

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

22ND MAY 2018

Growth is painful.
Change is painful.
But nothing is as
painful as staying
stuck where you do
not belong.

- N. R. Narayana
Murthy

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

How often I have heard people complain about young people! In my time as teacher or principal, I am forever hearing of all of the wrong things that young people do. Sometimes the comments are framed as "When we were young we never did those sorts of things," and sometimes they are framed as "The youth today, "with no particular end to the sentence.

I am always surprised at the amount of people who expect our young people to be perfect, to never make mistakes. I wonder if we were truly able to reflect upon our own experience of childhood and adolescence, whether we would find we were perfect? I would find it pretty unlikely, as none of us are perfect now!

In the end, schools aren't in the business of perfection. We're in the business of growth. Because if we are going to truly have our

students being happy, they need to seek growth, not perfection.

Unfortunately, society today expects perfection from young people, or to put it another way, sets up situations where young people expect themselves to be perfect. We only have to look at the media and the images that are put out around what the perfect male or female look like. Young people end up striving for a look they can never obtain, because they think that by looking like the people we see turn up at a royal wedding then they too will have it all.

But we often see perfection sought for in schools as well, often quite unfairly. I often have older members of the community tell me stories about being "given the cuts" (whacked on the palm of their hand with the cane) when they didn't get a question right in maths, or they didn't recite the Catechism correctly. Even today we see students

being lambasted for not having the perfect behaviour or the perfect academic record.

But in the end, we shouldn't be teaching students at Star of the Sea to be perfect, we should be teaching them to seek growth. None of us will ever be perfect, but all of us should work on growing - on removing those things from our lives that stop us from being fully human, and replacing them with things that allow us to become fully human. If we get things wrong, we work on it until we get better. If we are in a situation in life which causes us unhappiness, we work on it until we overcome that situation.

None of us will reach perfection. Life's too messy for that. But each moment in life is an opportunity to seek growth and to become the people God calls us to be.

Mr Richard Chapman,
Principal

Calendar

Tuesday 22nd May	5:30pm Kinder 2019 Info Evening
Monday May 28th	Monkey Baa Theatre Company Workshop for K-1 (onsite)
Tuesday 29th May	2:00pm K-2 Active Living Day Science Competition
Wednesday 30th May	9:00 - 10:30am Playgroup@ Star
Thursday 31st May	2:15pm Primary Assembly

Religious Education and Faith Development

Reconciliation Week



27th May - 3rd June

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



This year during National Reconciliation Week, all Australians are invited to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories. National Reconciliation Week commemorates two significant milestones - the 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision and it is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to think about how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

National Reconciliation Week began in 1993 as a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. Today many different communities across Australia celebrate it at many events.

As a Presentation school, and in the spirit of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters, this is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can be workers for justice, peace and reconciliation.

When reconciliation is in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians we will continue to build and strengthen respectful relationships between all Australians.

Hospitality

Compassion

Winter Woollies Donations

Do you have any blankets, beanies or other Winter Woollies lying 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 Woollies Donations. Thank you!



Stars of the Week - 17th May 2018

Kinder	Oscar Smith	For always being excited to learn new things
Prep/1	Allira-Grayce Harris	For fantastic progress with her reading
Grade 2/3	Jaxsyn Pollock	For working hard to complete all set tasks. Well done, Jaxsyn
Grade 3/4	Henry Lindfors	For being an engaged and focussed learner
Grade 5	Ashton Harrison	For his clever sequencing of decimal numbers
Grade 6	Lara Nunn	For working hard and trying to stay focussed during class time

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Sometimes students can get depressed over feelings of inadequacy, that they are not perfect, or they see others as being perfect. This is the time to reassure our children that no one really is perfect and that life is about growth. We could even share stories of when we were younger and the things we got wrong, but improved upon and got better at them.

Welcome

We welcome Oakley (Grade 1) to Star of the Sea. We hope he enjoys his time here.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN has come and gone and our students have completed these assessments without a hitch. We expect the results to come through later in the year (about Term 4). We thank all of our students for the way they got involved in the assessments.

Kinder 2019 Information Evening

Our Kinder 2019 Information Evening will be held this evening at 5:30pm in the Primary Gallery. We welcome all families who have children of Kindergarten age next year. If you can't make it, we encourage you to call into the College office to pick up some information.

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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.



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Shout Out Week 3 Term 2

Name	PBS	Reason
Olivia Hockey	E	Staying focussed
Hayley Ford	E	Staying focussed and concentrating on her character
Daisy Lindfors	E	Being focussed and asking good questions about her character
Harry Lignier	E	Staying focussed
Henry Lindfors	E	Being a helpful member of our class and showing the class many God moments.
Oliver Smith	L	Being very focussed during literacy
Henry Lindfors	R	Being kind and helpful to others.
Giovanni Gandolfi	E	Staying focussed
Areesha Imran	E	Staying focussed
Erin Vanderzwan	E	Being engaged and focussed on the mat and for contributing to discussions.
Katie Holz	E	Being a respectful and engaged learner
Joshua Chapman	R	Holding the door open for our class after p.e
Belynda Hyland	R	Being kind and helpful to others.
Damien Milner	E	Being focussed on the mat and contributing to discussions.
Joshua Chapman	E	Being a respectful and engaged learner
Tylar Berne	E	Being focussed on the mat and contributing to discussions.
Blake Miller	R	Being helpful to others and following instructions straight away.
Olivia Hockey	R	Always offering to help out.
Ella Erb	R	Helping complete jobs around the classroom.
Ashton Harrison	E	Staying focussed
Kiana Widdowson	E	Staying focussed in drama activity
Brianna Taber	E	Reading quietly during reading time.
Hunta Burton	E	Staying focussed
Luke Chapman	E	Staying Focussed
Jack Lindfors	L	For excellent participation in health lessons
Bronte Lignier	E	Staying Focussed
Kate Symes	E	Staying focussed
Maeve Lazdauskas	E	Staying focussed
Dan Ungerhofer	E	Asking questions throughout the drama activity
Izaak Holz	E	Staying focussed
April Latham	R	Listening to and following instructions quickly
Reagan Widdowson	E	Staying focussed
Emma Thomas	E	Putting in lots of effort in music class
Bonnie Leslie	E	Putting in lots of effort in music class
Bonnie Leslie	R	Always contributing to class discussions in a polite and respectful manner and for being helpful.
Emma Thomas	R	Holding the door open for everyone at the end of recess
Emma Thomas	L	Always being ready to learn and challenge herself
Tait Berlinger	E	Staying focussed

PBS FOCUS

Respectful: Ok with a smile.

This means when an adult asks you to do something you say "Ok!" with a smile. It means that even if we are asked to do something we don't want to do, we do it without grumbling or moaning.

Week 3 Shout Out Draw Winners:

- **Henry Lindfors - Board Game with a friend.**
- **Billy Johnson - Outdoor Game for the class.**

Library Quiz

Congratulations to Sophie Bowerman, Grade 8, winner of the Library Quiz.

What does ANZAC stand for:

Answer: Australian New Zealand Army Corps

