

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

11th February 2020

From the Principal

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope. -

Martin Luther King Jr

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



Coronavirus. Bushfires. Droughts. Climate change. Wars. Water shortages. And that's just January.

It is easy for us to lose hope. When we look around the world, and especially our own country, we see many reasons for us to stay under the blankets rather than get up and face the world.

But we also forget that the story of human history has seen many times where it would be easy to lose hope. World wars, plagues, misery brought upon human beings by nature and by themselves. Yet we are still here. Despite everything that has happened in history, the human race is still thriving. There are more humans on the planet than ever and, despite areas of the world where there are still challenges, life expectancy is high and poverty is low.

Human beings are a pretty resilient bunch. Schools have

spent much money and time over the past couple of decades introducing all sorts of programs into their schools trying to build resilience in children, yet the human race has survived for thousands of years without such programs.

Londoners made it through the blitz of World War II. The Jewish religion survived the Holocaust. Europe continued after the plague. Australia has made it through many droughts. None of them had any programs to help them out.

So what gives people the hope they need to continue on? For Christians that hope comes in the form of Jesus Christ, from God loving the world so much that He sent His only son, from that son dying and rising again, and from that we know that no matter what happens, everything will be alright.

As a Catholic school, we must be part of that story of hope.

Star of the Sea Catholic College doesn't exist just

because it always has. As a Catholic school, if we feel we are not needed in a community then we should be happy to pack up and leave! But we stick around because we know that we are that place of hope. Parents enrol their children in our school at various times during their school lives with hope; sometimes with hope for a good start, sometimes with hope for a fresh start.

So we remain that place of hope. And in the spirit of Nano Nagle, we continue to be a Christ-centred, welcoming and compassionate community, providing quality education so we can embrace the future as people of hope.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

CALENDAR

Thursday 13th February	2.15pm Primary Assembly
Tuesday 18th February	Year 10 Grip Leadership
Wednesday 19th February	9:00am -10:30am Playgroup @Star
Thursday 20th February	11:30am Induction of College Leaders 7:30pm — 8:30pm Proposed Year 7, 2020, Information Evening

Star of the Sea Catholic College acknowledges the Leterremairener people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

Welcome!

As we enter a new year, it is a good opportunity to revisit the touchstones that define us as a community. We are a Presentation School and this is evident in the symbols you see around our school. As you enter the college campus you will see an icon of Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters. Next to her are three words that Nano lived by: attentiveness, compassion and hospitality. These are the values we strive to live out in our community.

In the recent bushfires that devastated many areas around Australia, there was an outpouring of these values by ordinary Australians who reached out to fellow Australians in need. As a community it is important to share with others in times of need but it should also be a habit in our day-to-day dealings with each other.

As we welcome new students and families to our college and the return of students who are already part of the Presentation family, we pray that we will continue to live as people of hospitality, reaching out to one another. May Star of the Sea College feel like a place where everyone feels at home and where hospitality of the heart is in touch with the daily realities and events in the lives of our community.

Welcome to Kinder 2020



Welcome

We welcome everyone in the Star of the Sea Catholic community to the 2020 school year. We hope it is another great year. We especially welcome :

Kinder: *Mia Barker, Chase Davis, Stephen Gerges, Kirra - Lyla Harris, Alby Hawkins, Charlotte Judd, Luis Lee, Vanessa Linley, William Singline, Dianca Sweet, Yueni Tan*

Year 3: *Connor Judd*

Year 6 : *Chloe Gofton*

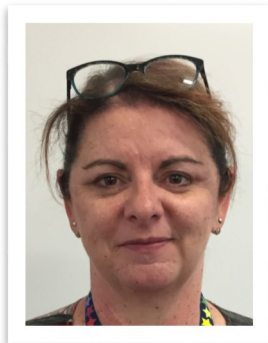
Year 7: *Isabelle Ackerly, Jett Barr, William Boscoe, Samuel Boyd, Nikiah Edwards, Kailey Johnson, Dakota Joslin, Isabella Phillips, Alexander Rigby Smith*

Year 8: *Connor Norris*

Year 9: *Stella Hall*

New Staff

We welcome to our staff this year Mr Damien Taylor (Deputy Principal, primary PE teacher), Mrs Louise Sikkens (Grade 4/5 teacher) and Mr James Britton (secondary teacher). We also welcome Mrs Natasha McCutcheon who is doing her placement at Star of the Sea as part of her UTas education degree. Ms McCutcheon will be with us until the end of this week, then return later in the year to continue the placement. She will be working with Mrs Davis in the 5/6 classroom. We know that our families and students will make all of our new staff feel welcome.



Redevelopments

Whilst our redevelopments in the secondary area are finished, there is still a lot of work to go! We are in the process of moving in fully to the new spaces and learning the best way of using them. There is some landscaping to be done and our library is still being set up and will be unavailable for a couple of weeks. Some furniture delivery has been held up due to the bushfires on the mainland and our swing in the secondary area should be installed in the coming weeks. We look forward to an official opening later in the year.

Arriving to School Early

Our teachers start their supervision of students at 8:30am each day, both in the primary and the secondary area. Students who arrive before this time are encouraged to wait in the secondary play area (for secondary students) or in the area outside the Grade 1 classroom (for the Primary students). Students will only be let in earlier than 8:30am if there is inclement weather.

Year 7 Transition Information Evening

Our Year 7 families should have received a letter yesterday inviting them to a Year 7 Transition Information Evening next Thursday 20th February. We hope that many of our Year 7 families can attend the evening so we can hear from each other and learn from each other some ways to support our children through secondary school.

SetUp for Success

Our Early Learning program, SetUp for Success (simply known as *SetUp*) will begin next Wednesday 19th February and runs from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Kinder room. Mrs Trudy Hoffman will run the program, which is for children aged 0-5 and their families. Watch out for more information on our Facebook page in the coming weeks!



School Calendar

Attached to this newsletter is our school calendar for 2020. We hope that by providing our families with these dates early in the year, it will make it easier for families to plan ahead. We will update the calendar throughout the year. *Please note that many of the dates are subject to change*, as sometimes events determined by organisations from outside of the College can affect what happens inside the College. In saying that, we hope that we will not have to change any throughout the year!

Traffic Management

Over the holidays the George Town Council have repainted the lines on the road outside of the school. Please note that the yellow lines in some areas have been extended, indicating no parking and no stopping. This extension is for the safety of students and for better traffic flow. With our new carpark completed and most of our staff using it, there should still be plenty of parking spaces in William St and Goulburn St to drop students off at the start of the day. We thank the Council for the improvements they have made in this area and to our Board chair, Mr Paul Thomas, for his coordination with the Council for this project.

Future Newsletters

Rather than overloading our families with too much information in the first week (!), we will use future newsletters to provide further important information, like who to contact around the school and our strategic priorities for this year

InterHouse AFL 9's Competition

This year the House Captains and Sport Leaders hope to hold many more opportunities for students to gain points for their Houses in competitions between other houses.

Commonly, the points towards the College Shield are gained by the participation in our three sports carnivals. Although students can continue to earn points through these carnivals, the leaders have decided to give students the opportunity to compete in other activities. This will sometimes include team based, sport related competitions and other team based activities. These are great opportunities for you to step up, show College spirit and be enthusiastic towards your house.

To start off the year the leaders have decided that the first event will be a round robin competition, each house playing 4 games of AFL 9's. The games will be held on the primary oval and will commence after school at 3:15 and finish at approximately 4:40 pm

For our first event, it will be open for secondary students only, but in the future we do intend on involving primary students.

Letters detailing the event will be sent home to students who express interest in participating.

Our House Captains will be out recruiting over the next few days. Please approach Leah (Regina), Briannah (Nagle) or Belinda (Presentation) if you would like to be involved.

What: AFL 9's

Where: Primary Oval

When: Tuesday 18th Feb 3:20

Who: Secondary School Students

We hope to see you all there!

From the Deputy Principal - Mr Damien Taylor

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the beginning of another school year. I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and what my role will be for 2020.

My name is Damien Taylor and I will be taking on the Deputy Principal role at Star of the Sea Catholic College. As Deputy Principal my main role is to support Mr Richard Chapman, the College Principal, in achieving the school's main aims and objectives and ensure the safety of all staff and students. One of the main areas that I will be working in is Positive Behaviour Support.

Positive Behaviour Support is designed to assist and encourage students at Star of the Sea to have positive interactions with others, make informed decisions about the way they act and behave and ensure that they follow all school rules. My role as Deputy Principal is to support the students and staff in maintaining a safe and welcoming community at Star of the Sea.

There are some very specific programs, incentives and rules that have been put in place to assist students in making positive choices at school. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students about some of the important rules and expectations that we have at our school, as well as some of the rewards we have for students displaying positive behaviours.

Primary Area

- Star of the Week is awarded to one student in each class at assembly every week
- "Shout Outs" are given by staff when students display positive behaviours. These are collected and raffled at each assembly. Two winners are chosen and given a prize
- Teachers will follow a behaviour flow chart when students are displaying inappropriate behaviours in the classroom or on the yard
- Students may be asked to move to a buddy class if their behaviour isn't improving
- Behaviour forms are filled out and recorded when behaviour is considered moderate or severe
- Parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher or a person from leadership when behaviour is not improving and/or the behaviour is at a level where it is deemed that parental support is necessary

Secondary Area

- Congratulations Cards are given to students for positive behaviours. Two are drawn out at each assembly and prizes are given to those students.
- Students may be removed from class if their behaviour is inappropriate and spend time in the Study Centre
- Severe behaviours may involve half or full day internal suspensions usually in the Study Centre
- Three Study Centres in one term will result in an automatic half day internal suspension
- Behaviour forms are filled out and recorded when behaviour is considered moderate or severe
- Parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher or a person from leadership when behaviour is not improving and/or the behaviour is at a level where it is deemed that parental support is necessary
- Mobile phones must not be heard or seen at school at any time. For a first offence the phone is taken to the office and can be collected at the end of the day. For a second offence the phone is sent to the office and must be collected by a parent.

Please take the time to go through all of this so that you are clear about our expectations. If at any time you have any questions please feel free to book an appointment to come and see me.

Damien Taylor
Deputy Principal

2020 Calendar

Term 1

Thursday 20th February	Induction of College Leaders - Year 7 2020 Information Evening
Tuesday 25th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 26th February	Ash Wednesday
Friday 28th February	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 9th March	Eight Hours Day public holiday
Monday 16th March	Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival (Grades 3-10)
Wednesday 25th March	Catholic Education Week Mass
Thursday 2nd April	NHSSA Div 2 Swimming Carnival
Friday 3rd April	TPSSA Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 7th April	Money Line Caritas fundraiser
Thursday 9th April	Holy Thursday; Term 1 ends; End of Term Assembly

Term 2

Saturday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 27th April	Term 2 begins
Thursday 30th April	ANZAC Day prayer
Thursday 7th May	Mother's Day Prayer
Tuesday 12th May	Kinder 2021 Information Evening; NAPLAN testing begins
Friday 22nd May	Star of the Sea Cross Country (Colour Run)
Monday 8th June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Wednesday 10th June	TPSSA Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 2nd July	End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students
Friday 3rd July	Staff Spirituality Day. (Student-free day)

Term 3

Monday 20th July	Term 3 begins
Monday 27th July	Parent Teacher Evening
Friday 14th August	Mass for Feast of the Assumption
Tuesday 25th August	Book Week Parade
Friday 4th September	Father's Day Breakfast
Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd September	College Production
Thursday 24th September	End of Term Assembly
Friday 25th September	Term 3 ends

Term 4

Monday 12th October	Term 4 begins
Thursday 22nd October	Grandparents Day Prayer
Monday 2nd November	Recreation Day public holiday
Wednesday 4th November	Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival (Grades 3-10)
Wednesday 11th November	TPSSA Swimming Carnival; Remembrance Day
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th November	Grade 5 and 6 Camp
Thursday 19th November	NHSSA Div 3 Athletics Carnival
Friday 20th November	Presentation Feast Day
Monday 30th November	Year 10 Exam Week
Wednesday 2nd December - Friday 4th December	Year 8 Camp
Thursday 10th December	Year 10 last day; Awards Presentation Evening (TBC)
Monday 14th December	Year 10 Leavers Dinner; Primary Nativity Play
Thursday 17th December	Students finish
Friday 18th December	Staff finish