

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

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*"We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it."*

*- Rick Warren*

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

It has been said that, with the rise of social media and our children's prolific use of it, that they will not be able to escape their past! When teenagers of today are applying for a job in 15 years time, people will be able to look back at past posts and pictures and make a judgement on them.

This, of course, is a bit silly. What our teenagers are like today and what they will be like in 15 years time are two different things. All of our children are undergoing a period of growth, not just physically but also mentally and emotionally. Even as adults we continue, hopefully, to grow mentally and emotionally as our different experiences changes our thought patterns and mindsets.

It is unfortunate that there are still many people who expect children to be perfect and even

to be acting and making decisions like adults at what is still a young age. These people will be constantly disappointed, and have probably forgotten their own childhood and what they were like.

We aren't born as adults with adult decision-making abilities. Instead we learn these through our experiences, the role modelling we encounter as we grow and the advice given to us by adults like parents and teachers. We have probably all encountered adults who, for whatever reason, missed out on this part of their development and even as adults struggle to make adult decisions. This is not to put blame onto these people, but it is recognizing that, without good opportunities for development, adult life can be tough.

At Star of the Sea we have to

continue to allow students to make mistakes so they can learn from them. And just as importantly we need to give them the opportunity to reflect upon those mistakes, to talk through those mistakes, and to hear advice around them. There is no point in us making criminals out of children who err. And most of all, we need to act as positive role models in the way we handle struggles in our lives. If we aren't the adults in the room, no one will be.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal



### CALENDAR

Wednesday 24th October	Year 8 Reflection Day 9.00am -10:30am Playgroup @ Star 1.30pm -3.00pm Little Stars (for 2019 Kinder enrolments)
Thursday 25th October	2.15pm Primary Assembly
Sunday 28th October	George Town Street Festival
Wednesday 31st October	Crazy Sock Day 9.00am -10:30am Playgroup @ Star 1.30pm -3.00pm Little Stars (for 2019 Kinder enrolments)
Thursday 1st November	Melinda Tankard Reist visit 2.15pm Primary Assembly
Monday 5th November	Recreation Day Holiday
Wednesday 7th November	Yr 7 Gardasil Immunisation 9.00am -10:30am Playgroup @ Star 1.30pm -3.00pm Little Stars (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.*

# Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart  
Spirituality  
Attentiveness



Hospitality  
Compassion



This month is World Mission Month and it is also Socktober. In Socktober, schools can support Catholic Mission by fundraising and developing awareness of the issues that affect children all over the world.

The 'sock it to something' concept is an Australian expression that means to strike out at. Catholic Mission invites us to help strike out at social issues such as poverty, child labour, child trafficking, homelessness and lack of education.

This year our Student Representative Council will host 'Crazy Sock Day' on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October to raise money to support and reach out to the children of Myanmar. Wear your most outrageously colourful socks to school and make a gold coin donation. The time to be awesome is now!

This year for World Mission Day 2018 Pope Francis says:

***"Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: many people need me"***

## Stars of the Week - 27th September 2018

Kinder	Ryder Hawkins	For thinking so well about how to be fair with the green truck at Kinder, and making a roster.
Prep/1	Oakley Cox	For happily going to his table to begin his tasks and completing them to the best of his ability.
Grade 2/3	Connor Williams	For working so hard at improving his handwriting - particularly the letter 'a'.
Grade 3/4	Katie Holz	For her consistent engagement and readiness to learn.
Grade 5	Ashton Harrison	For being able to use feedback to improve his work.
Grade 6	Dan Ungerhofer	For improved focus and effort during class.

## **FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER**

Students will make mistakes and get in trouble because of it. As parents we need to be able to talk through what has happened, give advice and let our children know they are still loved.

### **We keep in our Prayers**

We keep in our prayers Vicki Symes, who died on October 19th. Vicki is the mother of Kate in Year 5. We also keep Kate and her father, Mark who is part of our College Board, in our prayers during this difficult time. We know that our College community will offer them a supportive environment over the coming months.

*Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

## **Welcome**

We welcome Maddi (Grade 5), Ruby (Grade 3) and Indiana (Grade 2) and their families to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

## **George Town Street Festival**

Just a reminder that we would greatly appreciate any support for the George Town Street Festival, whether baking something for our cake stall or helping out on the day. Please contact Naomi Cox for any queries.

## **Melinda Tankard Reist**

We hope to have a note home in the next couple of days allowing parents to RSVP should they want to attend the presentation by Melinda Tankard Reist on Thursday 1st November.

## **2019**

We are currently in the process of employing teaching staff for various roles in 2019. After this process is complete (which will still take a couple of weeks) we will then look into classes for 2019 and which teachers will teach them.

## **Little Stars**

Our transition for Kinder 2019 begins tomorrow with Little Stars starting in the afternoon. We welcome our new Kinders. If you know of anyone who would like to join us for Kinder next year but has not enrolled, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

## **Transition into Year 7**

We have already had two sessions for transition into Year 7 of current Year 6s. Our next one was due in early November but will now not take place on that date due to the South George Town Primary School Swimming Carnival. We will inform parents should we reschedule.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Damien Thomas and Justin Hinkley who have been selected for the Country Gold Cricket Team.

## **Student Medical Detail Changes**

Please now consider for your child(ren) if since the last advice to the school, medical information has changed and hasn't yet been advised to the school office?

Or you previously supplied an Epi-pen; other medication; or similar which may need replenishing or will soon expire?



## Star Sport Calendar for Term 4

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	TPSSA Swimming Carnival
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>DIV 3 ATHLETICS</b> – SS, LD, NCS, SM, CT, WINN
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	T20 Blast Cricket – Blue Gum Park
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Country Gold Cricket Carnival
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Country Gold Cricket Carnival
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Athletics Carnival
TBA	K-2 Water Familiarisation Program

## Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on **Thursday afternoon 2.00pm - 4.00pm** for all your uniform requirements.

## Term 4 School Term - 2018

Term Four                      Students finish - 20 December 2018

## School Terms 2019

### Term One

Students start: Thursday 7th February - Staff and Students finish: Friday 12th April (Easter Sunday 21st April)

### Term Two

Staff and Students start: Monday 29th April - Staff and Students finish: Friday 5th July

### Term Three

Staff and Students start: Monday 22nd July - Staff and Students finish: Friday 27th September

### Term Four

Staff and Students start: Monday 14th October - Students finish: Wednesday 18th December



## George Town Street Festival Sunday October 28

Please support our stall at the George Town Street Festival. We will be selling cakes/slices and we have been busy stocking the Show Bags!

**READY**



**SET**



**GO !**



**Show Bags \$10**

# 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

Monday 29th October

6.30pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, George Town

*Further monthly gatherings will follow for those who wish*

FreeForm.com



***\*Sausage Sizzle***

***\*Produce Stall***

**Saturday 10th November**

**9.00am—2.00pm**

**Star of the Sea Parish/School Hall**

***Goulburn Street, George Town***

Donations of clean items in working order such as: household items, toys, books, CDs, DVDs etc. will be very gratefully accepted.

Donations can be delivered in the week leading up to the Garage Sale. For further details contact Mike on 0408 009 477.

*Unfortunately we cannot sell electrical items. However, items like washing machines, fridges, TVs etc. could be tested and given directly to those in need.*