

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

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If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be.

- Mary Angelou

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

How do we become "whole"? How do we flourish as human beings? There seems to be more and more people and products offering to improve our "wellness," whatever that means, but very little that offers us ways of becoming more "whole."

Because we come to each other as broken people. Even those of us who think we have got it all together are broken in some way. Whether it be due to our past experiences, the ways that others have treated us, or some trauma in our lives, we are all broken. We don't often recognise that in each other. We assume the person we are talking to is free from all of that, but very rarely is that assumption correct.

Last week we had Melinda Tankard Reist speak to our staff and secondary students. One of her great concerns about our young people is the amount of unpleasant material they are, or have the potential to be, exposed to at such a young age. And the

concern she has is that through their exposure to this unpleasant material, our young people get distorted views about aspects of their life and how to treat each other.

The more we are exposed to something the more it becomes normalised in our mind. Children who grow up in environments where there is violence or intimidation start to think that that is okay and repeat what they see. Children who grow up in environments where there is kindness and trust will think that that is okay and repeat what they see.

Unfortunately our children don't just get their influences from the home environment but also from what they see in popular culture or through the media. Children growing up seeing world leaders displaying hate or judging others based on their background will start to think that that is what leadership is all about and perhaps try to emulate.

One of the challenges of Star of the Sea Catholic College is that we need to not only be the role models of what life should look like and what "wholeness" looks like, but we also need to call-out bad examples. If we remain silent about some of the stuff we know our students are seeing, it is likely they will think it is okay.

We seem to live in a world where the opinion is that as long as it doesn't affect me, it is okay. But Pope Francis would call that *indifference* and has many times spoken out against it. Melinda Tankard Reist gave us good examples of how the wrong things can become normalised. It is now up to each of us to ensure that they don't.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### CALENDAR

Wednesday 7th November	Yr 7 Gardasil Immunisation 9.00am -10:30am Playgroup @ Star 1.30pm -3.00pm Little Stars (for 2019 Kinder enrolments)
Thursday 8th November	2.15pm Primary Assembly
Sunday 11th November	Remembrance Day ( march begins at 10.30am – service @ 11.00am)
Wednesday 14th November	TPSSA Swimming Carnival
Advance Notice: 19-23/11 Advance Notice: 20-22/11	K-2 Water Safety Program Year 5 & 6 Camp

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 year celebrates the tercentenary of Nano Nagle's birth in 1718. Nano Nagle was born into a family challenged by historic events that occurred in Ireland that deprived the Irish people of education, employment and the right to practise their faith. Nano lived a life of service to others and shared in the joys and sorrows of those she sought to help.

Nano understood the true meaning of Christian love. She showed goodwill, kindness and compassion to all and never judged people and their circumstances. She had a burning passion to help those most in need and to keep the light of faith alive in the communities she served.

Three hundred years later, there are still those in need and our notion of neighbour has expanded. There are still Presentation people who continue to take Nano's lantern light to every dark corner of humanity that calls for light. Today Presentation Sisters work in many different ministries throughout the world. You will find them working in aged care, counselling, justice ministry, mental health, nursing, education, rural ministry, social work and youth ministry.

In our school, our students and staff carry the lantern flame. Some visit the elderly at Ainslie, some make soup for the Vinnie's van and recently many students supported 'Socktober'. As Presentation people, we try to live out the values of compassion, hospitality and attentiveness.

As Presentation people we have much to celebrate and on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November we will be making a feast.

## Stars of the Week - 1st November 2018

Kinder	Ruby Davidson	For beginning to play with all of her friends at Kindergarten, as well as her best friend.
Prep/1	Elijah Parker	For being quick to begin set tasks and taking pride in the presentation of his work.
Grade 2/3	Indiana Cartwright	For settling in so beautifully in her new classroom.
Grade 3/4	Shiloh Leslie	For being an awesome addition to our classroom.
Grade 5	Abbey Luke	For her interesting story writing ideas.
Grade 6	Ruby Meessen	For her continued effort and determination in Geometry Unit in Maths.

## FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Let's work together as adults not to let things become "normal" for our children. If something is not leading to human flourishing, let's call it out and let our children know.

### College Captains 2019 and beyond

A proposal is being put forward to change the way we elect our College Captains. Up until this point we have always had a male and a female College Captain. The new proposal is that we do away with having to have a male and female captain and instead just have the two captains being the two students who receive the most votes. This means that some years we will have two male captains, some years two female captains, and some years one male and one female captain, depending upon each group and how the voting falls.

As this would be a significant break from tradition we are consulting widely about this. Our students in Years 8-10 have already been consulted and our staff are currently being consulted. If any parent would like to contribute their opinion to the possible change in process they are welcome to write an email to Mrs Tame at [karen.tame@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:karen.tame@catholic.tas.edu.au), or to write down their thoughts and pass them into the College office.

### Remembrance Day

Last Friday we sent home a note asking for as many students as possible to represent the College at this Sunday's Remembrance Day march and service. Could responses please be passed into the College office by Friday. We encourage everyone to make an effort to be there in support of the George Town RSL.

### Lockdown Practice

During term 4 whilst at recess or lunch we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff and students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able.

If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

### Welcome

We welcome Lily and Lucy (Grade 3) to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope that they enjoy their time here.

### Goethe Wettbeverb

Last term our German students entered a state-wide poster competition as part of the Goethe Wettbeverb (*Wettbeverb* is the German word for *competition*). Congratulations to the following students:

#### Honourable mentions

Katie Holz - Grade 3

Bonnie Leslie - Grade 4

#### Third Prize

Olivia Hockey - Grade 5

### Garage Sale in Support of Vinnies

If you have any items to donate to the Garage Sale that is happening this Saturday in support of Vinnies, they can be dropped off at the school hall on Friday afternoon between 3:00pm and 4:30pm. The Garage Sale (which includes a BBQ and a produce stall) will be held at the hall this Saturday 10th November between 9:00am and 2:00pm. The Vinnies Van will also be there serving hot drinks and allowing the community to see what it offers and how it works. Make sure you check it out for a bargain!



## Shout Out Week 3 Term 4

Name	PBS	Reason
Charlee Eysers	R	Being cooperative in PMP lessons.
Tait Berlinger	E	Great job on his Wordsearch.
Bernard Moore	R	Showing kindness to others.
Jai Jacobs	L	Working hard with Miss Louise.
Kate Symes	L	Being a positive participant in Reading Groups.
Maddi Milner	L	Leading class prayer for the first time.
Oakley Cox	E	Working hard to finish his work.
Bernard Moore	E	Reading quietly at rest time.
Erin Vandezwan	R	Being a kind friend by giving up her position to read at Mass so that her friend could.
Sabian Hawes	R	Using good manners in our classroom.
Keegan Leslie	R	Using good manners in our classroom.
Tylar Berne	L	Making good choices and getting his work done.
Damien Milner	E	Extending himself with his reading and spelling.
Maverick Watson	E	Reading quietly at rest time.
Giovanni Gandolfi	L	Sharing his extensive knowledge about words.
Izaak Holz	R	Being willing to work with anyone.
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Karol Aziz	R	Making sure she completed her class job every day.
Raphael McLeod	L	Writing a fantastic spooky story.
Maverick Watson	E	Working hard to finish all of his tasks.
Elijah Parker	L	Improvement with his reading.
Seth Sturzaker	E	Writing a wonderful spooky story.
James Holz	E	Working hard with Miss Louise.
Allira-Grayce Harris	L	Learning to spell many new words.
Blake Miller	L	Doing a great job of reading tricky books.
Tylar Berne	L	Great effort with his reading.
Olivia Hockey	R	Always looking out for others.
Bronte Lignier	R	Leading the way with prayers and helping others.
Blake Miller	E	Using our Smiling Mind time to help him relax.
Joshua Chapman	E	Using our Smiling Mind time to relax and following all instructions.
Hayley Ford	R	Making sure people are included.
Daisy Lindfors	R	Caring for others.
Tait Berlinger	L	Completing his tasks and challenging himself.
Abbey Luke	L	Following class routines.
Maeve Lazdauskas	S	Putting her bag in the locker.
Thalia Sturzaker	E	Helping clean up at Breakfast Club.
Reagan Widdowson	S	Wearing her hat.
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Carlie Lowe	S	Checking on a student who was upset.
Harry Lignier	E	Completing his tasks.
Reagan Widdowson	R	Waiting in line and respecting others.
Abbey Luke	R	Waiting in line and respecting others.
Daisy Lindfors	R	Waiting in line and respecting others.



**PBS Focus: Safe:** Wearing your hat, the weather is heating up and it is compulsory to wear your school hat when outside at school.

**Shout Out Draw Winners:**  
 Riley Phillips - Sit next to a Buddy.  
 Savannah Grimsey-Gray - Lunch with Mrs Mac.  
 Ruby Davidson - 30 minutes free choice for the class.



Last weekend several Year 5 & 6 students under the guidance of Miss Condric, participated in the Lego Mania Competition in Launceston.

They all had a great time and showed gracious professionalism.