

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

7TH AUGUST 2018

“Life doesn’t get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient.”

- Steve Maraboli

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

I attended a conference during the holidays and heard all sorts of information, research and opinions from many different people, but the part that has stuck in my head was from one particular speaker who mentioned *resilience* in their talk.

They said that if you want to build resilience, you put children in uncomfortable situations.

This really struck a chord with me because in recent years *resilience* has become one of the latest buzz words in education and every second school is trying to convince its parent community that through one thing or another they are building the resilience of the students. But when you look into some of these initiatives, no matter how well meaning, you tend to find that resilience is a topic being talked about in class.

But talking about resilience in class is a bit like trying to teach someone to drive a car in a class. You can talk about it all

you want, you can use as many diagrams and videos and examples as you want, but you can’t really teach someone to drive a car unless they actually step into a car and start the engine.

And that is a bit like what resilience is like. Resilience is something that is gained from experience and reflecting upon that experience, not something that can be explained in a classroom. And that provides challenges for us as parents. Because we would like our children to be happy and will often do what we can to make them so, sometimes trying to remove the bumps in the road of life. But it is those bumps that can build resilience for our children and it is those bumps that are exactly what they need in order to fully flourish.

We may all remember a parent or teacher in our youth whose response to us when we brought a complaint or problem to them

was “get over it,” or some such response. (My own mother’s response to me discussing a tough day at school was that I needed to grow a thicker skin. We tended to call a spade a spade in our house when I was growing up). While these responses may seem blunt, it was probably what we needed at the time in order to build a bit of resilience and move on with our lives.

It is always a balance to show love to our children and to also help them learn that life will have bumps and we have to get over those bumps and keep moving forward, rather than letting the bumps hold us up. But if we are to truly be the people God calls us to be, we need for our children to face those uncomfortable situations in order to fully flourish.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

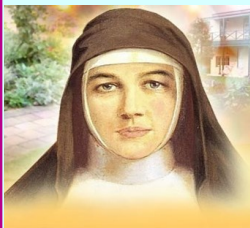
CALENDAR

Wednesday 8th August	9:00am - 10:30am Playgroup @ Star Black Box tour (Grade 5)
Thursday 9th August	Maths Competition 2:15pm Primary Assembly
Friday 10th August	Primary Winter Sport @ Beaconsfield
Wednesday 15th August	NO PLAYGROUP 9:15am Mass of the Assumption

Please see our social media site for more information on:

* 120th Anniversary celebrations for the Karoola church on September 2nd.

Star of the Sea Catholic College acknowledges the Leterremairener people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

Religious Education and Faith Development

Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Wednesday, 8th of August celebrates the feast of St Mary of the Cross, Australia's first saint. Mary Mackillop was born in Melbourne in 1842. As a young woman she worked as a governess and teacher to support her family. She founded St Joseph's School in 1866, the first free Catholic school in Australia. She founded the religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, in response to seeing the need for the education of disadvantaged children.

The ministry grew to support women and families struggling in poverty.

Mary was a woman of faith whose life bore witness to being able to live out the Gospel. At a young age, she had a sense of God working in her life which led her to her religious calling. St Mary of the Cross sowed the seeds of compassion, fighting for justice for the marginalized. Mary MacKillop, like Jesus, was a person who was aware of the needs of her community. She knew what it meant to be poor from her upbringing and was determined to help those who were less fortunate. St Mary of the Cross lived with Christ in her heart.

Mary died in 1909, and was canonized on 17 October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. Her practical nature and her generosity of spirit is reflective of much of our Australian culture.

College and Parish Mass

The 15th of August is the feast of Assumption and we will be having a whole school Mass with the parish commencing at 9.15 am. All are welcome to attend.

Stars of the Week - 2nd August 2018

Kinder	Zoe Gillies	For always listening well and then doing what she has been asked to do.
Prep/1	Seth Sturzaker	For being eager to join in with class discussions.
Grade 2/3	Maddison Hyland	For working so hard to complete her literacy tasks. Well done Maddi.
Grade 3/4	Thomas Lowe	For engaging in classroom tasks and communicating with others in a positive way.
Grade 5	Tait Berlingeri	For always helping out others when they need a hand.
Grade 6	Lara Nunn	For her enthusiasm and effort during our Patterns and Algebra Unit in Maths.

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

When a child comes home complaining about the day, and, having listened, you feel that it is a bit of an overreaction, one way of getting them to think about it is by asking the question: "Will this matter in 5 day's time? In 5 week's time? In 5 month's time? In 5 year's time?" It can help put things in perspective.

Road Safety

The No Standing signs along William St have been readjusted to make them easier to see. A reminder to all parents and families when dropping off and picking up their children to not park on the yellow lines as this can lead to other drivers not having a good line of sight to the crossing.

Parent Teacher Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parent Teacher Evening and for the positive conversations that occurred. If you could not attend but would still like to speak to a teacher, remember that conversations about how your child is going in class are not limited to one day a year! Feel free to call the office at any time and make an appointment.

Tree Planting

Grade 6s and Kinder will be part of Bell Bay Aluminium's Tree Planting day along Bridport Road. Due to the weather forecast, this has now been rescheduled for next Wednesday, 15th August.

Enrolments for 2019

We are about to begin our interview process for 2019 enrolments. We would hope to have all Kinder and Year 7 enrolments close to being finalised by the end of the term so transition can occur in Term 4. If you haven't put in your enrolment form yet we encourage you to do so soon. If you know of others who would like to enrol their children at Star of the Sea, please encourage them to do so soon. We have space available in all year levels, so if you know of people considering enrolling their children at Star of the Sea, please encourage them to book an appointment at the office to have a chat with the Principal, Mr Chapman, to find out more.

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.

Elevate Education

Last Monday Elevate Education presented to the secondary students. This is the second year we arranged these lessons in the hope of improving student outcomes. Elevate education programs aim to help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance.

Year 9 and 10 took part in a Study Sensei workshop and Year 7 and 8 took part in the workshop Junior Time Management.

Students completed feedback forms at the end of the sessions which were very positive. Here are a couple of sample comments:-

"It was really good and I will definitely try these"

"A decent program, made me realise there are many ways to study"

We hope students took something away from their sessions that will benefit their present and also their future.

Mrs Karen Tame



Country Gold Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Tamar region in the upcoming Country Gold Festival! Students will play in teams with students from Port Dalrymple, South George Town, Lilydale, Beaconsfield and Exeter schools.

Hockey: Giovanni Gandolfi, Brianna Taber, Kate Symes & Ashton Harrison

Netball: Monique Hawkins & Ella Erb

Soccer: Damien Thomas, Justin Hinkley & Molly Leslie

We wish them all the very best of luck for the Carnival and associated training sessions.

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.



Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Kerrin and Adam on the safe arrival of their son, Brady. A little brother for Bailey, Ava and Aria.

"Every good and perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17

Meanwhile, Kinder had a very important visitor yesterday, Father Eddie.



Please join us!!!



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: _____

Shout Out Week 2 Term 3

Name	PBS	Reason
Damien Milner	R	Packing away all of the leftover chairs.
Thalia Sturzaker	R	Helping with the netball gear.
Maverick Watson	E	Good attention in German.
Henry Lindfors	R	Following instructions promptly.
Maverick Watson	S	Keeping the classroom tidy.
Karol Aziz	S	Keeping the classroom tidy.
Karol Aziz	E	Good attention in German.
Karol Aziz	R	Sitting with legs crossed ready to listen when asked.
Carlie Lowe	R	Always using Please and thank you.
Joshua Chapman	R	For enthusiastic cleaning.
Riley Cox	R	Following instructions promptly.
Joshua Chapman	E	Being focussed during music class.
Ryder Hawkins	E	Helping to pack away all of the blocks that he didn't even play with.
Sabian Hawes	R	Sitting with his legs crossed ready to listen when asked.
Karol Aziz	L	Learning to spell so many new words.
Sabian Hawes	L	Writing his own sentences.
Leo Linley	L	Focus with class work.
Billy Johnson	L	Terrific focus when learning to read notes in music.
Harry Lignier	L	Providing reasons for his answers.
Kiana Widdowson	R	Volunteering to put the flags up.
Kiana Widdowson	L	Terrific focus and being first to "get it" when learning to read notes in music.
Maddison Hyland	L	Great maths work.
Lachlan Crick	L	Fabulous focus with reading.
Lachlan Crick	L	Focus with classwork.
Kiana Widdowson	S	Safely using the laminator.
Jessie Anlezark	S	Playing safely on our school equipment.
Grace Mahnken	S	Playing safely in the yard.
James Holz	E	Participating really well during P.E.
Lillian Mather	E	Working hard to finish class jobs.
Axle Struzaker	E	Staying focussed in art.
Damien Milner	L	Reading with Miss Lee, working hard on lots of tricky words.
Tait Berlingeri	E	Concentrating well during handwriting practise.
Reagan Widdowson	E	Skimming websites for relevant information about planets.
Reagan Widdowson	E	Amazing grouping numbers.
Kate Symes	L	Using skimming and scanning to read texts quickly.
Daisy Lindfors	E	Working without talking to others.
Katie Holz	E	Staying focussed in art.
William Holz	E	Being such a great helper at packing away the big blocks.
Jaxsyn Pollock	L	Focus with his spelling words.
Maddison Hyland	L	Focus with her spelling words.
Savannah Gray	E	Choosing something great to do in the morning instead of running around the room.
Leo Linley	R	Showing great manners during sharing time.
Erin Vanderzwan	E	Being an engaged learner in Music.
Blake Miller	E	Clever pattern work in music.
Thomas Lowe	E	Clever pattern work in music.
Bernard Moore	E	Concentrating to get his work finished.
Henry Lindfors	R	Taking the initiative to clean the classroom.
Hunta Burton	E	Being a sports star.
Hunta Burton	S	Bringing your lunch box inside.
Charlee Evers	R	Putting away the instruments after music.
Brianna Taber	S	Safely using the laminator.
Belynda Hyland	E	Choosing excellent library books that you are eager to keep reading.
Belynda Hyland	E	Clever pattern work in music class.
Erin Vanderzwan	E	Clever pattern work in music class.
Jai Jacobs	R	Being thoughtful towards his classmates.
Grace Mahnken	L	Great work in German.
Ryder Hawkins	E	Helping to pack away the blocks that he hadn't even played with.
Ashton Harrison	E	Getting straight on with his task.
Sabian Hawes	L	Great reading.
Zoe Gillies	E	Helping so well to pack away all of the blocks that she didn't even play with.

Shout Out Draw Winners:

Katie Holz -

30 Free Choice

Belynda Hyland -

10 minutes extra recess

Shout Out Week 2 Term 3 continued

Name	PBS	Reason
Macklin Grimsey Boersma	R	Listening to and following instructions promptly.
Allira Grayce Harris	E	Always sharing ideas during discussions.
Isabelle Anlezark	E	Being an engaged learner in music.
Isabelle Anlezark	R	Taking the initiative to clean the classroom.
Declan Anlezark	E	Helping to pack away all of the blocks.
Damien Milner	R	Taking the initiative to clean the classroom.
Izaak Holz	L	Staying focussed on his science research.
Seth Sturzaker	R	Saying please and thank you.
Seth Sturzaker	E	Joining in with discussions.
Olivia Hockey	L	Sharing her knowledge of Google Doc graphing.
Ashton Ratcliffe	E	Doing an amazing job of packing up the big blocks.
Axle Sturzaker	E	Clever pattern work in music.
Allira Grayce Harris	E	Good attention in German.
Oakley Cox	E	Illustrating his work so beautifully.
Archie Parker	E	Being such a great helper at packing up the big blocks.
Grace Mahnken	L	Focus with classwork.
Jai Jacobs	E	Starting his work quickly.
Elijah Parker	L	Trying really hard to improve his reading.
Elijah Parker	E	Working hard to write his sentences.
Macklin Grimsey Boersma	E	Being so engaged in his reading during quiet reading.
William Hills	L	Focus with handwriting.
Hayley Ford	L	Carefully completing her handwriting practice.
Hunta Burton	R	Returning to class with lunch box.
Sian Hawkins	E	Clever pattern work in music.
Hunta Burton	E	Concentrating really hard in art.
Luke Chapman	E	Getting straight on with his task.
Jack Lindfors	E	Being a focussed learner.
Ashton Meessen	L	For being a focussed learner.
Zay Widdowson	R	Helping a friend with his sewing.
Leo Linley	L	Great work in German.
Bonnie Leslie	R	Following instructions promptly.
Tylar Berne	L	Being an active reader.
Maeve Lazdauskas	L	Carefully doing her handwriting practice.
Raphael McLeod	L	Learning to read many new words.
Hunta Burton	L	Working on higher and lower numbers.
Luke Chapman	R	Helping others on the Chromebook.
Emma Thomas	R	Helping me to pick up all of my things.

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**

