

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

21ST AUGUST 2018

“Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right.”

- C. H. Spurgeon

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

My birthday usually falls within a couple of weeks of Father's Day, so this is the time of year that my wife starts asking me, "What do you want for Father's Day and your birthday?" My reply this year has been "Something that doesn't have an app to go with it."

It seems that every second purchase these days has an app that goes with it. Having a quick look through a *Harvey Norman* catalogue on the weekend, there was an app that went with a blender, an app that went with a vacuum cleaner and (believe it or not) an app that went with a toothbrush. Many of us probably feel quite confident in knowing when to brush our teeth, so I'm unsure what bonus the app would bring to the experience.

Unfortunately, life itself doesn't come with an app. We can not reach for our smartphones and download the app which helps us to deal with certain situations. We can't refer to an app to tell us how to enjoy a sunset, love our partners or that will walk the dog for us. Life is messy, and no apps can deal with the messiness that life brings. It is up to each of us to deal with it.

From a Catholic perspective, to help us deal with messiness of life we are called to live lives of *discernment*. This is the practise of listening to God and paying attention to God's presence in our inner lives of work and prayer. It takes practice and it means being prepared to listen. Most of us are very good at hearing, but not all that good at listening. Discernment is a habit that calls us to reflect on what is being said, and sometimes not being said, in order to listen to the "small, still voices" which are trying to break through.

In our world of busy-ness, where everything seems loud and fast-paced, it is not easy to hear those voices. It takes time and it takes patience. But when we do and we begin to hear God's voice in everything, then we can begin to make more sensible decisions.

The bonus of discernment is that it keeps reminding us that God is always with us. When we ask the question of where we see God in our lives, we often think of particular moments, either of hardship or of joy. But God is always with us, even in the most mundane aspects of our life. But knowing that God is always with us means that we can always be listening for God's voice, trying to discern what God is saying to us through the people that we meet and the situations in our life.

At Star of the Sea, it is important to teach our students the art of reflecting and recognising God's part in their lives. It is a difficult task, because it is not a concrete idea but quite an abstract one. But without discernment, we will no longer have wise people in our community.

Mr Richard Chapman, Principal



CALENDAR

Wednesday 22nd August	9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 23rd August	2:15pm Primary Assembly 6:30pm Mission Evening at the Parish Church
Friday 24th August	Winter Sport at Port Dalrymple School
Monday 27th August	Gold coin donation for Casual Clothes Day - see our Social Media pages for details
Tuesday 28th August	Prep-1 & 2/3 Excursion to Launceston

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

Migrant and Refugee Week

20th -26th August

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

This week we remember all Refugees who have been forcibly displaced from their homelands.

The theme for Sunday Mass in 2018 is:

“Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees”.

Pope Francis reminds us that “every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ”. By his own example, Jesus entrusts us with a mission of love that respects the dignity and fundamental rights of all people.



Some of us may not know or engage with refugees or migrants. Nonetheless, the values, attitudes and principles of extending welcome, offering protection and promoting the good of others is no less important in our society. Nano Nagle, set the example of offering hospitality, compassion and hope to those on the margins. As Presentation people, each one of us has a role in opening the door to Jesus Christ.

Stars of the Week - 16th August 2018

Kinder	William Holz	For being so engaged in building with the blocks and creating amazing things to be proud of.
Prep/1	Allira-Grayce Harris	For taking pride in the presentation of her work.
Grade 2/3	Leo Linley	For always producing work to the best of his abilities.
Grade 3/4	Sian Hawkins	For always being ready to learn and for trying her best on all tasks
Grade 5	Luke Chapman	For his enthusiastic approach to script writing.
Grade 6	Damien Thomas	For his improved attitude and focus towards his school work.

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

In order for our children to gain a spirit of discernment, we need to help them see all points of view. One thing we can do for our children is encourage them to walk in another person's shoes, to see things from another point of view.

Uniform Shop

Now in stock. Medium and Large Schoolbags. The Uniform shop is open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm in the Secondary Campus.

CCEL

A reminder that all Catholic Principals will be meeting at Star of the Sea on Thursday and Friday. Because of this, parking near the hall will be limited on those days.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our Father's Day breakfast will be held on Thursday 30th August. Invitations have been sent home with students and have also been in the newsletter. If you are hoping to attend, could you please indicate this by next Monday so we can cater for everyone.

Hay and Hampers for Hope

The Australian Primary Principals Association is attempting to have 10,000 schools raise \$100 each in order to raise \$1,000,000 to provide hay and food hampers for farmers in NSW who are suffering through the drought. Star of the Sea will take up the challenge and on **Monday August 27**, we will be having a casual clothes day and BBQ in order to raise money. We encourage everyone to get involved by wearing casual clothes for a gold coin and buying something from the BBQ.

Enrolments for 2019

We are currently in our interview stage with students and families who are wishing to enrol into Star of the Sea for 2019. If you know of anyone who would like to enrol, or just wants to find out more about the school, they are encouraged to make contact with the school.

Christ, Our Hope and Joy

"Christ, our Hope and Joy" is a Mission Evening to be held in our parish church on Thursday 23rd August, commencing at 6:30pm, concluding at 8:30pm. The Mission Evening is an initiative of the Archbishop who will give the mission talk. The evening will include song, testimony, preaching, adoration and prayer. All are encouraged to attend this evening of spiritual renewal.

Happy Birthday Father Edward

Father Edward celebrated his birthday last week with the Prep/1 Class. They enjoyed a yummy chocolate cake.



Shout Out Week 4 Term 3

Name	PBS	Reason
Tait Berlinger	S	Working solidly on his script.
Ashton Harrison	E	Being a great director for his script.
Ashton Harrison	R	Totally keeping me entertained at sport.
Oscar Smith	E	Putting away his pillow and getting ready after resting time.
Thalia Sturzaker	S	Wearing protective gear.
Izaak Holz	R	Helping out a friend.
Ruby Meessen	R	Helping the kinder and prep one classes at PMP time.
Hayley Ford	R	Great singing in church.
Olivia Hockey	L	Working well with a partner.
Areesha Imran	R	Great singing in church.
Ashton Ratcliffe	E	Putting his pillow away so nicely after resting time.
Tylar Berne	R	Reading quietly after finishing his work.
Thalia Sturzaker	S	Respecting our grounds.
Ryder Hawkins	R	Sitting beautifully in assembly today.
Izaak Holz	S	Waiting for the ball to be returned.
Luke Chapman	R	Being a soccer star.
Bronte Lignier	R	Waiting quietly.
Daisy Lindfors	S	Putting her belongings away.
Ryder Hawkins	R	Putting his resting pillow away and getting ready for book time.
Macklin Grimsey Boersma	R	Lining up straight away when the bell went.
Joshua Chapman	L	Remembering to put out his handwriting book in the morning.
Macklin Grimsey Boersma	E	Great singing in music.
Joshua Chapman	E	Lovely listening while on the mat.
Damien Milner	R	Lining up straight away when the bell went.
James Holz	L	Learning to read his blue owl words.
Lachlan Crick	L	Excellent reading.
Lucas Weston	E	Consistency and effort with his learning.
Harry Lignier	R	Waiting quietly.
Archie Parker	E	Putting his resting pillow away and getting ready for book time.
Harry Lignier	R	Getting the lunch orders for another person.
Bronte Lignier	L	Working well with another person.
Grace Mahnken	S	Keeping our computers safe.
Reagan Widdowson	L	Amazing fraction work.
Kate Symes	R	Helping a friend out.
Reagan Widdowson	R	Listening quietly.
William Holz	E	Packing up his pillow and getting ready for book time.
Zoe Gillies	R	Getting ready after resting time.
Carlie Lowe	E	Having beautiful manners at Playbay.
Carlie Lowe	L	Learning to read many new words.
Ruby Davidson	E	Putting her pillow away nicely after resting time.
Chelsie Jenkins	E	Putting her pillow away nicely after resting time.
Hunaisha Ahmed	E	Putting away her pillow and books after resting time.
Kiana Widdowson	R	Great coaching.
Oliver Schreuder	R	Trying his hardest to make sensible choices.
Oliver Schreuder	E	Being continuously focussed and engaged during reading groups.
Oliver Schreuder	E	Maintaining his focus when completing his maths jobs and for completing all of his work.
Tylar Berne	E	Great singing in music.
Henry Lindfors	E	Actively listening while on the mat.
Henry Lindfors	E	Great singing in music.
Erin Vanderzwan	R	Asking for permission before taking Miss White's whiteboard markers.
Henry Lindfors	L	Remembering to put out his handwriting book in the morning.
Charlee Evers	R	Putting her pillow away so nicely after resting time.
Isaac Leslie	E	Remaining focused during quiet reading time.
Erin Vanderzwan	L	Remembering to put out her handwriting book in the morning.
Maverick Watson	L	His love of reading.
Raphael McLeod	S	Using the equipment safely in P.M.P.
Bernard Moore	L	Learning to use tens and ones blocks to show numbers.
Leon Linley	R	Always being respectful and engaged in music.
Grace Mahnken	R	Always being respectful and engaged in music.
Jessie Anlezark	R	Always being respectful and engaged in music.
Oliver Schreuder	S	Keeping our grounds clean.

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Shout Out Week 4 Term 3

Name **PBS** **Reason**

Billy Johnson	S	Picking up rubbish.
Sabian Hawes	R	Helping to keep the classroom tidy.
Violet Smith Jones	E	Working hard with Miss Louise.
Seth Sturzaker	E	Working hard to finish his tasks.
Karol Aziz	E	Working hard to complete all tasks to the best of her ability.
Oakley Cox	S	Listening well and helping to set up PMP equipment safely.
Riley Cox	E	Great singing in music.
Briana Taber	R	Helping the kinder and prep one classes at PMP time.
Riley Cox	E	Reading straight away during quiet reading.
Damien Thomas	R	Being a sports star.
Riley Cox	E	Actively listening while on the mat.
Elijah Parker	L	His beautiful neat handwriting.
Jai Jacobs	L	Working hard with Miss Louise.
Emma Thomas	L	Persisting and getting all her spelling words correct.
Emma Thomas	L	Persevering with her work and seeking help when she needs it.
Emma Thomas	R	Looking excellent in uniform.
Billy Johnson	R	Carrying our bag.
Leo Linley	R	Displaying such beautiful manners all of the time.
Axle Sturzaker	S	Picking up rubbish.
Justin Hinkley	R	Great goal protecting.
Billy Johnson	R	Offering to sub off.
Billy Johnson	R	Being amazing.
Sian Hawkins	E	Remaining focussed during quiet reading.
Harry Lignier	R	Picking up rubbish at Friday sport.
Isaiah Widdowson	R	Sharing his basketball so we could solve a problem.
Blake Miller	R	Looking for things that needed to be done in the classroom.
Elijah Parker	L	Helping pack away Playbay.
Blake Miller	L	Helping his peers with their work.
Henry Lindfors	L	Coming into our classroom before school and immediately writing out his spelling words.
Oliver Schreuder	R	Making good choices about who to sit with in assembly.
Isaac Leslie	R	Reading quietly after finishing his work.
Maeve Lazdauskas	E	Recording her thinking while working on multiplication problems.
Erin Vanderzwan	R	Making good choices about who to sit with in assembly.
Daisy Lindfors	R	Working quietly.
Isabelle Anlezark	S	Keeping our grounds clean.

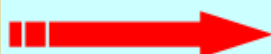
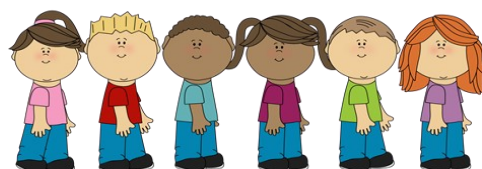
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Shout Out Draw Winners:

Charlee Eyers- Movie afternoon
Charlie Lowe - In the draw for a
Cinema ticket at the end of term

PBS Focus: Safe

We line up quietly with our hands to ourselves.



Please join us!!!

**THANK YOU
DAD
FOR EVERYTHING**

*Fathers and father figures are welcome to have
breakfast with their children*



Father's Day breakfast.

Thursday August 30th.

7:30am - 8:30am in the Hall.



Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Name of those attending: _____

Dietary requirements: _____



All the fun from Book Week



COMING SOON!!!!

**Venue: George Town Memorial
Hall**

Thursday 13th & Friday 14th

September

Cost: \$5.00 per person

\$10.00 per family

**Tickets now on sale at the
College Office**

