

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20TH NOVEMBER 2018

From the Principal

In the Gospels Jesus tells us "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." (Matthew 7:1-2). It is one of the most important Gospel messages, yet it is also one which we often forget.

I was reflecting recently on how we judge children. Most of our judgement of children, including our own, is how well they perform at school, both academically and socially. We might look at a child who is polite and well-behaved, who gets good marks, and we judge that child a "good." Alternatively, we might see a child who does not cope well with school, who is always polite or doesn't get good marks, and we give that child other labels, like "naughty" or "bad."

Unfortunately, our judgement of children in this way has a couple of major flaws.

Firstly, we make judgements upon people but are not prepared to have the same judgements placed upon

ourselves. We forget what we were like at school, or we don't realise that school, and society, has changed a lot in the last 10-15 years. We romanticize the past, and often forget the facts surrounding the past. I often have a laugh when older people write a letter into the newspaper, saying that we should return to the old days of schooling and the old methods, because that was so much better than today. What they fail to take note of is that those old days of schooling led to close to 50% of Tasmanian adults not having the literacy or numeracy skills that allows them to function fully in society. Obviously the old methods weren't as good as we remember them.

The second problem with making judgements upon children based upon their schooling is that school itself is an artificial environment. Unless they become a teacher, none of our children will have a job that will see them working in an environment like a school. There are no jobs where people are

thrown in the one room together, solely dependant upon their age, and asked to do the same task until a bell rings and tells them to stop. I am sure we all know of children who struggled at school, either socially or academically, but turned out just fine. Of course schools are important for giving our children some of the skills they will need in the future, but their environment and conditions are not replicated anywhere.

And finally, when we make judgements upon children we forget that, just like we were and still are, these children are still growing. They are still learning, still trying to figure things out, and doing so mostly by trial and error. Our children don't behave as adults so judging them using adult standards is bound to fail.

As part of the Star of the Sea community, we need to heed the words of Jesus in the Gospel, and change our language of judgement into a language of support. It is then that we truly become a *Catholic* community.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

It's up to God to do the judging. You haven't walked in my boots, so how are you going to judge me?

- Aaron Neville

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



CALENDAR

Wednesday 21st November	K-2 Learn to Swim Week <u>NO PLAYGROUP</u> 1.30pm -3.00pm Little Stars (for 2019 Kinder enrolments) Grade 5/6 Camp / Newstead Enrolments
Thursday 22nd November	<u>NO PRIMARY ASSEMBLY</u> NHSSA Athletics / Grade 5/6 Camp
Friday 23rd November	T20 Blast Cricket
Monday 26th November	Country Gold Cricket
Wednesday 28th November	Secondary Triathlon
Thursday 29th November	Presentation Feast Day

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

PRESENTATION DAY: NOVEMBER 21



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

The Presentation of Mary in the Temple is the Feast Day celebrated by all Presentation people around the world. This was one of Nano Nagle's major devotions. The Presentation of Mary in the Temple celebrates the fact that God dwells with us – in our lives, in our communities and in the whole cosmos. Jesus is the new Temple – the new dwelling place of God, and Mary because she bears God in her womb is the new ark of the Covenant, the new dwelling place of God.

Each of us, each of our communities, the whole world and all creation needs to become more visibly the place where God dwells. The spiritual legacy of Presentation people is that we are Heart and Temple people who are called to become for our world God's loving presence and compassionate heart.

(Sister Marlette Black PBVM)

College Feast Day Celebration
Thursday 29th November
Celebration of the Mass at 11.30am
barbecue, feasting and games
Gold coin donation for Samaritan Fund

Stars of the Week - 15th November 2018

Kinder	Savannah Grimsey-Grey	For remembering to pack away outside and come straight in when it is time.
Prep/1	Karol Aziz	For her great progress with reading, writing and spelling.
Grade 2/3	Luci & Lilli Hockey	For settling in so nicely in our classroom
Grade 3/4	Riley Cox	For being a positive member of our class who always strives to do the right thing and who looks out for others.
Grade 5	Bronte Lignier	For the care taken when writing to her America pen pal.
Grade 6	Riley Phillips	For his continued effort and focus across all subject areas.

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Let us be supportive. Let us be supportive. Let us be supportive. Let us be supportive.

Grade 5 and 6 Camp

Our Grade 5s and 6s headed off today on camp to Hobart for the next two nights. We wish them well and hope they have a great time! Whilst the Primary school will run as normal as possible, there is no Playgroup or Primary Assembly this week.

TPSSA Swimming

We congratulate all of our TPSSA swimmers who represented the school so well last Wednesday. A great day was had by all.

Presentation Feast Day

Next Thursday 29th November we will be celebrating our Presentation Feast Day (albeit about a week late). This is a day for us to celebrate being part of the worldwide Presentation community and to remember our founders, Venerable Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. More information will come out closer to the date, but the basics are:

- * Students can wear casual clothes for a gold coin donation to go towards the Archbishop's Samaritan Fund.
- * We will have a whole school Mass at 11:30am. Parents and families are welcome to attend.
- * We will have a special lunch with some different foods available and some games.
- * We will gather in the Hall after lunch for the Lip Sync Battle.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm. We will be phasing out maroon socks due to supply problems. We will be starting to introduce grey socks from 2019.



Tasmanian Catholic Schools Term Dates for 2019

Term One	
Staff start:	Monday 4 th February
Students start:	Thursday 7 th February
Staff and Students finish:	Friday 12 th April (Easter Sunday 21 st April)
Term Two	
Staff and Students start:	Monday 29 th April
Staff and Student finish:	Friday 6 th July
Term Three	
Staff and Students start:	Monday 22 nd July
Staff and Students finish:	Friday 27 th September
Term Four	
Staff and Students start:	Monday 14 th October
Launceston and Burnie schools must provide all teaching staff with one extra day off during the school year to ensure compliance with the Enterprise Agreement.	
Student finish:	Wednesday 18 th December
Staff finish:	Thursday 19 th December

Shout Out Week 5 Term 4

Name	PBS	Reason
Tait Berlinger	L	Staying focussed and remaining on task.
Tait Berlinger	E	Being an amazing student.
Thalia Sturzaker	L	Staying on task and ignoring distractions.
Luke Chapman	L	Writing a very insightful explanation of why Remembrance Day is important.
Reagan Widdowson	L	Staying on task and ignoring instructions.
Hunta Burton	L	Excellent effort in Maths.
Raphael McLeod	E	Trying hard to learn our new song.
Madison Milner	L	Excellent effort in Maths.
Blake Miller	E	Exceptional team spirit at TPSSA.
Oakley Cox	R	Being kind to a friend when they needed cheering up.
Elijah Parker	L	Trying really hard with his reading.
Maverick Watson	S	Lining up safely at the end of Recess and Lunch.
Elijah Parker	R	Raising his hand before speaking.
Seth Sturzaker	S	Lining up safely at the end of Recess and Lunch.
Allira-Grayce Harris	S	Lining up safely at the end of Recess and Lunch.
Joshua Chapman	R	Consistently listening to and following instructions at every event.
James Holz	S	Tidying up when asked.
Oakley Cox	R	Sharing the Duplo without getting angry.
Oakley Cox	S	Lining up safely at the end of Recess and Lunch.
Karol Aziz	S	Keeping our classroom clean and tidy.
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PBS Focus: Safe:

We don't give up when we find things tricky and we know that mistakes are ok.

Shout Out Draw Winners:

Oakley Cox - Into the draw for a cinema ticket
Hayley Ford - A board game with a friend

The biggest mistake you can ever make is being too afraid to make one!



Australian Defence Force

along with the

George Town Sub Branch are offering an opportunity for

Careers Information in the ADF.

This invitation is extended to

Grade 9 to Grade 12 Students and their parents,

to be held at the

George Town RSL Sub Branch

On

Tuesday November 20th 2018 at 6:30 PM

ADF speakers will provide information on

- **General Entry**
- **Officer Entry**
- **Specialist Career Training**

Currently there are openings available for entry into the ADF and we encourage those that are considering or moving into employment phase to take this opportunity to explore options in the ADF

Any enquiries to George Town

RSL Sub Branch

Telephone 0363822745 between 10-2pm.

