

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

16TH OCTOBER 2018

Learning

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Personal Best



From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. We look forward to a positive end to the year. Rather than this being a full newsletter, here is a reminder and some information about what is coming up this term that you may want to set time aside for. More information about some of these events will be sent home at a later stage.

Hats

A reminder that with summer uniform comes the need for our Primary students to wear hats at recess and lunch. As per our policy, Primary students who do not have hats on at recess and lunch will be asked to stay in the shade. For Secondary students, hats are optional and sunscreen is available at the office.

Sunday 28th October - George Town Street Festival

Star of the Sea will have a stall at the George Town Street Festival. If you would like to help out with this please contact Naomi Cox at naomi.cox@catholic.tas.edu.au. We are also looking at having a cake stall on the day, with more information about this to follow.

Thursday 1st November - Melinda Tankard Reist

We are extremely fortunate to have Melinda Tankard-Reist coming to the College on November 1st. "Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. She is best known for her work addressing sexualisation, objectification, harms of pornography, sexual exploitation, trafficking and violence against women." She will be speaking with our secondary students after lunch on that day, and to our staff after school at 3:15pm. We would like to invite parents to this session. We realise that it may not be an appropriate time for families so we will investigate opportunities for students to be looked after so parents can attend. More information to follow.

See <http://melindatankardreist.com> for more details on Melinda.

Sunday 11th November - Remembrance Day

George Town RSL are organising a march and service for the Remembrance Day, which this year marks 100 years since the end of World War I. This will begin at about 10:45am. We would like to have as many students attend as possible to represent the school, so please keep this date free if you can. More information to follow.

CALENDAR

Wednesday 17th October	9.00am —10.30am Playgroup @ Star
Thursday 18th October	No Primary Assembly
Wednesday 24th October	1.30pm - 3.00pm Little Stars begins (for 2019 Kinder enrolments)

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

Primary Assembly

Due to the short week there will be no Primary Assembly this week. It will resume for Term 4 next Thursday 25th October at 2.15pm.

Safety Around the School

The start of term is a good time to remind all parents that, when dropping off and picking up students, not to park or stop on the yellow lines. This is so other drivers have a clear line of vision to the crossing.

Morning Buses

Mr Chapman is doing bus duty of the mornings to greet students as they arrive at school and also to make sure some of our younger students are crossing the road safely. On days when he is absent, another staff member will fill the role.

Before School Supervision

Supervision for students begins at 8:30am each day. Should students arrive before then, they will not be allowed into the buildings (unless the weather is really bad) and are asked to wait in the secondary play area or down near the lower primary school.

Absent from School

A reminder to all parents at the beginning of the year regarding our attendance policy and procedures. All students are expected at school every day unless the absence is authorised (e.g. through sickness).

If your child will not be at school, we ask you to contact the College office before 8:50am. This can be done through Facebook, Skoolbag or ringing the office number.

If your child is absent and the College has not heard from you, we will ring. Should we not be able to get in contact, a text message will be sent. We ask parents to reply to the message as soon as possible.

It is expected that all absences are accounted for. Should there be a number of unexplained absences in the term it will be followed up by the College. We would ask that a medical certificate is brought to the office should your child be absent for more than 2 days due to illness.

Student success and wellbeing at school is strongly linked to attendance. It is important that we work together as school and families to ensure high attendance rates for all of our students.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00pm in the secondary campus.

School Banking

Heritage Isle Credit Union runs a school banking program in partnership with the local schools in George Town. This program is a great way for children to begin to learn about saving money – and they get rewarded for doing it as well! Bank books should be sent to the College Office on Friday mornings, and one of our team members collects the banking and deposits into the students account. If you would like to open an account with HICU for your child, we will need the following:

Identification – Birth Certificate and a letter from your child's school (name, address and date of birth)

Completed application form for the child and one for the signatory (parent/guardian)

If the child is under 13 years of age, an adult needs to be a signatory on the account. If your child already has an account with us at HICU, pop in to branch and collect a school banking deposit book and wallet.