

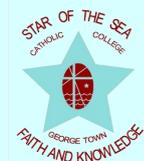
Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

11TH DECEMBER 2018

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. - Albert Einstein

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

As we hurtle towards Christmas, it is a good time for us to reflect upon what the birth of Jesus means to us.

Christmas is a dangerous time when it comes to the Catholic religion. Dangerous because it is easy for us to believe it is the most important date on the Christian calendar. Certainly as children most of us would grow up thinking Christmas is far more important than Easter. After all, we get presents (as opposed to chocolate eggs of varying quality), it's usually the start of a long holiday period, and it is a time when all the family comes together.

But it is actually Easter that Christians would consider more important, because Easter is the moment that defines Christianity. Without the resurrection of Jesus

there would be no Christianity. But Christmas is still important because it reminds us to look at the "big picture." Jesus' coming

into the world puts all of our human desires, addictions and private dilemmas into perspective. That doesn't mean they will be taken away, but it means we can look past them and realise that they are fleeting. What we worry about now we will not be worrying about in a couple of years, and we certainly won't be worrying about it on our deathbed. Christ has come into the world and invites us to have a huge shift in thinking, to think about heavenly stuff, not earthly stuff, however strange that might seem to us in this day and age!

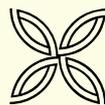
Our Year 10s are also at the stage where they are going through a huge shift in thinking.

What they thought was important over the past couple of years is about to be swept away and will no longer be considered in that way. All of the ups and downs of being in high school will soon have very little relevance and will be forgotten as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

And that's okay. If we are to fully flourish as human beings we must constantly move into the next stage of our lives, not be stuck in one emotional state.

Christmas is a time for that shift in thinking. May we all use the season to shift our own thinking and grow into who God calls us to be.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



You are invited to join us at the
Star of the Sea Catholic College
Kinder to Year 10 End of Year
Prayer Service and Awards Evening
Friday 14th December at 6.00pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church



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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the wonderful staff, students and parents who contributed to the 'Vinnies Christmas Hampers'. For such a small school your generosity was overwhelming. Our local Vinnies conference is making up fifty hampers to give to needy families in the George Town area. Together we make a difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Together we bring Christ to the lives of others this Christmas. Did I tell you that you are all shining stars?



'The 20 Challenge'

We have begun a tradition in our College to have a Star of the Sea Giving Tree each year. The gifts we collect are distributed by Vinnies to children in George Town who would otherwise not be receiving a present this Christmas.

To support the 'Giving Tree' this year we are holding 'The 20 Challenge'. We thought \$20 would be a good baseline to buy someone a gift this Christmas. So we're challenging every class to raise at least \$20 for the 'Giving Tree.' Any amount, no matter how small will be appreciated. Every class has its own collection envelope and all money will need to be in by the morning of Wednesday, 12th of December so that Year 10 students can take the list and shop on behalf of the staff and students.

"The wonder of Christmas gives us the opportunity to reach out to others and put hope and joy in their lives. It's good to be blessed. It's better to be a blessing."

Author unknown

FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Maybe we can ask our children what we are waiting for in Advent. If the answer is the birth of Jesus, the next question we can ask is - Why is that so important? And then see where the conversation goes!!!

CALENDAR

Wednesday 12th December	1:30pm-3:00pm Playgroup and Pre Kinder Christmas Party
Thursday 13th December	10:00am-2:00pm Primary Pool Party
Friday 14th December	6:00pm Presentation of Awards Evening Kinder to Year 10
Saturday 15th December	George Town Christmas Parade
Monday 17th December	Choir to Ainslie Year 10 Leavers Dinner
Tuesday 18th December	Secondary Big Day Out 11:30am - 12:30pm Primary Nativity Assembly Primary Transition Day 1:40pm - 2:40pm
Thursday 20th December	Last Day of 2018 for students Last Uniform Shop day until 2019

Primary Pool Day

This Thursday sees our Primary students celebrating a year of hard work at their Pool Day. We hope it is good weather for them!

Primary Nativity Assembly

Next Tuesday 18th December we will be having our Primary Nativity Assembly. Parents are most welcome to join us in the Church at 11:30am.

Library Books

There are a number of library books which were borrowed from the library but have not been returned. We would be very grateful if you could help your child(ren) to find any books which they may have borrowed and forgotten to return. Thank you.

Please note, there were a number of books from the library's deleted stock which the children were allowed to select. These books have had the Star of the Sea barcode crossed out and do not need to be returned.

THE WINNER OF THE LIBRARY QUIZ FOR
OCT/NOV

THOMAS LOWE GRADE 3/4

What am I? I am useful when you can't spell
a word

I can explain what the meaning of a word is

I am available in book form or on the internet

You can find me in the "423" section of this Library

THE ANSWER IS: "DICTIONARY"

2019 Term Dates

Term One	7 February 2019	-	12 April 2019
Term Two	29 April 2019	-	5 July 2019
Term Three	22 July 2019	-	27 September 2019
Term Four	14 October 2019	-	18 December 2019

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will re-open on Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February 2019 from 9am till 2pm.

Stars of the Week - 6th December 2018

Kinder	Ashton Ratcliffe	For beautiful singing of the National Anthem every week in assembly.
Prep/1	Maverick Watson	For his amazing progress with reading.
Grade 2/3	Leo Linley	For consistently producing work to the best of his abilities. Well done Leo.
Grade 3/4	Joshua Chapman	For increasing his working stamina and persevering when encountering challenges in his work.
Grade 5	Tait Berlinger	For exemplary behaviour on camp.
Grade 6	Damien Thomas	For being a great friend on camp and overcoming some of his fears.

GEORGE TOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE 2018

Saturday, December 15th

Meet at the Fire Station – 5:30 pm at the latest. Parade begins at 6pm

Christmas t-shirt, Christmas Hat

Please return permission forms to Mrs Mac by 13th December.

The logo for Bank of Heritage Isle features the text "Bank of Heritage Isle" in a green, sans-serif font. To the right of the text are two vertical green bars of equal height. The rightmost bar contains a white circle with a red triangle pointing downwards, resembling a Christmas stocking or a similar holiday symbol.

Last day of School Banking for 2018 is Friday 14th December.

It will resume in 2019. Date to be confirmed.