

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

4TH SEPTEMBER 2018

I believe forgiveness is the best form of love in any relationship. It takes a strong person to say they're sorry and an even stronger person to forgive.

- Yolanda Hadid

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

Human beings are made to be in relationship with each other. We are not created to live solitary lives. But that doesn't mean relationships come easy. Sometimes creating and maintaining relationships can be very hard, indeed.

When we think back over our lives we can probably think of a lot of relationships we have been involved in. Some were very easy relationships, where talking to the other person was as natural as walking. Other relationships, however, may have been very hard. We may have needed every ounce of mental strength to be able to speak without our words or actions becoming toxic towards that person.

Unfortunately, not all of our relationships are healthy, and it poses questions for us as to how we should proceed. For relationships to work, both people need to be working on them. All of the work can't come

from just one person with the other person feeling they don't have to change the way they approach things in order to make it work.

As Christians it is important that our responses in all of our relationships are those of grace, compassion and love. But Christ does not call upon us to sacrifice our mental, spiritual or emotional health if all it does is lead to more hurt and pain.

Our children are still learning how to be in relationship with each other. That is partly what school is about. When we say that we send our children to school for the "social aspect" of it, what we are really saying is we send them to school in the hope that they will learn how to be in relationship with others. Some students seem to be natural at this and their personality and demeanour allows them to cruise through school with no great issues with anyone else. For others, though,

it doesn't come naturally, and as adults we need to give them some guidance as to how best to deal with the up and downs of relationships.

Unfortunately, some parts of our society seem to be losing the art of being in relationship due to the use of social media. That is not to say social media is either good or bad, but we can't use it with the thought that it will replace the usual way of being in relationship. Nor can we use it to avoid being in real relationship. If we do either of these things, our chances of learning the art of being in positive relationships will be pretty slim. And it is this art that all of our children need to learn.

*(the ideas for this reflection come from David Haas' book, That You May Have Life: 12 Spiritual Practices to Nurture Your Call to Holiness)*

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### CALENDAR

Wednesday 5th September	9.00am —10.30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 6th September	2:15pm Primary Assembly Grade 5/6 Smart Garden Excursion
Friday 7th September	Primary Winter Sport at Lilydale
<b>Tuesday 11th September</b>	<b>Information Evening in the Primary Campus 6.30pm till 8.30pm</b>
Wednesday 12th September	9.00am —10.30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 13th September	1.35pm Grandparents Day (no Primary Assembly) 6.00 pm Peter Pan Performance
Friday 14th September	6.00pm Peter Pan Performance

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

## Year 7's Visit to Ainslie

Last week Year 7 students continued their outreach program with a visit to the residents at Ainslie. They planned a board games afternoon with Mrs Stewart, and the students brought a great selection of games to play. It was a fun afternoon and that was echoed in the laughter, smiles, banter and conversations that were happening at every table.

The students met the Ainslie Care dog, Ava, who was most friendly and welcoming. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon and both students and residents are looking forward to coming together again in Term 4.

In the footsteps of Nano Nagle, they took up the invitation to shine their lights and reach out with love, kindness and inclusivity to the wonderful elderly people in our community who are no longer as mobile as they would like to be and who appreciate the company of our young people.

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion



## Stars of the Week - 30th August 2018

Kinder	Declan Anlezark	For always playing and staying busy at things at Kindergarten.
Prep/1	Bernard Moore	For supporting younger students at P.M.P. time.
Grade 2/3	Jaxsyn Pollock	For displaying excellent effort and focus during all literacy activities this term.
Grade 3/4	Oliver Schreuder	For engaging in classroom tasks and communicating with others in a positive way.
Grade 5	Olivia Hockey	For excellent effort and progress in Maths.
Grade 6	Kiana Widdowson	For being an engaged learner in Health lessons.

## FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

The best place for children to learn how to be in relationship with each other is, of course, in the home. It is here that they receive their initial modelling of relationships, and it is here that we, as adults, need to work on our relationships the most.

### Peter Pan

Have you got your tickets to Peter Pan yet? It is only just over a week away, and the hard working students and staff are eager to show what they have been practising. Tickets are available at the College office.

### Michael Mangan visit

Next Tuesday afternoon our Primary school will be lucky enough to attend a Michael Mangan concert here at the school. Michael Mangan is an Australian singer/songwriter who 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. Most of the songs we have used this year in our Masses and liturgies have been Michael Mangan songs.

### Primary Sport

This Friday is the last round of Winter Sport for our Grade 5s and 6s. They should be congratulated on the way they have conducted themselves each week at the winter sports and their good examples of fair play and inclusion.

### Secondary Winter Sport

We wish our secondary teams who have made the finals this year in their winter sport roster the best of luck. We also pass on a big thanks to Mr Cook, Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Tame (plus others who have filled-in) for taking the students through to Launceston each week, and to Brianna and Tayla from Year 10 for their coaching and umpiring roles throughout the season.

### Information Evening

Next Tuesday 11th September we are holding an Open Evening for families interested in enrolling their children at Star of the Sea Catholic College in 2019. If you know of someone who has expressed interest, please invite them along. Current families are also welcome should they want a tour of the College!

### Grandparents Day

Next Thursday 13th September we are having a little celebration to recognise our Grandparents and the work they do for our students and in the community. We would like to invite the grandparents of all of our Primary students along (most of our secondary students are out on Production all week) for a short prayer in the church at 1:35pm, followed by afternoon tea and a chance to visit classrooms. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

**You are invited to attend our Grandparents Day celebrations**

**1.35pm - Prayer Service @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Church**

**followed by**

**Afternoon Tea at the Hall**

**and**

**Classroom visits**



#### RSVP

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ family members from the \_\_\_\_\_ family attending the Grandparent Celebrations on Thursday 13th September starting at 1.35pm

Dietary requirements?: \_\_\_\_\_



## Hospitality Class

The Hospitality Class, along with Mrs Armstrong helped with the catering at the CCEL conference held at Star of the Sea recently. The students are to be commended on an outstanding job.



## Netball

Congratulations to our Grade 9/10 and 7/8 Netball teams who have had a great Netball season.

Our Grade 9/10 team are through to the grand final next Wednesday and the Grade 7/8 team playing in the 3rds have finished sixth position and our 2nds have gone through undefeated and will play in the grand final next Thursday



## Prep/1 Shout Out Reward

Prep /1 went on a lovely walk around the cove as part of their Shout Out reward.





## Prep 1/2 & Grade 2/3 Excursion

Last Tuesday Grades P/1 and 2/3 went on an excursion to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. The main focus of our excursion was to visit the Planetarium and find out more about our night sky. We also explored the possibility of whether there were other forms of intelligent life on other planets. We found out that for life to exist on other planets the conditions had to be just right, not too hot and not too cold and windy (or the Goldilocks Principle). While we were there we also visited the other areas in the museum, including the Spider exhibit, Dinosaurs and animal exhibit, Train area, Outdoor Sound exhibit and Fun factory area. We had a fantastic time and learned so much about our planet Earth.



**Prep 1/2** - Some of our fabulous portraits of our marvellous dads.



## Shout Out Week 6 Term 3

Name	PBS	Reason
Grace Mahnken	L	Being awesome and not letting others distract her.
Kiana Widdowson	E	Working well in science.
Kiana Widdowson	S	Helping to clean up the classroom.
Kiana Widdowson	S	Lining up after recess.
Oakley Cox	E	Getting straight to work and finishing his tasks today.
Bernard Moore	L	Going to his table quickly to begin his work.
James Holz	E	Working hard to finish his work.
Bernard Moore	R	Doing morning classroom jobs without being asked.
Luke Chapman	R	Doing as asked.
Sabian Hawes	S	Cleaning up the classroom.
Brianna Taber	E	Working well in science.
Leo Linley	L	Being awesome and not letting others distract him.
Carlie Lowe	R	Allowing someone else to go first to cheer them up.
Carlie Lowe	E	Listening so well in the library.
Billy Johnson	S	Helping clean the classroom.
Billy Johnson	E	Working well in science.
Raphael McLeod	E	Working hard to finish his tasks.
Monique Hawkins	L	Finding an answer to Mr E's word challenge.
Monique Hawkins	E	Working well in science.
Monique Hawkins	S	Lining up after recess.
Lara Nunn	S	Lining up after recess.
Lara Nunn	S	Waiting in line quietly.
Lara Nunn	E	Working well in science.
Ella Erb	E	Working well in science.
Ella Erb	E	Helping clean up the classroom.
Ella Erb	S	Lining up after lunch.
Ella Erb	S	Lining up quietly when asked to do so.
Ella Erb	S	Lining up safely.
Ella Erb	L	Helping a friend with her maths.
Ella Erb	L	Working quietly and staying focussed.
Lillian Mather	L	Being awesome and not letting others distract her from her work.
William Hills	E	Being switched on and ready to learn in music.
William Hills	L	Great work in German.
Billy Johnson	E	Reading quietly during reading time.
Thalia Sturzaker	R	Waiting for everyone after PE.
Reagan Widdowson	R	Waiting for everyone.
Zoe Gillies	R	For being a good friend.
William Holz	R	Reminding people how to sit at group time.
Hunaisha Ahmed	R	Listening to her friend.
Mrs Taylor	R	For taking care of all the Kinders so well.
Maeve Lazdauskas	E	Working quietly without talking to others.
Daisy Lindfors	L	Double checking spelling for her German poster.
Kiana Widdowson	R	Helping clean the fish tanks.
Kiana Widdowson	E	Being focussed and doing her work during art.
Tait Berlinger	E	Getting all his maths tasks finished.
Daisy Lindfors	S	Her shoelaces staying done up.
Daisy Lindfors	R	Sitting and listening in health.
Hunta Burton	R	Packing up equipment.
Kate Symes	R	Working quietly.
Ashton Harrison	R	Listening to the teacher.
Areesha Imran	R	Waiting for everyone.
Oscar Smith	R	Stopping banging the people from the dolls house and doing a great drawing.
Zoe Gillies	R	Doing great writing.
Hayley Ford	R	Sitting and listening in health.
Maverick Watson	L	Always being ready for learning in music.
Olivia Hockey	R	Sitting and listening.
Thalia Sturzaker	R	Sitting and listening in health.
Thalia Sturzaker	E	Engaged in Maths lesson.
Reagan Widdowson	L	Winning Mr E's word challenge.
Thalia Sturzaker	L	Winning Mr E's word challenge.

You're  
a  
Star!



### Shout Out Draw Winners:

Karol Aziz- 1/2 Free choice for the class

Maeve Lazdauskas - \$2 Canteen Voucher

**One kind  
word can  
change  
someone's  
entire day**

**PBS Focus Week 6 & 7: Respect: We always use kind words.**



Have you bought your tickets for  
Next Thursday and Friday!!!!





## **NAPLAN Online Newsletter**

### **NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM**

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online is being introduced across Australia over three years from 2018. Tasmanian schools will be administering NAPLAN online from 2019.

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Our school will trial the new assessment platform (the computer system the test will be taken on) and assess our readiness to participate in NAPLAN Online from 2019. This trial is called the School Readiness Test (SRT).

The SRT is not a test of student achievement and results will **not** form part of a student's overall assessment.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN testing. During the trial, our school will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN Online platform.

The SRT has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessment.

During September 2018, selected students in Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 will participate in the trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking two online tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN Online questions. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN Online experience.

If you have further questions, please contact Mrs Chris Jones at the school.



## **GEORGE TOWN LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB NEEDS YOU!!**

Shake off the winter woolies and join us for some summer family fitness and fun.

Our season begins **October 6th** and we would like to invite you to join us for our first training session of the season at:

**South George Town Primary School oval  
Wednesday 19<sup>TH</sup> September  
4:00 – 5:00 pm**

**(And every Wednesday thereafter)**

**NO DROP OFFS – parents MUST stay with their children**

We welcome children

From the ages of 3 (tiny tots) through to 15  
of any ability

**All enquires welcome to Tanya: 0439 703 848**