

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

15TH MAY 2018

For beautiful eyes,  
look for the good in  
others; for beautiful  
lips, speak only  
words of kindness;  
and for poise, walk  
with the knowledge  
that you are never  
alone.

- Audrey Hepburn

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

A study was done once on 100 people deemed to be successful and content to see if it could be discovered scientifically the secret of happiness. They were asked many questions, and their answers were explored to see what the common features of all of these people were. And while there were some similarities here and there (like 70% had come from small towns), there was nothing obvious that connected them all. Until it was discovered.

They were all "goodfinders." That is, they all had the ability to find the good in themselves, in others, and in all the situations of life.

Too often we look for happiness in life externally. We look to other people or things to make us happy. We think that if we buy that product, or own that possession, we will be

happy. We think that if that person treats me the right way, or if my football team wins, we will be happy. But of course the danger of looking to external things to be happy is that we will always depend upon others for our happiness, and then we subcontract out our happiness to others.

However, if we look for the good in ourselves and others, we are far more likely to find happiness in our lives. Too often we compare ourselves to others and find ourselves coming up short. We notice other people's gifts and talents and are disappointed we aren't as good as them at one thing or another. But in doing so, we fail to recognize our own gifts and talents and the things that make us unique.

Similarly, we often judge others upon their weaknesses, rather than their strengths. I have

seen quite amazing children judged by others upon their appearance or lack of social skills or mannerisms, and for people to completely miss what makes them such special children. Again, if this is how we go about our lives, judging others on their weaknesses, we will forever have a deficit mindset and lose any chance to be truly happy ourselves.

At Star of the Sea it is important for us to provide children with the opportunities to see the good in themselves, in others, and in life's situations.

If we are truly to produce a generation of responsible and compassionate citizens, then we must create a school of "goodfinders."

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### Calendar

Wednesday 16th May	9:00 - 10:30am Playgroup@ Star Science Competition for Students Yr 9/10 Winter Sports commences Catholic Youth Festival
Thursday 17th May	2.15pm Primary Assembly
Friday 18th May	Walk Safely to School Day - (please return permission slip) State Athletics Carnival (rescheduled rain day)
Tuesday 22nd May	9:30am -2:40pm Yr 3-10 Active Living Day 5:30pm - 2019 Kinder Information Evening
Wednesday 23rd May	9:00 - 10:30am Playgroup@ Star
Thursday 24th May	Yr 7/8 Winter Sport commences 2:15pm Primary Assembly
Tuesday 29th May	2:00pm K-2 Active Living Day

# Religious Education and Faith Development



National Families Week  
15 - 21 May

National Families Week in Australia begins on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. It is a time to celebrate with family, make contact with extended family members and friends and share in the enjoyment of family. It is an opportunity to celebrate family and make the most of family life. Families are societies most important building block because it is in the family that we learn to care for others and develop a sense of connectedness.

Pope Francis provides many insights into family life. He says that "please", "thank you" and "sorry", are words that "open up the road to a good family life". The Pope described them as simple but not so easy to put into practice. These three words we normally understand as good manners. The first word, "the Pope said" is please. When we take the effort to kindly ask for something that maybe we think is our due, we are really safeguarding the spirit of family life. That language that is polite but full of love, does so much good for families".

"The second word is 'thanks'. Kindness and the ability to thank can be seen as a sign of weakness, but gratitude is the very heart of faith: a Christian who does not know how to give thanks is one who has forgotten the language of God."

"The third word is 'sorry'. It is a difficult word, certainly, yet so necessary. Recognition of having erred, and willingness to give back what has been taken away - respect, honesty, love – makes us worthy of forgiveness. If we are unable to apologize, it means that we are unable to forgive. Never end the day in the family without making peace. Do you understand this? It is not easy, eh! But you have to do it. And with that life will be more beautiful."

"These three key words of the family are simple words, and perhaps at first make us smile. But when we forget them, there's nothing to laugh about, right? Our manners, perhaps, we neglect them too much. May the Lord help us to put them back to the right place, in our hearts and in our homes. "

(Pope Francis, Vatican City 2015)

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

## Stars of the Week - 10th May 2018

Kinder	Hunaisha Ahmed Archie Parker	For her clever work with numbers. For always playing nicely with his friends
Prep/1	Violet Smith-Jones James Holz	For settling beautifully into her new school. For his beautiful manners and taking turns to listen.
Grade 2/3	William Hills Ashton Meessen	For working really hard in completing his work. Well done William. For his determination and focus with reading.
Grade 3/4	Jayden Darko-Casey Emma Thomas	For making good choices and having a got at set work. Well done! For always being a kind and helpful member of our class who cares for others.
Grade 5	Izaak Holz Hunta Burton	For his excellent skills in finding patterns using numbers. For his clever clock reading skills.
Grade 6	Dan Ungerhofer Ruby Meessen	For his improved focus towards his school work. For her continued effort and focus across all subject areas.

## **FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER**

We can help our children to become “goodfinders” both at home and at school. Maybe we can talk to our children at home and challenge them to find good things about their classmates, all of them, not just the ones they hang around with. And we can also tell our children the talents and gifts we recognize in them and how much we appreciate those gifts.

### **Student Medical Changes**

If your child's medical information has changed, please contact the school office. Also, if you have supplied any medication to the school which has now expired, please provide replacement medication to the office.

### **Welcome**

We welcome Riley (Grade 4) to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope he enjoys his time here. We also welcome Danielle Gay and Meegan Bosworth who will be at our College in the coming weeks as they do placements as part of their training courses.

### **Walk Safely to School**

This Friday sees the Walk Safely to School Day (weather permitting). Details about this have already gone home, with students welcome to meet staff at Regent Square or South George Town Primary to walk to school.

### **Secondary Winter Sport**

Our secondary students will be involved in the NHSSA Winter Sport roster from this week. This will see them compete against schools from Launceston and surrounds in netball, football and hockey. We wish them all the best and thank the staff who travel with them each week.

### **Kinder 2019 Information Evening**

Our information evening for Kinder 2019 will be held next Tuesday 22nd May at 5:30pm in the Primary Gallery. If you have children of Kindergarten age next year you are most welcome. Or if you know someone who does then please let them know and invite them along.

### **Mother's Day Stall**

Our Mother's Day stall and afternoon tea were a great success. A big thank you to everyone who donated something to the stall and to the parents who wrapped the presents and ran the stall on Thursday. We also thank everyone who contributed to the afternoon tea.

### **Winter Uniform**

The weather has well and truly turned and we would hope that all of our students are in winter uniform. For those who haven't quite got there yet, we will be giving them some reminders over the next week or so. If you are having trouble accessing a winter uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the College office.

### **The Production Team Needs Your Help!**

Do you have an old Christmas tree you no longer want? If so, we are looking for some Christmas trees to use in our upcoming production. We would be most appreciative.

Thanks in advance. Ms Stewart & Mrs Armstrong





Star of the Sea Catholic College



# Kinder 2019

## Information Evening

Tuesday May 22nd 2018

at 5:30pm

in the Primary Campus

*Parents and children are welcome to come and discover what opportunities are available in a safe and caring learning environment.*



### Other year levels in 2019

There are limited places available in other year levels in 2019. Parents and students who are looking to enrol in other year levels (Prep to Year 10) are welcome to contact the College office to find out more on 6382 1242.



Star of the Sea Catholic College  
Corner of Friend and William Streets

George Town 7253

Ph: 03 6382 1242

Principal: Mr Richard Chapman



### Winter Woolies Donations

*Do you have any blankets, beanies or other Winter Woolies laying around home you no longer use?  
As we enter into Winter, St Vincent de Paul would greatly appreciate ANY donations to help people within our local communities. The College Mini Vinnies group has placed a box in both the Primary Gallery and the Secondary Foyer for any Winter Woolies Donations.  
Thankyou!*