

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20TH MARCH 2018

An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools.

- Pope Francis

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

This week we mark Catholic Education Week. There seems to be so many weeks and days that we are asked to recognise lately that it is hard to keep up! We have had International Day of Women, Anti-Bullying Day, the Year of Youth...however the United Nations have not declared it to be the International Year of anything this year (although many of you will be pleased to know that next year is the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements).

But Catholic Education Week gives us a chance to reflect upon what the purpose of the Catholic school is in the year 2018. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since people like St Mary MacKillop started Catholic schools in remote parts of Australia to give children the chance of an education, or since Nano Nagle set up schools in Ireland to give Irish children the chance of an education. Now, everyone has the chance of an

education. In fact governments around the world make it compulsory.

So where do Catholic schools fit in to the picture now? Is our job done? Is it a case of last one out, turn out the lights? Probably not. In the year 2018, Catholic schools do a few things. Firstly, they provide a choice. Not all students can flourish in the one environment. Having a choice of schools is important for children. Catholic schools have provided in the past, and continue to provide, a place where students who find it difficult to flourish in other schools, can have more of a chance to reach their potential.

Secondly, Catholic schools provide that link to the spiritual which is lacking in society today. As our world gets busier and we struggle to find space for quiet and reflection, Catholic schools can provide that opportunity for students to join the human quest for something deeper, instead of dwelling in the shallowness that

social media and society throw at us.

And finally, from a purely financial point of view, Catholic schools (and hospitals, and aged care facilities, etc) save the government billions of dollars every year. Catholic schools don't exist to compete with government schools. They exist to work with them, to support them in those towns where it is required.

So we give thanks for Catholic schools, past and present, and may their mission to the poor, the disadvantaged, the marginalised, continue.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



CATHOLIC
EDUCATION
WEEK 2018

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me LUK 4:18

Calendar

Wednesday 21st March	Playgroup @ Star 9:00-10:30am Catholic Education Week Mass Yr 5 & 6
Thursday 22nd March	Primary Assembly 2.15pm in the Gallery
Tuesday 27th March	Money Line
Wednesday 28th March	Playgroup @ Star 9:00-10:30am 3:00-4:00pm Family Easter Candle Making 6:00pm Parish Baptism information evening- see over for details
Thursday 29th March	11:30am College Prayer and Reflection - Parents Welcome (There will be no Primary Assembly on this Thursday)

Easter Holiday dates overleaf

Religious Education and Faith Development

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

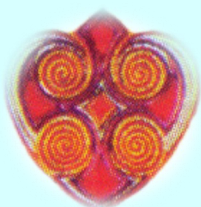
This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week and join with all schools across Tasmania to celebrate the gift of our schools and colleges in bringing education to all in a community of faith. We celebrate our calling to be Good News to all and God's great love for us.

Our Year 5 and 6 students will celebrate Catholic Education Week Mass with all other northern schools at Sacred Heart Church, Newstead on **Wednesday 21st March**.

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

MONEY LINE



Project Compassion Money Line is on **Tuesday 27th March**. **Students can wear House Colours on that day!** Keep collecting your small change and come dressed in your **house colours** on the day. Expect a visit from an oversized rabbit out getting some eggercise!

YEAR OF YOUTH

The Australian Bishops have identified 2018 as a national Year of Youth. The Year of Youth invites the church into a conversation about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and the community today. As part of Year of Youth, Ambassadors from Tasmanian Catholic schools will gather for leadership meetings and formation. We thank Claire Condric and Tayla Sands who will represent our College this year.

HOLY WEEK

Our College prayer and reflection on the events of Holy Week will be held in the Church on Thursday 29th March at 11.30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Our cultural diversity is what makes Australia a great place to live. People who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural traditions as well as adopting new traditions which help to enrich our nation. Did you know that nearly half of Australians were born overseas or have a parent who was born overseas?. This year's message is "everyone belongs" so let's celebrate the great gift of diversity through inclusivity.

Star of the Week

15th March 2018

Kinder	Chantz Brown	For always taking care of her friends.
Prep/1	Jai Jacobs	For showing kindness towards his younger class members.
Grade 2/3	Lillian Mather	For always producing work to the best of her ability.
Grade 3/4	Katie Holz	For always being on task and giving 100% to everything she does, go Katie!
Grade 5	Daisy Lindfors	For being a kind and caring friend.
Grade 6	Kiana Widdowson	For her effort and determination in Maths.

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Want to join the Parents and Friends? Bad luck. You are already part of it! Parents and friends aren't a select group of people who secretly run their own agenda like you see on American sitcoms. If you have a child here at the College, you are part of the Parents and Friends. We are all called upon, in our own way, to support the College in providing a great education for our children.

For some parents, that's keeping in contact with the teachers. For others, it's buying a raffle ticket, while for others it's getting together to run a fundraiser or an event for the College. Whatever way you do it, you're in it. So enjoy the ride!

Baptism

Are you interested in being Baptised or have not got around to having your child Baptised? Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish is holding an informal chat about becoming a Catholic on Wednesday 28th March in the Primary Campus starting at 6pm. Please come along and join us. Light refreshments will be provided.

Launceston Community Legal Centre

Do you need help filling out a form, reading and/or understanding a document, sorting out papers, dealing with authorities or protecting your rights? Launceston Community Legal Centre provide Legal Literacy Volunteers who are located at Neighbourhood House in George Town. Legal Literacy Volunteers are not lawyers and do not give legal advice. However, they can work with you to fill in a form and can refer you to free legal services. If you require legal advice in any areas, such as Family Law, Welfare Rights, Disability Discrimination, Employment Law or General Law, please contact Launceston Community Legal Centre on 6334 1577 to make an appointment, or pop into Neighbourhood House to speak to one of their Legal Literacy Volunteers.

Catholic Education Week

As mentioned in this week's note from the Principal, this week is Catholic Education Week where we recognise the work that Catholic schools have done and continue to do for the children of Tasmania. Tomorrow in Launceston, our Grade 5s and 6s will participate in the Catholic Education Week Mass for the northern Catholic schools. Later in the day, a number of people who have worked in Catholic schools will be recognised for their service to Catholic education. This will include **Mrs Helen Whinnett**, who will be recognised for 25 years service to Catholic education. Many of you will remember Mrs Whinnett who worked at our College for many years before retiring at the end of last year.

Welcome

We welcome Violet (Prep) and her family to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Grievance Procedures

Sometimes things don't go the way we would like and parents or students may have a grievance. It is important that we have good procedures for handling grievances so people feel heard and, if action needs to be taken, it can be done so in a timely fashion. The Tasmanian Catholic Education Office has developed a Grievance Procedure for all members of the Catholic Education community (staff, students, parents) and can be found on their website <http://catholic.tas.edu.au>. The School Grievance policy is found by clicking on the Policies tab on the left of the page. As always, the person closest to the issue is usually the best person to speak to first (e.g. a class teacher), but the policy also provides further steps.

Don't forget that Tuesday 27th March is "Money Line Day"!!!!

Students may wear House Colours.

Bring along your spare change for your House.

All money raised supports Project Compassion.

Fee Payments

A reminder to parents that fees can be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc and also by direct debit.

If you would like to discuss fee repayments please contact Mrs Kathryn Condric, Finance Officer.

Fee relief may also be available in some circumstances. The appropriate forms can be collected from the College Office.

Winter Uniform

In Term 2 we move into winter uniform. If students are feeling the cold they are most welcome to start wearing it now. Parents may want to check to see if last year's uniform still fits. The uniform shop is open on Thursdays 2-4pm

If you are representing the College in the Anzac Day Parade, full Winter uniform will be worn.

Year 7 & 10 Immunizations

Immunization forms have been sent home to Year 7 (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough) and to Year 10 (Meningococcal W). Please return these forms to the office by **Monday March 26**, for George Town Council to collect.

Counselling

Next week our new College counsellor, Megan Booth, will begin at Star of the Sea. Megan works for CatholicCare and will be with us every Monday. She will join Menno van der Mollen on the counselling team. Should you wish your child to receive counselling, please contact Mrs Chris Jones at the College. Permission forms need to be filled in for a counsellor to see your child.

Dance at Lunch

Starting this week, Mel Street from Bee Bop will be at our College each Thursday lunchtime to run a 20 minute dance session in the Gym for interested students. Students who want to be involved only need to meet at the Gym on Thursdays at about 1:00pm. Girls who want to take part are encouraged to wear shorts under their dresses.

Easter Holiday dates

March 30 - Good Friday

April 2 - Easter Monday

April 3 - Easter Tuesday

School resumes Wednesday 4th April

Coles Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has sent in Coles vouchers. We have had a fabulous response. There is still a few weeks remaining, so if you have any to donate please send them in ASAP.

Holy Week Masses and Celebrations for George Town

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George Town

Palm Sunday:

24th March – 6.00pm Vigil Mass

25th March – 11.00am Passion Sunday Mass;
6.00pm Reconciliation Service and Confession

Holy Thursday:

29th March – 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper

Good Friday:

30th March – 10.00am Stations of the Cross;
3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion

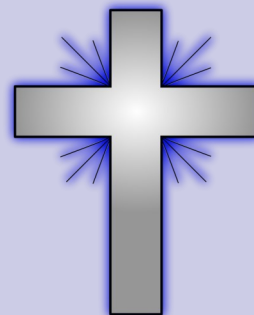
Holy Saturday:

31st March – 10.30am to 11.30am
Confessions;

6.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday:

1st April – 11.00am Easter Day Mass



Shout Out Week 6 Term 1

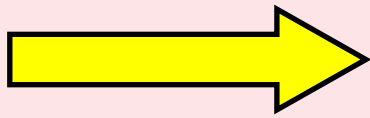
Name	PBS	Reason
Blake Miller	S	Being sun safe and putting his hat back on after swimming races
Jessie Anlezark	E	Always being ready and following instructions in Music
Belynda Hyland	S	Taking care of others and being safe in class
Isabelle Anlezark	L	Her great understanding of alliteration
Joshua Chapman	R	For following instructions quickly
Belynda Hyland	R	Always using her manners
Jayden Darko-Casey	L	Getting on with his 'onomatopoeia' work
Leo Linley	R	Beautiful manners at mat time
Bonnie Leslie	E	Always doing her best
Damien Milner	L	Having a go at conjunctions in Literacy
Emma Thomas	R	For sitting respectfully and showing that she is listening
Thomas Lowe	S	Walking safely back to school after the pool
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	L	Working to a high standard and always having a go
Lachlan Crick	E	Trying really hard in Drama
Henry Lindfors	L	His great use of onomatopoeia

Week 6 Shout Out Draw Winners:

- Hunta Burton - Into the draw for a Cinema Ticket at the end of term
- Henry Lindfors - \$2 Canteen Voucher
- Maverick Watson - Into the draw for a Cinema Ticket at the end of term

PBS Focus: Learner:

- Being ready to learn
- Have all the equipment you need
- Be ready to listen
- Be in the right place
- Be on time



Mini Vinnies Easter Raffle - Tickets \$1

Thank you for supporting our Mini Vinnies Group by purchasing a ticket in our Easter Raffle.

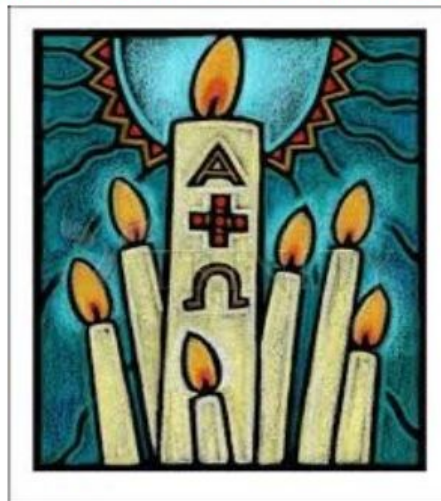
The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 29th at the Primary Assembly.

Books need to be returned by Wednesday 28th. (sold or unsold)



All proceeds will go to helping the George Town St Vincent de Paul Society.

Families are invited



Come along and decorate your own family Easter (Paschal) candle

Wednesday 28th March

3.00—4.00pm

in the Star of the Sea hall

Adult supervision is required

All welcome

