

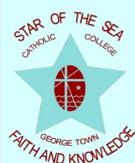
# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

14TH MAY 2019

Do not be afraid of what God asks of you! It is worth saying 'yes' to God. In him we find joy - Pope Francis

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

It would seem that very few people these days use the word "yes," especially when they are asked to do something.

Instead we use other words and phrases, like *maybe, I'll get back to you, I'll do that later or can't someone else do that?*

I'm not sure why we choose not to say yes. Perhaps because the word yes comes with a commitment attached. When we say yes to a request it means we will actually do what we say, or at least try our best.

Once we have said yes to something it is very hard to take that back as we know that we will disappoint someone or let someone down. Maybe that's why we don't say yes very often, because we don't want to commit ourselves to something we may have to renege on later.

Mary, mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, was well

known for saying yes. When the angel Gabriel appeared before her and told her she was to be the mother of Jesus who "will reign over the house of Jacob forever," Mary didn't say *maybe, or can I get back to you later, or can't someone else do that?* Instead she responded with "May it be to me as you have said." In modern language she might have responded with "Bring it on!"

On Sunday we celebrated Mothers Day. We use the day to show we are grateful for all that mothers do for us, or have done for us. But more than anything we should use the day to be grateful for all of our mothers saying "yes." Not only did they say yes when we came into this world, they say yes to being our mothers every single day.

Bringing up children is not easy and it can involve very beautiful and happy moments, along with very difficult moments. But our mothers say yes to all these

moments. They realise that the yes they say to accepting all of these moments comes with the commitment of being loving and patient, but they do so anyway.

People who do great things are people who say yes. They say yes to the commitment and hard work it takes to achieve great things, so dedicate a life to a cause, to be of service to others.

At Star of the Sea Catholic College we need to encourage our students to be people who are prepared to say yes to God's call for them to have life to the full, to be fully human, to be people who are fully flourishing.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

**Kinder 2020 Information Evening tonight 6:00pm**



CALENDAR

Wednesday 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am to 10:30am Early Learning at Star</li> <li>Year 9 &amp; 10 Winter Sport starts</li> </ul>
Thursday 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:15pm Primary Assembly</li> <li>Year 7 &amp; 8 Winter Sport starts</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newstead Orientation visit to Star (Year 10)</li> </ul>

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

## Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying'

Last week our Years 8 and 9 students attended the Festival held at Brendan Shaw College in Devonport. The special guest speaker was Father Rob Galea, a Catholic priest and contemporary singer-songwriter who shared his story and songs with us. It was a journey that took him from the darkest times in his life to the present and his story is being made into movie for the big screen.

Our students participated in a range of activities and this is a prelude to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, which will be held in Perth from 6-11 December. Last year we were able to send three students to the Sydney festival and we are hoping to do the same again.

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

Hospitality



### Stars of the Week - 9th May 2019 2019

Kinder	Malakai Hyland	For being helpful at packing up time.
Prep/1	Hunaisha Ahmed	For trying hard to follow all instructions.
Grade 2/3	Karol Aziz	For her focus and attention to detail in all tasks.
Grade 4	Shekinah MacFarlane	For her kind and caring nature towards all of her peers.
Grade 5/6 D	Sianna Brunacci	For consistently working diligently to improve her mathematical skills and knowledge.
Grade 5/6 W	Kobi Barrenger	For persevering when encountering challenges during our Boy Overboard unit. Well done!

## FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

It is good to teach our children the importance of commitment. It could be commitment to a sport, to a cause, to a task. Children need to learn that, just because things get hard or we get bored with something, when we make a commitment we stick to it, both for ourselves and for others who depend upon us.

### NAPLAN

Our students in Grades 3, 5, 7, and 9 have started NAPLAN today. These assessments will go through to Thursday with catch-up tests on Friday.

### Welcome

We welcome Jennifer (Grade 5) and her family to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

### Secondary Winter Sport

Our Yr 9/10 students will start Winter Sport this Wednesday, followed by Yr 7/8 starting next Thursday. We wish them well and thank all of the staff who ensure that it happens each week.

### College Board AGM

The College Board AGM will occur next Tuesday 21st May at 7pm in the College library. Being an AGM, all parents are welcome to join us. Please inform the College office if you intend to attend.

### Secondary Redevelopments

It has been a long time coming, but we expect our secondary redevelopments to begin next week! The project will be done in stages, with the first stage being the revamping of the four secondary classrooms. Students in the secondary area will therefore have their classes in different classrooms for a while. We will provide updates as to how things are progressing throughout the next two terms.

### Emergency Practice

Within the next 2 weeks 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 (which we practised last week), we recognise the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible. If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476.

### School Photo Day

School photo day will be held on Monday 24th June and School Photo Day envelopes will be coming home tomorrow. As orders can now be placed online, each envelope is now personalized with student name and unique ordering code. If a student loses their envelope, their opportunity to order online will be lost. They will have to collect a spare envelope from the school office and hand this in on photo day.

*No change will be given on the day, therefore it is essential that parents hand in the envelopes with the correct money enclosed. The Office and Canteen will not be able to change money.*

Each child needs his/her own envelope if ordering.

Kindergarten 2020 Information Evening

Tuesday May 14

@ 6:00pm

In the Primary Gallery

If you are interested to see what Star of the Sea Catholic College is all about, or would like to enrol your child for Kindergarten 2020, please come along.



You are invited to.....

**COMING HOME...**

A night celebrating the value of belonging

To support Bridget Archer's Vinnies CEO sleepout

**Friday 24th May - 6 pm.**

Suggested donation

**\$10 per person (\$30 per family)**

**Bookings essential**

- \*Simple 3 course meal
- \*raffle
- \*lucky door prize
- \*silent auction
- \*BYO drinks
- \* no effpos

**Star O'Doherty Hall  
(Star of the Sea Hall)  
Gaulburn Street  
George Town**

**Bookings: ph: 0409821051 (Sue)**

# Celebrating Mothers

Thank you for all that you do



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**STRENGTH  
THROUGH  
FAITH AND  
KNOWLEDGE.**

**AUSTRALIA'S #1 MOST REQUESTED SPEAKER  
JONNY SHANNON**

St Patrick's College Chapel  
Wednesday 5 June, 7pm

All welcome to attend this **FREE EVENT**



## ON PARENTS' NIGHT

Jonny hosts a fun and interactive discussion, focusing on what he has spoken to your young people about.

- UNDERSTANDING THIS GENERATION
- APPS TO LOOK OUT FOR
- MOBILE PHONE CONTRACTS
- KEYS TO CYBER SAFETY
- SAFE INTERNET
- SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY
- BULLYING/CYBER BULLYING
- DIGITAL FOOTPRINT & ONLINE REPUTATION
- PHONE AND ONLINE ADDICTION
- FAMILY RULES AND HOW TO MAKE THEM WORK
- ANSWERS TO THE TOP 10 FAQs

Further information can be found at:  
[www.jonnyshannon.com](http://www.jonnyshannon.com)

RSVP by Monday 3 June, 2019 at:  
<http://bit.ly/2WwMhCy>

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