas.

WWVP Cards

It is a requirement for all employees and volunteers in Catholic schools across Tasmania to have a current Tasmanian Working with Vulnerable People card. If you would like to volunteer in the College and have not got this card, you can obtain a volunteer version of it through the Department of Justice website (http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children). If you have questions around it feel free to ask here at the College or at Service Tasmania in the Hub.

Community Report

The 2016 Annual Community Report is now available on the College website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au). It can be found under the Our College tab. The website itself is slowly undergoing a tidy-up so some things that may have been there previously have been removed.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Trudy Hoffman who was recognised last Wednesday for 25 years of service to Catholic Education. Mrs Hoffman has worked in Catholic schools in both Victoria and Tasmania, and from the response of our Facebook followers when this was put up last week, it is clear that there is certainly a sense of gratitude for Mrs Hoffman's work here at Star of the Sea Catholic College.



Good Luck

Good luck to our Secondary Swimming Team (NHSSA Carnival on today) and our Primary Athletics Team (TPSSA Carnival on Friday) and a big thank you for your representation of the College.

PBS - Week 7

Emma Thomas	For fantastic map making	Learner
Bernard Moore	Concentrating on the mat	Engaged
Jai Jacobs	Being kind and caring	Respectful
Jack Lindfors	Lining up when the bell went	Safe
Rachael Milner	Being a kind and patient friend	Safe
Dan Potter	Picking up rubbish	Respectful
Thomas Lowe	Being an excellent learner	Learner
Thomas Lowe	Working hard in all areas	Engaged
Millie Geale	Being a hard working student	Engaged
Jakira Pollock	Keeping our playspace clean	Safe
Declan Bennell-Brown	Working hard	Learner
Emma Thomas	Being a caring friend	Respectful
Erin Vandezwan	Being a caring friend	Respectful
Te Koha Weeks	Excellent tidying up	Learner
Damien Milner	Being on task	Learner
Erin Vandezwan	Great maths work	Learner
Giovanni Gandolfi	Creative writing and thinking	Learner
Daisy Lindfors	Being a kind and patient friend	Respectful
Joshua Chapman	Lovely manners	Respectful

Shout Out Draw Winners

Reagan Widdowson -\$2 Canteen Voucher - Jessi Anlezark - 10 Minutes extra recess for the class

Come into the Gallery and check out our fabulous Shout Out display, which is growing each day!

This weeks PBS focus is Safe

- ◆ We are safe when we walk inside
- ◆ We are safe when we use equipment for its intended purpose
- ◆ We are safe when we sit on our seats without swinging
- ◆ We are safe when we wait in line
- ◆ We are safe when we look both ways before crossing the road



Mother's Day Stall

The P&F will again be holding a Mothers Day Stall in Term 2. We are seeking donations of small gifts, gift boxes, wrapping paper and ribbon.

Donations can be left in the box below the P&F noticeboard in the Primary foyer

Thank you for your help!

STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS PROPOSED MEETING DATES

Monday 3rd April
 Monday 8th May
 Monday 5th June
 Monday 3rd July
 Monday 7th August
 Monday 4th September
 Wednesday 11th October
 Monday 30th October
 Monday 13th November