

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

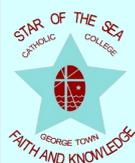
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From the Principal

It will be a great day when our schools have all the money they need, and our air force has to have a bake-sale to buy a bomber. -

Robert Fulghum

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



The Federal Government recently announced that they had reached a funding deal for Catholic and independent schools after 12 months of uncertainty. Whilst it is good to have some clarity around where Catholic schools stand with their funding over the coming years, I don't pretend to know the ins and outs of the deal. The funding of schools is an extremely complex and messy business, and whilst there are many commentators who believe they know it all and can explain it all in 200 words or less and can tell us what is wrong or right with the deal, I tend not to pay much attention to them.

In reading the reports about the deal, however, a couple of things have worried me.

The first is the narrative that suggests that students who attend the different schools, whether they be Government, Catholic or independent schools, are in some way different. There seems to be this unwritten suggestion that what school you

attend determines what sort of person you or your family are. And because of this, all of the people who attend a Government school can be neatly explained into one category, whilst students who attend Catholic and independent schools can be just as neatly explained into another category. It is as if a student who comes to Star of the Sea from a Government school, or a student who leaves Star of the Sea to go to a Government school, somehow changes their inner nature.

Of course it is silly to suggest that these students are different. In the end, most parents send their children to a school with the same hopes for them, that they will flourish in the school environment, whether it be Government, Catholic or independent.

The other worrying thing is that Australian school students seem to be being used as pawns in the game of politics. Rather than discussions that matter, like how

can we improve the learning of our students and the quality of teaching, we are left with arguments over what school sector gets how much money, how it is or isn't a "fair go," and how one political party or another would do it better. It seems to be the old story of how well a student learns is dependent upon how much money is thrown at the school they attend.

But how well a student learns is dependent upon the quality of teaching, the knowledge of the student, and how comfortable an environment can be set up for the student. Everything else is just fluff and nonsense. So no matter how much money comes or doesn't come Star of the Sea's way in the next few years, if it isn't primarily used for these things, we will have probably wasted it.

**Mr Richard Chapman
Principal**

CALENDAR

Monday 24th - Friday 19th September	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 26th September	9.00am —10.30am Playgroup @ Star Year 6 Transition
Thursday 27th September	Primary Assembly 2.15pm in Junior Campus
Friday 28th September	Girls Football Gala Day Final Day 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

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Help People

As we enter the last week of term we celebrate the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Thursday, 27th September. Vincent de Paul was a French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor in France in the 17th Century. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. For this reason, a French student, Frederic Ozanam took him as the inspiration and namesake for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a lay Catholic organisation working for the relief of the poor.

Today, St Vincent de Paul operates in 140 countries. In Australia there are 60,000 members and volunteers who work hard to assist people in need. Poverty is of great concern to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the organisation works hard to provide practical assistance to those in need and advocate for changes that will assist people to “build bridges out of poverty.”

Today we have a vibrant and strong conference in George Town who work hard to provide considerable support in our local area. On the feast of St Vincent de Paul we thank them for the commitment and services they provide to the needy.

As a College we endeavour to support them through Mini Vinnies and the many small projects happening in our College. This term, staff and the Principal Association brought in groceries for St Vincent de Paul and on behalf of Vinnies, I thank all those who have made generous contributions.

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion



FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

What to do over the holidays? Sleep in, have plenty of time outside, have plenty of time to be bored and so fire the imagination.

Term 4 Dates

Term 4 starts on **Tuesday 16th October**. The Monday is a catch-up for the Launceston Show public holiday. There will be no staff or students at school on the Monday. For most students, Term 4 ends on Thursday 20th December. The College office will be closed over the holidays.

Year 10 Work Experience

This week our Year 10s are on work experience and Mrs Broughton and Mrs Armstrong are taking some leave. Because of this our secondary option classes will not run in the usual manner.

MindMatters Survey

Recently our staff and students have completed a survey through MindMatters around the provision of information and services in our school for mental health. We will use the feedback from these surveys to plan ahead for how we can best support our students.

Becoming Catholic

You will notice on today's newsletter an invitation for those interested in becoming Catholic, or if they are Catholic, finding out more about their faith. This is mainly aimed at adults and young adults (perhaps in secondary school). If you would like any younger children to participate in the sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Eucharist) you are invited to contact Mrs Nora Wood through the school

Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Mathematics Competition. Special congratulations to the following students:

Distinction:	Katie Holz			
Credit:	Joshua Chapman John-Carlo Gabriel Briana Hinkley	Harry Lignier Angus Lindfors	Monique Hawkins Lachlan Bester	Molly Leslie Emmerson Martin
Proficiency:	Bonnie Leslie Ashton Harrison Seth Harris	Erin Vanderzwan Damien Thomas Oscar Lindfors	Thomas Lowe Alyssa Hill	Areesha Imran Briannah Burton

End Term 3 Awards



Nano Nagle Badge Winners



Sports Champions: most valuable players for NHSSA Football, Hockey and Netball season



NHSSA Netball Coaches: Tayla Sands, Isabella Brunacci (Briana Hinkley absent)

Term 3 Awards Kinder to Grade 6 Application to Learning Award

Kinder	Declan Anlezark		Prep/1	Karol Aziz
Grade 2/3	Jack Lindfors		Grade 3/4	Emma Thomas
Grade 5	Ashton Harrison		Grade 5	Riley Phillips



Grades 7 to 10 Merit Awards

Grade 7	Tanesha Batten	Improvement and application in Mathematics
	Hayley Blyth	Improvement and application in Mathematics
	Hayley Cox	Improvement and application in Mathematics
	Lydia Holz	Improvement and application in Mathematics
	Rachael Millner	Improvement and application in Mathematics
	Eleanor Crooks	Improvement and application in Mathematics
Grade 8	Daniel Thomas	Application and Effort in all subjects
	Angus Lindfors	Application and Effort in all subjects
	Brayden Ford	Application and Effort in all subjects
	Bronte Miller	Application and Effort in all subjects
Grade 9	Madison Scott	Application and Effort in all subjects
	Tayte Butler	Application and Effort in Maths and Science
	Seth Harris	Application and Effort in all subjects
Grade 10	Carissa Holz	Dedication and Efficiency in Hospitality
	Logan Goodall	Application and Achievement in all subject areas
	Emerson Martin	Application and Achievement in all subject areas

Thanks to everyone who supported Footy Colours Day!



Country Gold Sport Report

Tamar Burras Hockey Team - Ashton Harrison Grade 5

My hockey team was called the Tamar Burras. At the start of the day we had the opening ceremony and all the teams were announced one by one.

On Thursday we worked very well as a team and it was a lot fun getting to say hello to everyone after not seeing them in so long. We lost 5-3 in the first game and in between games I enjoyed watching our opponents play. The second game was very close, 2 - 3, we also lost that one.

On Friday we had our second lot of games. We won our third game 9-0 and our fourth game was 7 - 2, another win.

At the end of the day we had a closing ceremony and our team got second. On our team a student from another school named Alec, was awarded MVP (Most Valuable Player), so he went to the all-stars team. We wish him well.



Tamar Hockeyroos Team - Giovani Gandolfi Grade 5

In the first game the Tamar Hockeyroos played we tied 4-4. The second game we smashed our opponents 8-0. They weren't hitting that hard so it made life easy for me as a goalkeeper.

On Friday we were playing the first game. We won 9-0 and I got some good saves in. We made into the grand final but we lost 2-5.

Country Gold Sport Report cont.

Netball Team - Ella Erb Grade 6

Thursday and Friday last week Monique and I were chosen to play netball for Country Gold in Launceston at the Silverdome. There were 3 courts and we got to play on all of them, Court 3 was my favourite. I really appreciate the work our coaches did in teaching and supporting us through the whole experience. Unfortunately we didn't get in the finals, but we still had a great time.

Soccer Team - by the Soccer Team

Last week some of the Grade 6 students were chosen to play Soccer for Country Gold. We played all of the games at Faulkner Park and the weather was good, it didn't rain. Both of the teams (boys and girls) were undefeated and won their Grand Finals. It was a fun experience and we are glad we were part of the teams.

Becoming Catholic

Have you ever thought
about becoming Catholic?

Are you Catholic but
want to know more
about your faith and
deepen your experience
of *being* Catholic?

You are welcome to come
to a casual information
session to find out more:

Monday 29th October
6.30pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, George Town

*Further monthly gatherings will follow for those who wish
to continue on the journey of discovery.*

For further information contact Belinda Chapman ph: 0418 141 171

Free Catholicism