

Star of the Sea Catholic College

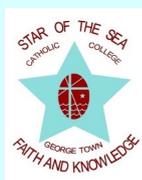
Newsletter

10TH APRIL 2018

Bullies generally were bullied and are hurting inside much more than you could ever imagine.

- Zoey Deutch

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

I was interested in some recent assemblies, both Primary and Secondary, where the topic of bullying came up. In the Primary assembly, it was Mrs McGillivray and a student that led the discussion, whilst in the Secondary assembly, it was completely student-driven.

What interested me most was that the discussion was not around encouraging people to stop bullying, but around defining what bullying actually is. In both the Primary and Secondary assemblies, there was a real sense of the word being used incorrectly, so both students and staff wanted to overcome this.

Ask any teacher in education in Australia and they'll probably tell you that the word "bullying" is probably the most overused, and misused, word in education.

Unfortunately, all of the well-intentioned media coverage over the past decade has led to the word, and the concept of bullying, being totally misrepresented. Nowadays, people use the word whenever there is an incident that occurs where someone doesn't like what has happened to them.

However, as was expressed in both assemblies, there are things which constitute bullying and things that don't. For bullying to occur, there needs to be intent, repetition, and a power imbalance. That means that when a couple of students have a disagreement at recess and are playing together at lunch, bullying hasn't occurred. That means that when someone says something mean one day but doesn't repeat it, bullying hasn't occurred. And

that also means that when students with special needs do something because they don't know any better, that also isn't bullying.

Relationships are complex things, and even more so when they are between students who are still learning how the world works. The job of schools and parents is to teach students the norms of behaviour so they can survive in the future. It is not our jobs to create monsters out of children when they make mistakes as they are still learning these norms. If we are truly to be a Catholic school, it is important that we create a culture of understanding of our own actions, along with an understanding of others.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

We Pray For...

We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Mr Don Rose Meyer who died 14th February 2018. Mr Rose Meyer was the first lay Principal of Star of the Sea College. He served between 1976 and 1978.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Calendar

Wednesday 11th April	Playgroup @ Star 9:00 — 10:30am Grade 7 Reflection Day
Thursday 12th April	11:30am End of Term Assembly
Friday 13th April	Last day of Term 1
Sunday 15th April	Thanksgiving Mass at 11:00am, followed by a BBQ. All are welcome
Wednesday 25th April	ANZAC Day
Monday 30th April	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Learning

Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 1st May.

Please see our Social Media site for information on: **George Town Tennis Clinic**

Religious Education and Faith Development



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



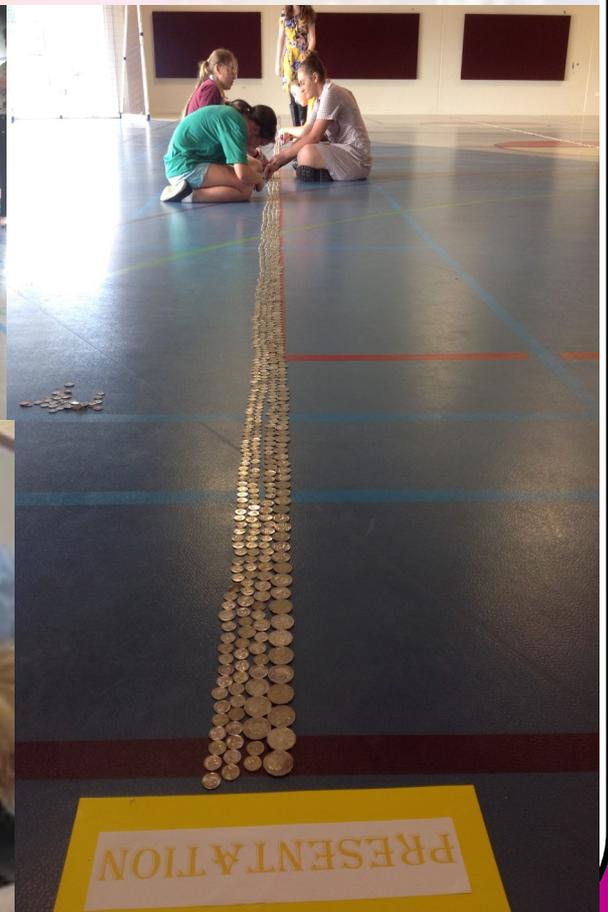
Hospitality

Compassion

Thank you for generously supporting this year's Project Compassion money line and for being 'a rainbow in someone's cloud.' Through your generous support we raised \$610 and made a line of coins measuring **154.39 metres**.

This year Presentation regained the crown with a line of coins 66.59 metres, toppling last year's individual line by 5.4 metres. A new record!

Well done to all our families and students who contributed to the success of the day. In true Presentation spirit, our College makes a difference to the lives of those most in need.



FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Children (and even teenagers) often find it hard to recount events. If your child comes home and tells a story about what happened to them, don't assume that the first version of the story is accurate. Instead, ask lots of questions to find out the context. And, most importantly, ask the question, "Did you tell a teacher about this?" Teachers rarely do something about things they don't know.

Farewell to Mrs Hoult

Mrs Michelle Hoult, our Grade 3/4 teacher, will be finishing up her time at Star of the Sea at the end of this term. Mrs Hoult has been connected to the school for about 3 years now, doing one of her university placements here before doing some relief work and then being employed in various classes in the Primary area. Mrs Hoult has always been a positive face around the school and I know that a lot of students and parents will miss her. We are sad to see her go, but wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Our Lady Star of the Sea 40th Anniversary

This weekend sees the 40th anniversary since Our Lady Star of the Sea church was built. To recognise this, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday morning at 11:00am, followed by a BBQ. All are welcome.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day falls during the holidays this year (Wednesday 25th April). We encourage as many students as possible to come along on the day to march with the College. Information has already gone home with students.

End of Term Assembly

Our End of Term Assembly will have a slightly different look about it this Thursday. We have been discussing as staff how we can make this a more important event, and how we can teach our students appropriate etiquette during formal events. One of the changes will see us not giving out Star of the Week in the assembly (that will remain in our normal Primary Assemblies) but instead give out an award to primary students recognising hard work and focus throughout the term. Federal member for Bass, Mr Ross Hart, will be there to speak during the assembly. All parents and friends of the College are welcome to attend. The assembly will begin at 11:30am in the church.

Emergency Practice

During this term we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able.

If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

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.

Library Quiz

Congratulations to the winner of the March Library Quiz. Molly Leslie of Grade 6 was the winner with the correct answer being "A Book". New quiz starting next term.

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported us with the "Coles Sports for Schools" voucher's, the response has been overwhelming!

We will be posting off our vouchers on Friday so the latest to send them in to school will be Thursday. Next term we will be able to give you a voucher tally. Thanks again.

Woollies Earn & Learn 2017

Students with some of the equipment we obtained by redeeming the Woollies Earn and Learn stickers last year. Thanks to everyone for collecting and donating them to us.



**The Great
Easter Egg
Hunt**

TPSSA

Congratulations to our TPSSA Team who participated last Thursday in the Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Kiana Widdowson who won the Wivel Medal for being the fastest Grade 6 girl over 100m.

Areesha Imran	Ashton Harrison	Kiana Widdowson	Justin Hinkley
Maeve Lazdauskas	Tait Berlinger	Molly Leslie	Dan Ungerhofer
Daisy Lindfors	Luke Chapman	Monique Hawkins	Damien Thomas
Hayley Ford	Izaak Holz	Lara Nunn	Kate Symes
April Latham	Joshua Chapman	Sian Hawkins	Blake Miller
Katie Holz	Zac McDiarmid	Bonnie Leslie	Henry Lindfors
Erin Vanderzwan	Macklin Grimsey Boersma	Belynda Hyland	Bonnie Leslie
Oliver Smith			



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Michael Vanderzwan



You are invited to attend our
Kinder to Year 10
End of Term Celebration Assembly
Thursday April 12 @ 11:30am
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

(Guest speaker Mr Ross Hart, Federal Member for Bass)

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall will be held again this year for Kinder to Year 10 students on Thursday May 10th. Our Mother's Day stall provides the opportunity for students who may not usually get the chance to buy something for their mothers or the important females in their lives.

Families and the Parents and Friends usually stock the stall, sometimes with handmade goods and sometimes with goods that are "re-gifted." In order to stock the stall we are asking that families please send to classrooms any items which would be appropriate for the stall.

We would also be very grateful for any cellophane and ribbon etc donations to wrap the presents.

