

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

“If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, learn to trust, share their feelings, and grow.”

- Alfie Kohn

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



We live in a society where we are forever being judged. The rise of social media means we judge each other and ourselves against some pretty unrealistic expectations. Reality TV shows are constantly about judging human beings and what they are capable of. The shows judge them on how attractive or “compatible” they are with someone else, how well they can sing, how well they can cook, or how appealing they are as a person when they are cooped up with a bunch of other people on an island for a month playing ridiculous games that have no bearing on real life.

Schools need to be safe places where children do not feel like they are being judged. We need to create safe experiences where children can try things out

without fear of whether someone will score them a low mark, not hand them a rose or vote them off an island.

With this in mind, it was great to see our secondary students perform last week in the College production of *Peter Pan*. The George Town Memorial Hall is a million miles away from big city theatres, but it provided a safe place for our students to test out their talents.

Their director, Mrs Karen Stewart, also created a safe place for the students to extend and improve on their skills, whether that be on stage or off.

The cast and crew managed to create a safe and supportive place for each

other to play their role without a fear of embarrassment or humiliation.

And the audience managed to create a safe and supportive space for the students to perform. They involved themselves in the production, and their responses and applause gave the cast great confidence.

I have seen instances where the general attitude of a school production seems to be that it has to be better than another particular school's. Quite frankly, I couldn't care less if *Peter Pan* was better or worse than any other school production in the history of the world. What I do care about is that our current students had a safe environment to practise their skills.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

CALENDAR

Wednesday 19th September	9.00-10.30am Playgroup @ Star End of Term Assembly 11.30am in Church 9:15am —10:45am Year 6 Transition
Thursday 20th September	Country Gold (no primary assembly)
Friday 21st September	Country Gold
Monday 24th September	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 26th September	9.00-10.30am Playgroup @ Star 9:15am 10:45am Year 6 Transition
Friday 28th September	End of Term 3
Tuesday 16th October	First day of Term 4

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

Hello Spring!

We have begun to celebrate the return of the season of spring and the world of nature is renewing itself. As we watch trees blossoming, the earth begins to warm up, the days lengthen and birds are bravely collecting bits and bobs to build their nests and we look forward to seeing the beauty of nature in its next phase of splendour.

Pope Francis has designated an annual day of prayer, 1st of September to pray for all creation. Though we have passed this day, in the coming month, let's find ways to appreciate the beauty of the world. Let's remember that as stewards of creation we thank God for his wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and work to protect all creation.

St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of the environment, inspires us to appreciate and respect God's creation in Cantic of the Sun.

Cantic of the Sun

Song written by St. Francis of Assisi (excerpt)

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord **Brother Sun**,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through **Sister Moon**
and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through **Brother Wind**,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through **Sister Water**,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste

Praised be You, my Lord, through **Brother Fire**,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through **Sister Mother Earth**,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.



FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

A big part of children developing into healthy human beings as adults is feeling confident enough to take risks. As school and family, we always have to ask ourselves the question as to whether we have created an environment where our children are comfortable to take risks and make mistakes.

Supervision after school

We love that our families enjoy playing together in the grounds after school each day. Could we please remind parents to supervise their child/ren at this time to prevent any injuries and to support them if any issues arise. Thanks as always for your support.

Country Gold

Congratulations and good luck to Monique Hawkins, Ella Erb, Damien Thomas, Justin Hinkley, Molly Leslie, Giovanni Gandolfi, Brianna Taber, Kate Symes and Ashton Harrison who will be participating in this week's Country Gold tournament on Thursday and Friday.

Secondary Sport

Well done to our Div. 2, 7/8 netball team who were awarded this year's pennant, being undefeated in their division.

Year 10 Work Experience

Next week our Year 10s are on work experience for the week. Thank you to Mr Goodall and Mrs Hills for their organisation around this. It will mean some changes in option classes for our Year 9s.

End of Term Assembly

Because of Year 10 work experience, our End of Term Assembly is occurring tomorrow at 11:30am. Parents and families are most welcome to attend.

Year 7 Transition

Tomorrow will see the first day of Year 7 transition, where our Grade 6s from Star of the Sea and other schools will start to get used to secondary school. We hope it is an enjoyable time for them all.

Welcome

We welcome Angel (Year 7) and Abigail (Year 5) and their families to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here as part of the community.

Positions at the College

Some of our families may be aware that Star of the Sea advertised on the weekend for some positions for 2019. Mrs Chris Jones will finish in her role of SLN at the end of this year, but will still be at our school next year. The Primary teacher position is being advertised as some of our teachers are on limited tenure contracts rather than being ongoing.

First Day of Term 4

First day of Term 4 for 2018 will be Tuesday 16th October. Parents are asked to note that Summer Uniform is to be worn at the start of Term 4. The uniform shop is open on Thursday's from 2pm till 4pm and **will not** be open during the school holidays.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Oliver Cook who last week competed in the World Triathlon Series on the Gold Coast. Then on Saturday he coached the Launceston Football Club to a premiership in the State Development League.

Michael Mangan visit

Last week students were entertained by singer/songwriter Michael Mangan. A former specialist music teacher, he has composed over 250 pieces which are widely used in Liturgy and Religious Education programmes in schools and parishes throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. His compositions are known for their "singability" and suitability for liturgical celebrations, especially with children.



Shout Out Week 7 Term 3

Name	PBS	Reason
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Ruby Meessen	E	Being a great team player.
James Holz	L	Learning to read his blue owl words.
Allira- Grayce Harris	R	Listening and following instructions and showing lovely manners.
Maverick Watson	E	Listening and following instructions and showing lovely manners.
Jai Jacobs	L	Working hard to learn the letters and sounds of the alphabet.
Elijah Parker	E	Excellent participation in drama lessons.
Charlee Eysers	L	Perfect walking back from P.E.
Hunta Burton	E	His excellent contribution to his group on ukulele.
Bernard Moore	L	Using new words during discussions.
Sabian Hawes	R	Listening and following instructions and showing lovely manners.
Daisy Lindfors	E	Awesome duolingo work.
Elijah Parker	R	Listening and following instructions and showing lovely manners.
Seth Sturzaker	R	Using beautiful manners in the classroom.
Maverick Watson	E	Always working hard to finish all tasks.
Raphael McLeod	S	Packing up after finishing with class equipment.
Violet Smith Jones	R	Using her good manners in the classroom.
Karol Aziz	E	Coming to the mat as soon as she is asked.
Karol Aziz	R	Listening and following instructions and showing lovely manners.
Kate Symes	E	Great duolingo work.
Hunta Burton	E	Engaged in maths lessons.
Oakley Cox	S	Cleaning our classroom.
Oakley Cox	L	Working hard to finish his tasks.
Allira Grayce Harris	E	Working hard with Miss Baker in speech.
Sabian Hawes	L	Learning to read many new words.
Thalia Sturzaker	E	Working hard on your activities.
Reagan Widdowson	E	Awesome work on duolingo.
Hunta Burton	E	Awesome team effort.
Carlie Lowe	E	Joining in well at discussion times.





Congratulations to the cast and crew of Peter Pan
on your successful production.





*You are invited to our
End of Term 3 Assembly
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
Wednesday 19th September
@ 11.30am
Please join us*