

Star of the Sea Catholic College

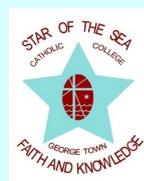
Newsletter

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“The whole point of the kingdom of God is Jesus has come to bear witness to the true truth, which is nonviolent. When God wants to take charge of the world, he doesn't send in the tanks. He sends in the poor and the meek”.

N. T. Wright

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

One of the phrases used in Christianity is the idea of “building the Kingdom of God here on Earth.” The basic idea of this is doing the things God calls us to do in order to bring about the world God dreams of. It says that we *can* live in a world of peace and justice, but we have to all work together to make it happen. God's Kingdom can only be built when everyone gets involved, not just some people.

Unfortunately in our world today we see many individuals and organisations trying to build their own kingdom rather than the Kingdom of God. We only have to look at the way football codes speak about themselves as being “the most popular code” or having the highest attendance at games. We accept that one code is more popular, but then complain when our soccer team don't get very far in the World Cup.

I remember hearing a story about the very talented sports-woman, Ellyse Perry, who was forced by her soccer coach to choose between soccer and cricket. She was then signed up by another soccer team who were prepared to work with her cricket team to enable her to play both. But these stories aren't unusual. It is sadly a common story for students of school age to be forced to choose between sports that they are talented in, or schools and clubs fighting for the services of a particular player. More examples of groups trying to build their own kingdom.

It is also not unusual for schools to try to build their own kingdom. They operate in a silo and try to build up resources and see themselves in competition with, rather than as working with, other schools. Catholic schools are just as guilty as this as any

others, quite often against other Catholic schools!

On Friday night, a very successful Indian-Australian dinner to raise funds for Vinnies was held in the Hall. Who ran it? Well, that's difficult to say, because the school, the Parish and St Vincent de Paul all worked together to make it happen. No one was particularly interested in competing with others to take all of the glory. Instead, everyone worked together in the interest of building the Kingdom of God.

At Star of the Sea we have to keep reminding ourselves of why we exist. We don't exist to build our own kingdom, but instead exist to help build the Kingdom of God. And only when we keep this aim in mind do we truly remain a *Catholic* school.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

CALENDAR

Wednesday 1st August	9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 2nd August	2:15pm Primary Assembly Parent Teacher Evening
Friday 3rd August	Country Gold selections Newstead Orientation Day - Parents and Friends meeting (see over)
Monday 6th August	Year 9 Reflection Day
Wednesday 7th August	9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @Star
Thursday 9th August	2:15pm Primary Assembly Tree Planting Day

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

International Day of Friendship

The International Day of Friendship is a United Nations (UN) day that promotes the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in many cultures. It is observed on July 30 each year.

It is also an opportunity to celebrate the gift of friendship.

Most of us have online and offline friends. Friends make our lives enjoyable and meaningful. Friends affirm what we do but they also challenge us to become better people. At the heart of friendship is love and sacrifice.

There is much wisdom about friendship in the Gospels. Jesus had 12 close friends and there are many scripture stories of Jesus being truly present to his friends in good times and hard times. Jesus calls us friends, too. He says: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

Celebrate International Friendship Day this week and do something that is not only good for your friends but it's also good for your well-being. Here are a few suggestions:

- ♥ Make the first move and phone a friend or write them a gratitude letter.
- ♥ Offer a listening heart to a friend in need.
- ♥ Bring a friend to mind and reflect on what you appreciate about them.
- ♥ Make a date to have lunch together.



Happy Friendship Day

"Oh God source of all love and goodness, thank you for the gift of friendship"

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

Stars of the Week - 26th July 2018

Kinder	Charlee Evers	For always being a switched on learner and for learning to write her name.
Prep/1	Maverick Watson	For trying to do his best in everything he does at school.
Grade 2/3	Isaiah Widdowson	For great effort with Mathematics. Well done.
Grade 3/4	Axle Sturzaker	For settling in beautifully into his new school.
Grade 5	Thalia Struzaker	For being a hard working member of the Grade 5 Class. Welcome!
Grade 6	Dan Ungerhofer	For his improved attitude and effort when completing set tasks.

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

One of the things that screens and social media have done for our young people is taken away the opportunities for them to learn how to have conversations and dialogue. Take some screen-free time each day in order to engage your children in conversation, whether at the dinner table or somewhere else.

Welcome

We welcome Isaac (Grade 3) and John Carlo (Grade 7) and their families to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Before School Supervision

Supervision for students begins at 8:30am each day. Should students arrive before then, they will not be allowed into the buildings (unless the weather is really bad) and are asked to wait in the secondary play area or down near the lower primary school.

Elevate Education

Yesterday our secondary students participated in a presentation from Elevate Education. The presentation was based around study skills and how to be prepared for tests and exams. Parents can view au.elevateeducation.com for more information.

Parent-Teacher Evening

Our Parent Teacher Evening is on this Thursday. If you haven't already booked in you can still do so, either by using the sheet that was included in reports or by calling the office.

Country Gold

A number of our Grade 5 and 6 students have been selected to try out for the Country Gold teams this Friday (weather permitting). We wish them all the best for the day.

Morning Buses

Mr Chapman is doing bus duty of the mornings to greet students as they arrive at school and also to make sure some of our younger students are crossing the road safely. On days when he is absent, another staff member will fill the role.

Book Week

This year we will celebrate Book Week on Tuesday 21st August with the theme "Find Your Treasure" Dress up as your favourite book character. Parade will start at 9.00am in the hall.

Parents and Friends

There will be a Parents and Friends meeting this Friday 3rd August at 9:00am to discuss the Father's Day breakfast. All are welcome to attend. Meet at the front Office.

COMING SOON!!!!



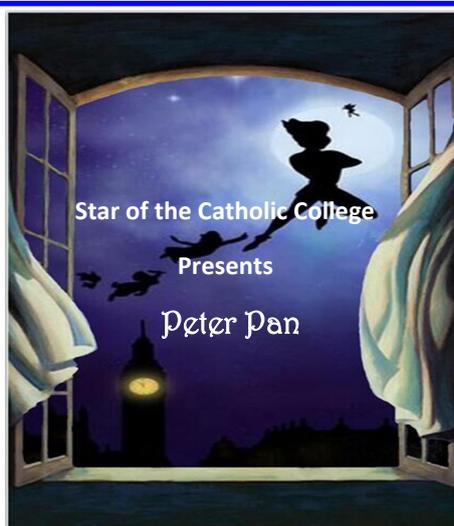
**Venue: George Town Memorial
Hall**

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th

September

Cost: \$5.00 per person

\$10.00 per family



Shout Out Winners Term 3 Week 1

Name	PBS	Reason
Maddison Hyland	L	Great job at reading with Miss Louise.
Blake Miller	S	Walking his scooter in school grounds.
Hunta Burton	L	Doing a great job sharing about his holidays.
Lillian Mather	L	Great job at reading with Miss Louise.
Lachlan Crick	L	Great job at reading with Miss Louise.
Giovanni Gandolfi	R	Spending time reading.
Ryder Hawkins	E	Always finding good things to do in kinder.
Emma Thomas	E	Being focussed during music class.
Bonnie Leslie	E	Being focussed in music class.
Sian Hawkins	E	Being focussed during music class.
Katie Holz	E	Being focussed during music class.
Billy Johnson	R	Volunteering to help clean up after breakfast club.
Giovanni Gandolfi	R	Moving seats without a fuss.
Tylar Berne	E	Being a positive member of our class.
Damien Milner	R	Using beautiful manners.
Damien Thomas	R	Volunteering to clean up after breakfast club.
Hayley Ford	E	Getting straight onto her writing task.
Isabelle Anlezark	E	Being focussed during music class.
Erin Vanderzwan	E	Being focussed during music class.
Belynda Hyland	E	Being focussed during music class.
Bronte Lignier	L	Teaching me a new thing.
Harry Lignier	R	Being quiet and still when asked.
Harry Lignier	E	Getting straight on with his writing task.
Lara Nunn	L	Being focussed and engaged in her maths.

Shout Out Draw Winners:

Harry Lignier - Movie Afternoon

Lachlan Crick - iPad or Mac time

Meningococcal W vaccine now **FREE** to all young people under 21

The State Government is extending its vaccination program due to a localised outbreak of the W strain.

The extended program will cover those most at risk of contracting and transmitting the disease and will be rolled out statewide.



Want more information?

Talk to your GP
Visit

www.health.tas.gov.au

or call the Public Health Hotline on

1800 671 738

All Tasmanians aged from six weeks to 20 years will now be able to get vaccinated for **FREE** against meningococcal W (for those born after 1 August 1997).

