

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

13TH JUNE 2018

“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.”  
- Dr Wayne W. Dyer  
quoted in the movie *Wonder*

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

Last weekend I watched the movie *Wonder* with my family. It is based upon R. J. Palacio's book of the same name, and tells the story of a boy with a facial deformity and his efforts to fit into his first year of mainstream schooling.

Two things struck me about the movie. The first was that it tried to tell the story from different characters' points of view. Instead of us relying on what we initially saw each character do, it told a little of the backstory of each person to give us an idea of their motives. Too often in life we judge people in a very black and white way. They are either good or bad, helpful or not helpful, good looking or not. We don't often stop to look at each person as an individual story and think about why they act the way they do. *Wonder* reinforced for me the need to look at each

person as a human being, and not as a caricature.

The other thing that struck me about the movie was the depiction of the parents. Whilst there were a number of emotional moments in the movie, most of them were based around the parents and their growing realisation that their children were not who they thought they were. The fear the parents had for their children had led them to place their children "in a box." It was the parents who decided what their children were capable of and what they weren't. The most emotional moments came when the parents suddenly realised their children were capable of much more than they thought.

It made me wonder how often we do the same thing. We place our children "in a box" and seem to think we know what they can

and can't do. This is a natural thing, but sometimes we put the lid on too tightly and our children start believing the same as their parents. They think they are only capable of achieving certain things, or that their lives will be lived out in a certain way.

At Star of the Sea we need to be prepared as a community to loosen the lid to the box. It is important that our children can see what else is "out there" and, in doing so, have the chance to show the rest of the world what they are capable of. We want our children to have high aspirations for their lives. *Wonder* reminds us of the need to let our children to surprise us, and through those surprises we see them growing into who God truly calls them to be.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### Calendar

Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th June	Prep - Year 6 School Fire Education
Wednesday 13th June	Kinder - Year 4 "Josephine Wants To Dance" excursion to L'ton 9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 14th June	2:15pm Primary Assembly
Friday 15th June	Maths Competition School Photo Envelopes to be returned
Monday 18th June	School Photo Day
Tuesday 19th June	NHSSA Cross Country
Wednesday 20th June	9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @ Star

Please see our Social Media pages for more information on:

\*St Patrick's College Vocational Education and Training 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  
Compassion

## Yes We Can!

This year in our College, we have begun 'outreach programs' in our secondary school and each year level has a different project. This group of amazing Year 9 students recently showed their support for our local St Vincent de Paul group by bringing in cans of soup. Between them they managed to fill a large tub with cans. Why canned soup? It's an easy, quick meal and it can fill you up when you're really hungry.

The students recently met with Vinnie's volunteers, Belinda Chapman and Mike Doherty. They donated the cans to our local St Vincent de Paul group, who will distribute them in food parcels to the needy in our community. Thank you to those students who generously donated these goods. Shows you have a can-do attitude.

### Stars of the Week - 7th June 2018

Kinder	Ruby Davidson	For asking clever questions at group times
Prep/1	Oakley Cox	For settling so quickly and confidently into his new school
Grade 2/3	Jack Lindfors	For great participation and focus in all areas of his learning
Grade 3/4	Damien Milner	For having a go at all set work
Grade 5	Areesha Imran	For her clever and thoughtful cat toy design
Grade 6	Damien Thomas	For his excellent effort and work towards his Children's Picture Book

## **FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER**

We become good at what we practise. This includes who we are as human beings. What are our children practising? Kindness? Generosity? Or are they practising traits we would rather them not have?

*Our loving thoughts and prayers are with Sharon Leslie and her family on the death of Sharon's father.*



### **College Photos**

Next Monday 18th June is our photos day. All students (except for Kinder) are to wear full winter uniform. This means long pants for boys. All students will also need a jumper or blazer for the photo.

### **Welcome**

We welcome Jack (Year 7) and his family to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

### **Primary Disco and Games Evening**

This will be held on Friday June 29th between 6pm and 8pm. A letter with more details will come out in the next two weeks.

### **NHSSA Cross Country**

The following secondary students will compete in the NHSSA Cross Country next Tuesday at Kings Meadows High School. Congratulations and good luck!

Hayley Blyth	Tanisha Batten	Paulo Moore	Jaxen Berne	Alyssa Hill	Brooke Holz
Belinda Coghill	Shienne Berlinger	Brayden Ford	Rikki Blyth	Isabella Brunacci	Kenneth Hyland
Caleb Coghill	Cooper Goodall				

### **TPSSA Cross Country**

On Tuesday 5th June, 22 Grade 3-6 students travelled to Beaconsfield to participate in the TPSSA Cross Country against other schools. We were impressed with Star's support for our students in each race. Our students were impeccably behaved and have to be commended for their have-a-go attitude on the day. As the track encompasses paddocks, bushland and a few uphill and downhill runs, it was a challenging course for students. We are proud of how each and every student went on the day. We also need to acknowledge students who came in the top ten for their group: Sian Hawkins 5th - Ashton Harrison 6th - Kiana Widdowson 2nd - Monique Hawkins 8th.



## Shout Out Week 6 Term 2

Name	PBS	Reason
Thomas Lowe	E	Listening with his whole body, sitting with the class and being respectful and engaged in our learning.
Bernard Moore	L	Working hard to learn his red owl words.
Maverick Watson	E	Consistently concentrating to complete all tasks.
Carlie Lowe	R	Using beautiful manners.
Karol Aziz	E	Concentrating so well during every lesson.
Reagan Widdowson	L	Amazing maths lesson.
Kate Symes	L	Working on linking your s and i in hand writing.
Raphael McLeod	L	Reading every day and completing his reading log.
Billy Johnson	E	Impeccable behaviour at the TPSSA Cross Country.
James Holz	L	Working hard to learn his red owl words.
Allira-Grayce Harris	L	Being a great listener during every lesson.
Sabian Hawes	L	Great progress in reading.
Oakley Cox	R	Showing respect for his school by wearing the correct uniform.
Harry Lignier	E	Working hard and focussing while reading tongue twisters.
Connor Williams	R	For being a very nice friend.
Jai Jacobs	R	Being kind and thoughtful towards others.

### Week 6 Shout Out Draw Winners:

- Harry Lignier- Lunch with Mrs Mac
- Charlee Evers- Outdoor game for her class

### PBS FOCUS

Safe: We play safely so our friends can enjoy the play too. We take risks with our play so we can develop our skills and thinking.



## Library Quiz

Congratulations to Lara Nunn from Grade 6 who won the Library quiz last week.

I am one word - I begin with the letter "R".

Admiration, consideration, thoughtfulness, politeness and courtesy form this one word

I have 7 letters.

The answer : **RESPECT!**

