

Star of the Sea Catholic College

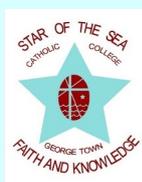
Newsletter

12TH FEBRUARY 2019

From the Principal

God won't ask you how others do the work committed to them, but will ask you how you have done yours and in what spirit - (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1890)

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



I was reading a book over the holidays called *The Courage to be Disliked*. I became interested in reading it after it was said that it was a book that Nathan Buckley (the coach of Collingwood Football Club) had read before his turn-around season in 2018 where his team made the grand final.

One of the key points of the book was that we all have specific tasks in our life and in our work and we tend to have disagreements with each other when we intrude on each other's tasks. In Australia we tend to use the term "stepping on other people's toes."

Amongst our staff one of the terms we use is the idea of "playing our role." This conveys the idea that each of our staff members has a particular role to

play within the school and that's what they need to concentrate on, without feeling they have to try to do someone else's role. Even as Principal, my role is not to tell the staff what to do in their role. I have confidence that they can do their role and I am only there to offer support and guidance along the way.

Some of us may have experience at work where our boss tells us what to do in a way that suggests they have no confidence in us. It can be quite demoralising and doesn't go to building a happy workplace.

But schools are made up of more than just staff. A school community also involves students and parents. Each of us has to play our role for the community to operate well. We encourage our students to play

their role by supporting them with their behaviour. And what is our role as parents in a school community? We need to have confidence in the teachers of our children that they are professional and are trying their best to support and educate all students in the school. But we also have the role of keeping in contact with our children's teachers, letting them know of anything that will help the teachers support our children.

It's a delicate balance sometimes, and toes are stepped on, but if we all continue to do our best to "play our roles" we have the ability to build a strong community at Star of the Sea Catholic College.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Thursday 14th February	2:15pm Primary Assembly
Friday 15th February	9.00am Fair Meeting
Monday 18th February	Yr 10 Grip Leadership
Wednesday 20th February	Induction of College Leaders

CALENDAR

**Advance Notice: Wednesday 13th March - Yr 3-10 Star Swimming Carnival
College Fair Thursday 14th March**

Religious Education and Faith Development



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

Blessings for the New Year!

Welcome back as we celebrate a new year together. For our students, teachers and families this is a time of anticipation, excitement, a little trepidation, pondering and expectation. Hopefully, we return to school fresh, rested, and hopeful.

As we begin this year may God, who is love and who invites us into a fullness of life bless our students with the gifts of wisdom and understanding in all their academic, spiritual and co-curricular pursuits.

Bless our teachers and teacher aides who use their gifts and talents to watch and guide others to reach their potential.

Bless our parents and caregivers, the first of our teachers. May they continue to be examples of faith and love for their children.

Throughout this year may our words and deeds echo compassion, hospitality and true joy.

Mrs Rose Briscoe
RE Coordinator

Tasmanian Catholic School Term Dates 2019

Term 1	start	7th February
	finish	12th April
Term 2	start	30th April (Staff PD Day Monday 29th)
	finish	5th July
Term 3	start	22nd July
	finish	27th September
Term 4	start	14th October
	finish	18th December



FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

You might remember when you were young and you saw your teacher in the supermarket and were most surprised to see them because you didn't think they existed outside of the school. It's easy to forget that our staff are human beings, but they are! And they are all trying their best to give the best education they can to the students at Star of the Sea. Unfortunately, data shows that, across Australia, a third of primary school teachers and a fifth of secondary school teachers are exposed to abusive behaviour from parents at least once a month! This of course leads to anxiety and stress amongst teachers which in turn affects the students. Fortunately the Star of the Sea parent community are quite supportive, but in those times when we are disappointed with something, let's remember that we are dealing with fellow human beings who deserve to be treated just as you would expect to be treated.

Staff Movements

We welcome to our staff Mrs Lynelle Davis (Grade 5/6), Miss Melitta O'Toole (Prep/1) and Mr Jarrod Bailey (teacher assistant). Mr Bailey has stepped in for Mrs Rachel Hills who resigned late last year after securing a role of Special Learning Needs Co-ordinator at St Joseph's Catholic School, Queenstown.

Miss O'Toole will be away for a week beginning this Thursday as she competes in an Ironman event in Geelong. We wish her all the best! Mrs Sharon Leslie will take the Prep/1 class for the week to allow for minimal disruption.

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.

Traffic Management

We encourage all parents and families to be aware of the different line markings and signs around the school which prevent parking in different places at different times of the day. There is no parking over the yellow lines on either side of the school crossing in William Street so drivers can see if there is anyone waiting at the crossing, and there is no parking during school hours in part of Friend St to allow buses space to park without disrupting traffic.

Police sometimes patrol the area during drop-off and pick-up times, and we wouldn't like any of our parents to get caught out!

College Board

Included in this newsletter is some information about an opportunity to join the College Board. Take some time to read through it and please consider helping our College out by joining. With both Mrs Debbie Milward and Mrs Lisa Hawkins finishing their time of the Board last year, we currently do not have any female representation (!) so, whilst we welcome all nominations, we especially encourage females in the College community to think about nominating.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Our College uses the theories of SWPBS to reduce problem behaviour and respond to negative behaviour. Our staff have reviewed some of our processes around this and over the next few weeks we will provide information on our newsletter about what happens when negative behaviour is displayed around the school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Areesha (Grade 6) and Rustam (Year 9) who became Australian citizens on Australia Day in January.

Mobile Phones

Our secondary students have adapted well to our new procedures around mobile phones. The procedures are in operation across the whole school, but really only affect our secondary students. In summary:

- Students are not to have their mobile phones out between 8:40am and 3:00pm. Students who do have their phones out during these times will have them confiscated and stored in the College office.
- For the first offence, students may pick up their phones at the end of the day.
- Any further offence will see parents called to pick up the phone from the College office when convenient.

The decision to put these procedures in place is not particularly new to our school, with many schools across Australia now doing similar things in order to support student learning.

Welcome

We welcome to our College community:

Kinder: Brooke, Lindsie, Dyson, Rilee, Hunter, Macey, Ether, Brock, Malakai, Evie, Temprance, Arthur, Darcie, Henry, Thomas, Thomas, Finley

Grade 1: Scarlett

Grade 2: Miley

Grade 3: William, Preston

Grade 4: Shekinah, Charlotte

Grade 5: Kobi, Sianna, Jesse

Grade 6: Alex, Brison, Taylor

Grade 7: Jessica, Tyler, Molly, Richard, Hannah, Daisy, Brandon, Jacob, Ezra, Keegan, Lily

Grade 8: Shauna

We hope they and their families enjoy their time at Star of the Sea.

Hats, Hats, Hats

A reminder that our students in the Primary area now should be wearing hats at recess and lunchtime. Students without hats will be asked to stay in the shade at these times.

Fair Meeting

Would you like to help with the organisation of our Fair? There will be a meeting this Friday 15th February at 9:00am for everyone who can help out. Meet at the front office.

Medical Information

It is necessary for us to keep the student's medical information up to date. Student Medical Background forms were sent home with each student last Friday, or Monday for Kinder students, If there have been any changes to your child's medical requirements, to which the school should be notified, please complete the form and return to the school by Friday 15th February 2019.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00pm. Aprons and hats for Hospitality classes can be purchased also. We will be phasing out maroon socks due to supply problems. We will be starting to introduce grey socks this year.

College Board

Mrs Lisa Hawkins has moved interstate and is therefore unable to be part of the College Board. The College thanks her for her contribution to the school over the past 3 years.

In order to fill this position, nominations are now open to join the Star of the Sea Catholic College Board. Nominations are open to parents of current or past students and friends of the College.

The Board performs an important advisory role and has responsibility for the overall wellbeing of the school. Among its responsibilities are to:

- advise and assist with policy formulation
- support the Principal in maintaining the school as an institute of Catholic Education
- contribute and assist on matters of major change
- liaise with the local Parish
- participate in the implementation of the school's Strategic Plan
- contribute to the planning and management of maintenance and building programs
- oversee the finances of the school

The Board is made up of two ex-officio members (the Principal and the Parish Priest or their representatives) and up to 6 other members. The current Board members are Fr Edward Zammit, Mr Richard Chapman, Mr Paul Thomas, Mr Andrew Parkes, Dr Mark Symes and Mr Michael Doherty. Board members should be able to work co-operatively, uphold confidentiality and have, or have the ability to get, Working with Vulnerable People cards. Board members should not be bankrupt or have committed fraud.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please fill out the attached form. Nominations need to be signed by a proposer (the person who nominates), a seconder (the person who agrees with the nomination) and the nominee (the person who is being nominated).

Forms need to be returned to the College office by **Monday 25th February**. Should there be too many nominees an election will be called for.

Board meetings will occur on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm beginning in March. There is a possibility of changing the timing should the members agree.

Nomination for Star of the Sea Catholic College Board

Proposer: _____

Signature: _____

Secunder: _____

Signature: _____

Nominee: _____

Signature: _____

Details of person nominated

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Nominations to be returned by
Monday 25th February**

2019 Star Academy of Sport CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday 11th Long weekend
Wednesday 13th **Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival**
 Tuesday 19th **INTER – HIGH DIVING**
 Tuesday 26th **DIV 3 SWIMMING**

APRIL

Wednesday 3rd **TPSSA Athletics Carnival**

MAY

Monday 6th **ALL WINTER NOMINATIONS**
 Wednesday 8th Umpires clinics
Friday 10th **State Athletics Carnival 3-6**
 Wednesday 15th Wed sport commences - NAPLAN
 Thursday 23rd Thursday sport commences
Friday 24th **K-10 Active Living Day (Cross Country)**

JUNE

Tuesday 4th **TPSSA Cross Country Carnival**
 Monday 10th Queens birthday holiday
 Tuesday 18th **INTER – HIGH CC – KMHS**
 Tuesday 25th Back up date for IHCC
Friday 28th **TPSSA Winter Sport Rd 1**

JULY

Friday 26th **TPSSA Winter Sport Rd 2**

AUGUST

Thursday 1st **TPSSA Country Gold Selections**
Friday 9th **TPSSA Winter Sport Rd 3**
Friday 23rd **TPSSA Winter Sport Rd 4**
 Wednesday 28th Sen Winter semi finals
 Thursday 29th Jun Winter semi finals

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th **WED GRAND FINALS**
 Thursday 5th **THUR GRAND FINALS**
Friday 6th **TPSSA Winter Sport Rd 5**
Thursday 19th **Country Gold Carnival**
Friday 20th **Country Gold Carnival**
 Friday 27th **GIRLS FOOTBALL GALA DAY**

OCTOBER

Monday 14th **Term 4 commences**
Friday 18th **Country Gold Cricket Selections**

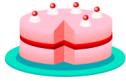
NOVEMBER

TBA **Schools Triathlon Challenge**
TBA **K-2 Swim Program**
Thursday 7th **K-10 Athletics Carnival**
 Wednesday 13th TPSSA Swimming Carnival
 Thursday 21st **DIV 3 ATHLETICS – BACK UP 28th**
Friday 22nd **T20 Blast Cricket – Blue Gum Park**
Monday 25th **Country Gold Cricket Carnival**
Tuesday 26th **Country Gold Cricket Carnival**

Year 2-10 Swimming Program

Class	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Year 2/3 1:20-2:00pm	Nil	Friday 22 nd Feb	Friday 1 st March	Friday 8 th March
Year 4 11:20-12:00pm	Nil	Friday 22 nd Feb	Friday 1 st March	Friday 8 th March
Year 5/6 W 11:20-12:40pm	Nil	Thursday 21 st Feb	Thursday 28 th Feb	Thursday 7 th March
Year 5/6 D 11:20-12:40pm	Nil	Tuesday 19 th Feb	Tuesday 26 th Feb	Tuesday 5 th March
Year 7 1:20-3:00pm	Thursday 14 th Feb	Thursday 21 st Feb	Thursday 28 th Feb	Thursday 7 th March
Year 8 1:20-3:00pm	Monday 11 th Feb	Monday 18 th Feb	Monday 25 th Feb	Monday 4 th March
Year 9 1:20-3:00pm	Wednesday 13 th Feb	Wednesday 20 th Feb	Wednesday 27 th Feb	Wednesday 6 th March
Year 10 1:20-3:00pm	Tuesday 12 th Feb	Tuesday 19 th Feb	Tuesday 26 th Feb	Tuesday 5 th March

Show bags



RIDES
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Loads of activities,
fun and games



Star of the Sea Catholic College
FAIR
Thursday 14th March
4pm-7pm

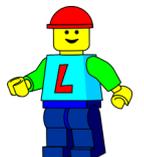


Plenty of food



Lucky dip

LOADS OF FUN!
and lots more



George Town Junior Football Club

The GTJFC will be hosting a registration day on Sunday 17th Feb from 11am until 3pm. All registrations this year will be required to be completed online. We will provide computer access to registering online at the Registration Day.

A sausage sizzle will be provided at approx 1pm. Registration fees this year will be \$130 for first child and \$100 for each subsequent child registered. This fee will include a players kit consisting of a cap, training singlet and training shorts. We do have minimal stock of polo tops and jumpers that will be available for purchase on registration day (available for players). It will be 1st in best dressed on this day. There will be no holds on these items. \$40 polo, \$65 hoody. We will be placing an order for any extra polos and hoodies should you wish to purchase these separately.

Details will be provided on registration day of these details. We welcome all new and old players to our Club and are looking forward to a successful season. Commencement of training dates and time will be advised in the very near future.

BRING ON 2019 FOOTY. .. GO SAINTS!

