

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

3RD JULY 2018

Every time I stray
away from the
Lord's word, I find
emptiness and
darkness.

- Tyson Fury

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

"When God made us, someone has suggested, we were made like Swiss cheese. We have a lot of holes in us that only God can fill. If we do not ask God to fill our emptiness, we will foolishly try to fill it ourselves. We brag, we lie, we gossip, collect trophies, drop names, show off, compete for the limelight, try to gain power over others, gulp at the fountains of sensual pleasure, and look for kicks. But in the end, we are left with the painful emptiness that only God can fill." (from Happiness is an Inside Job by John Powell SJ).

John Powell's words would probably resonate with a lot of us as we look back over the life that we have led to this point. Throughout our youth we may have spent a lot of time looking to fill our emptiness, and it is only as we got older that we started to realise that, no matter

what we tried, we never truly managed to fill it. We may have been happy for a short time, but it wore off quickly and we were back to where we started.

We only have to look at reality TV to see that this is still the point where a lot of people are at. Contestants look for fame or look for happiness through competing for one thing or another, but for all of the trophies or new houses or prize money, emptiness is still there.

I spoke to the primary students at assembly last week about life not being a competition. Often we feel we need to be the best - the best in my class, the best at my workplace, the best parent, the best at a sport - but the reality is that our happiness will only be found in being the best people we can be. In years to come no one will remember how

well we went at a Grade 5 assignment, but they will remember if we were someone who tried our best or if we were friendly people.

If we want to truly fill our emptiness, we need to be prepared to let God fill it. That means letting go of a lot of things, such as our own sense of self-importance, and be prepared to listen to God in prayer. This can be scary, as God may not lead us to places we want to go. But only in our surrender to God will we truly be filled.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



Calendar

Wednesday 4th July	9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 5th July	10:00am End of Term 2 Assembly
Friday 6th July	Final Day of Term 2
Tuesday 24th July	Term 3 begins



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

A Prayer for the End of Term

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt

God of the ordinary be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion



Congratulations Bronte Miller!

Last term our Year Eight students went to the Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival which was held in Launceston. Participants received a 'passport' where they were asked to collect stickers each time they visited a stall in the expo area. Once the student had collected all ten stickers they were put in a draw to win a booklet of 10 movie passes. Bronte Miller was the winner of the competition.

Stars of the Week - 28th June 2018

Kinder	Ashton Ratcliffe	For being very clever with his numbers.
Prep/1	Karol Aziz	For always being a good listener and joining in with discussions.
Grade 2/3	Maddison Hyland	For your ability to create beautiful illustrations and art works!
Grade 3/4	Joshua Chapman	For seeking feedback to improve his learning.
Grade 5	Bronte Lignier	For acing the use of a protractor.
Grade 6	Kiana Widdowson	For her excellent effort with the 'Bridge to Terabithia' questions.

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

One of the greatest predictors of whether someone will encounter mental health issues is whether or not they regularly have dinner with their family around a dining table. In order to protect our children's mental health, have as many family dinners during the week as you can, sitting around the table and engaging in conversation.

Staff Movements

The end of term sees us say farewell and best wishes to some of our staff.

Mr Zach Griffiths finishes his teaching prac with us at the end of this week. Mr Griffiths has been teaching in the Grade 5 classroom under the supervision of Mrs McGillivray. We hope to see Mr Griffiths for our Grade 5/6 camp later in the year, but in the meantime we wish him all the best for his studies.

Mr Menno van der Molen finished his time as College counsellor last Tuesday. Menno has been working at Star of the Sea for almost two years, supporting students and their families during this time. We are very much indebted to Menno for all of the work he has done and we will miss his calm and gentle presence. Menno has continued his work with us despite his growing NDIS business, which he now has to devote more time to.

Ms Kerrin Edwards will go on maternity leave at the end of this week. Ms Edwards has certainly provided a good start for our Kinders this year and we wish her all the best in the coming weeks for her impending arrival. We hope to see Ms Edwards about halfway through next year.

Mrs Karen Reid is retiring after many years of service to Star of the Sea. Mrs Reid is someone who is not seen much by our students, coming in to school at the end of each day to clean the Primary campus. However her presence has always been noticed with the professional way she went about her work, always making sure our school was neat and tidy at the start of each new school day. We thank Mrs Reid for her long involvement with the College and wish her all the best for the future.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ashton Harrison and Kiana Widdowson who competed in the State Cross Country last week at Symmons Plains.

Term 3

Term 3 for the students begins on **Tuesday 24th July**. Our staff will be at school on the Monday for a Staff Spirituality Day, however the office will NOT be open (as our office staff will also be involved in the Spirituality Day).

Fire Drill

Our Fire Drill was held last Thursday and ran successfully. We run drills every so often to ensure all staff and students are comfortable in knowing what to do in the event of a real emergency.

Thank You

A big thank you to our secondary students who ran last Friday's Primary Disco, and to the Parents and Friends who ran the canteen. A great night was had by all.

Reports

Our reports are on track to go home with students this Thursday. Any report that is not collected will be mailed out on Friday. Our Parent-Teacher Evening will be held on Thursday 2nd August.



You are invited to attend our
Kinder to Year 10
End of Term Assembly
Thursday July 5th @ 10:00am

Smart Garden

Last Wednesday, several Grade 5 and 6 students went to Larmenier Primary School for the SMART Garden Day. We were put into groups with students from other schools and worked with a buddy. We learnt how to use digital microscopes to look at a close up view of the different parts of soil. We also learnt how to use Soil Testers to test the amount of sun, moisture and acidity levels of the soil. For lunch we made Pumpkin Soup, two types of Scones, Apple and Rhubarb Pastries and Cheese Pastries. All of the students ate a shared lunch together in a place called the Nazareth Centre. We all had a great day and are looking forward to the next SMART Garden Day. **Lara Nunn**



Shout Out Week 8 - Term 2

Connor Williams	S	For being a safe and respectful class member.
Lillian Mather	S	For playing safely on the wet playground
Zay Widdowson	S	For being a really safe and respectful class member
Maddison Hyland	R	Being a very nice friend to others
Harry Lignier	R	Working quietly
Areesha Imran	R	Cleaning up art area.
Thalia Sturzaker	L	Awesome work in art.
Harry Lignier	L	For finding 42 words in "Spring Time"
Molly Leslie	L	Finishing x tables 1-12 in 3:45s
Lachlan Crick	L	Fantastic creative writing
Erin Vanderzwan	E	Working super hard at learning to tie knots
Riley Cox	L	Persisting with tricky graph work
Kate Symes	L	Great Eucharist work
Erin Vanderzwan	R	Always being polite and helpful
Lachlan Crick	L	Asking to do more maths jobs instead of having free time
Leo Linley	R	Being a great listener and following instructions straight away.
Lachlan Crick	R	Being still in assembly
Connor Williams	L	Asking to do more maths instead of having free choice
Jessie Anlezark	S	For telling a teacher when she thinks a situation is not safe.
Jessie Anlezark	R	Always offering enthusiastically to help others
Leo Linley	S	Making sure that everyone is following our rules
Lachlan Crick	R	Offering and trying to help out a friend with a problem
Grace Manhken	S	Playing safely with her friends
Jack Lindfors	S	For making sure that others in our class were safe
Jack Lindfors	R	Being a great listener and following instructions straight away
Josh Chapman	E	Working super hard at learning to tie knots
Emma Thomas	L	Persisting with your tricky graph work
Tylar Berne	L	Being an enthusiastic reader
Hunta Burton	S	Doing his artwork independently
Reagan Widdowson	L	Great Eucharist work
Reagan Widdowson	E	Amazing creative writing

Thalia Sturzaker	E	Doing a fabulous job on her tessellation task
Thomas Lowe	R	Being a caring friend
Thomas Lowe	L	Persisting with our knot tying even when it was tricky
Thomas Lowe	E	Working super hard at learning to tie knots
Areesha Imran	L	Working well in a group task
Luke Chapman	L	Mastering division problems
Tait Berlingeri	E	Working independently in RE
Tait Berlingeri	R	Being a super quiet learner
Tait Berlingeri	R	Working quietly and getting his job done
Lillian Mather	L	Great participation in health lessons
Maddison Hyland	L	Great participation in health lessons
Ruby Meessen	L	Finishing x tables 1-12 in 4:27s
Harry Lignier	L	Finishing x tables 1-12 in 5:50s
Izaak Holz	L	Finishing x tables 1-12 in 6:40s

Shout Out Draw Winners:

Reagan Widdowson - Pick a Prize
Giovanni Gandolfi - Walk around York Cove

PBS Focus:

Safe in Playbay we:
Use materials for construction
We share the materials
We work together
We pack up when we are finished



Entry forms available at the College Office

George Town - Through Your Eyes PHOTO COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions

Cost to enter is \$5.00 per image submitted.

Entry forms can be collected and lodged at George Town NewsXpress or the George Town Council. Entry forms will also be available on Council's website - <https://georgetown.tas.gov.au>

The competition is open for all ages.

All entries must be the entrants own images.

Only photos taken within the George Town municipal area will be accepted.

Images can be submitted on a USB with your entry form, or emailed direct to gtphotocomp18@gmail.com (ensure you clearly state your name and contact details)

Images must be high resolution and a minimum of 300dpi

Competition opens on Monday 18th June and closes on Monday 2nd July 2018.

The entries will be on display to the public in the George Town Community Hub from the 9th to 13th July.

The major prize will be judged by a Selection Panel and public opinion. The judges decisions will be final.

The winning entries will be displayed on selected buildings in Macquarie Street, George Town and published in a coffee table book. Note: profits from the sale of the book will go towards community projects via Rotary, and the HUB Stories Festival Committee.

The winning entries will be announced on the 21st July 2018



George Town Through your Eyes PHOTO COMPETITION





The Rotary Club of George Town, Chamber of Commerce, & the George Town Council invite you to participate in the George Town "Through Your Eyes" Photo competition.

Photos must be taken within the George Town municipality area and capture elements of where you live that make it such a great place, eg beaches, vineyards, penguins, sport, our people, our trails....

All photos will be on exhibition at the Memorial Hall from the 9th to 13 July for People's Choice voting

The winning entries will be displayed on a prominent building and made into a stunning coffee table book





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