

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

21ST MAY 2019

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.

- Henri Nouwen

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

Recently Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, died in France. L'Arche is an International community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together in community.

I have been reading a book by Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest who, after spending years in universities, gave up the life which had brought him success and joined a L'Arche community in Canada. One of the things he first noticed was that "their liking or disliking me had absolutely nothing to do with any of the many useful things I had done until then." He talks about suddenly being faced with his "naked self," where everything was dependant upon how he was perceived at any given moment.

We will probably all face moments in our lives when we come across situations where

no one cares about our accomplishments. I don't have to travel too far to be faced with people who don't care that I am a principal of a school. I might meet people and they ask me what I do, and when I tell them they might ask a polite question or two, but really they don't care.

The simplest way for me to realise my accomplishments count for very little is to go down to the Kindergarten class at our school. There the children have no particular interest in my job and whether or not it contributes to their lives. Their acceptance or rejection of me, like that of Henri Nouwen, is how I am perceived at any given moment. Am I perceived as someone friendly, as someone mean, as someone happy or as someone angry?

And while this is a humbling experience, it is also a good

reminder for all of us. Quite often we spend a lot of time trying to achieve "success," perhaps not really knowing why. Because even when success comes, whether it be through fame or money or something else, our relationships with others will still depend upon how we are perceived. And it is usually through our relationships with others that we find most joy.

At Star of the Sea, while we teach students to aim high and try to achieve their goals, we also have the opportunity to teach them about relationships. Being a small school relationships are vital. And most children have little interest about their classmate's skills and talents. They are only interested in others through the relationship they form with them.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### CALENDAR

Wednesday 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9:00am to 10:30am Early Learning at Star</li><li>Big Science Competition</li></ul>
Thursday 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2:15pm Primary Assembly</li></ul>
Friday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Active Living Day (K-10)</li></ul>
Tuesday 29th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 10 visit St Patricks College</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

St Vincent de Paul  
Blankets and Winter Woollies Drive

When: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Where: Primary Gallery

Blankets

New socks

Hats

Gloves



Winter Coats

Sweat Shirts

Sleeping Bags

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

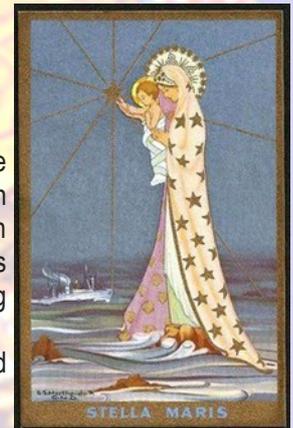
Hospitality

As we get ready for winter by turning up the heat and putting on warm clothes it is easy to forget that winter can be tough for many vulnerable people in our community. There are so many who suffer during the winter months because they don't have adequately warm clothes or blankets. Help make this winter a little warmer for someone in our community by donating any of the following items you no longer want or use, and our local Vinnies group will make sure they are distributed to those most in need.

## Why is May the month of Mary?

May is an important time in the Church where we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. So why do we honour Mary in May? Marian devotion is part of Church tradition and it is linked to special graces that began around the seventeenth century. However, most importantly, Mary is everyone's mother and she cares for all of us, without fail, interceding for us to God, our Father.

As a Marian School, Mary, Our Lady, Star of the Sea is our patron and we give honour to Mary and ask her to pray for us and guide us.



## Stars of the Week - 16th May 2019

Kinder	Dyson Bromley	For greeting his friends with a smile in the mornings.
Prep/1	Allira-Grayce Harris	For being a positive role-model and leader in our class.
Grade 2/3	Maverick Watson	For finding interesting facts about a variety of topics. Keep being curious Mav!
Grade 4	Katie Holz	For her amazing attitude towards all aspects of her work.
Grade 5/6 D	Harry Lignier	For being supportive in the Year 5/6D classroom when challenges arise.
Grade 5/6 W	Bonnie Leslie	For using feedback to improve her persuasive writing. Well done!

## FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

What is it that we truly want for our children? We often say we want our children to be happy, and we sometimes think that happiness will come through success. However, it is more likely it will come through their relationships with others.

### Welcome

We welcome Braylee (Year 9) and his family to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

### Sacraments

We pray for Joshua (Grade 3), Sianna (Grade 5), Maeve (Grade 6) and Isabella (Grade 10) who will begin their preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation this week. And we congratulate Maeve who, on Sunday, was baptised into the Catholic Church.

### NAPLAN

Our students have now completed NAPLAN. There was some talk in the media about problems with NAPLAN online and the unreliability of the connection. Our students have experienced this to varying degrees but we are not concerned as a school. The results of NAPLAN only give a snapshot of a student's abilities and we do not see the results as anything definitive.

Thanks must go to Melissa McGillivray who coordinated NAPLAN and to all of the teachers who made sure it ran smoothly.

### CEO Sleepout fundraiser

This Friday sees a fundraiser by the local St Vincent de Paul conference for the CEO Sleepout. The evening consists of a 3 course meal (some of which is being prepared by our students) and music, all with the theme of *Coming home*. More information can be found on this newsletter.

### Lockdown Practice

Today we had a practice of a full lockdown. We will use the practice as a chance to see what has and hasn't worked and where we need to improve.

### Secondary Redevelopments

Our secondary students have now moved to different classrooms which have been set up around the school. Our move last Friday went smoothly and we thank the students for their support with this.

### School Photo Day

School photo day will be held on Monday 24th June and School Photo Day envelopes have gone home last week.

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.

## School Colour-Run - Friday May 24 starting at 12:30pm

As you would be aware we're holding the School Colour-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will double as our Star of the Sea Cross Country and be held on Friday 24th May @12:30pm at the College. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we're looking to raise \$8,000 for a new School Trailer to take on camps and extracurricular activities.

It's great to see 115 profiles set up online and 45 students have already raised money towards the total. If you haven't already please jump online at [schoolfundraising.com.au](http://schoolfundraising.com.au) and create a student profile page. Once you do this and raise at least \$1 online, you will be entered into the \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience! We have so far raised \$3,268.78 towards our total but there is still a lot of work to be done.

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

The School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that we hope you'll get behind. The event sends a message to students about having fun while being healthy, while helping the school raise funds.

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to support the kids either at school or along the course. K-2 course at the College. Year 3-6 course along the waterfront. Lunch will be prior to the start with opportunities to hydrate and snack during the afternoon.

The Sport Science class has visited classes to get orders for plain white tee shirts for the day. Please be aware if your child did not order a shirt they will be required to bring a plain white tee shirt on the day if they wish. There were 98 orders from a total of 170 students, it would be an idea to even pack a white tee shirt just in case (plain white tee's are \$2.85 for children and \$4 for adults at K-Mart).

*Coloured Chalk stations are situated throughout the school, and will be supervised by a staff member. Any student who does not want to be chalked may simply go around the station.*

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

**Oliver Cook**  
HPE Coordinator

	Cross Country	Check Points	Colouring	Activity	Food Break & Spectating	Recorders + First Aid	Roaming
<b>12:50</b> <b>30 mins</b>	K-2 & Year 3-4  Oli Cook on Course	Year 10	Year 9  (Gary Goodall & Jane Fleming to roam)	7/8 Basketball + Netball Round Robins (Melissa McGillivray & Craig Duncan )	5/6 (Madeline White + Lynelle Davis to monitor)	Karen Tame Karen Stewart Rose Briscoe	Richard Chapman
<b>1:20pm</b> <b>25 mins</b>	5-6  Oli Cook on Course	Year 10	7/8 (Melissa McGillivray & Craig Duncan to roam)	K-2 – Games with the Year 9's (Melitta O'Toole + Suzi Romein)	3-4 (Claire Honeychurch to Supervise)	Karen Tame Karen Stewart Rose Briscoe	Richard Chapman
<b>1:45pm</b> <b>25 mins</b>	7-8  Oli Cook on Course	Teachers (6) Craig Duncan Gary Goodall Lynelle Davis Denise Armstrong Melissa McGillivray Jane Fleming	K-2 (Suzi Romein + Melitta O'Toole roaming and supporting)  Sports leaders to support	3-4  Dodgeball Games  (Claire Condric + Suzi Romein)	9 + 5/6  (Madeleine White to Supervise)	Karen Tame Karen Stewart Rose Briscoe	Richard Chapman
<b>2:10pm</b> <b>40 mins</b>	9-10  Oli Cook on Course	Teachers (8) Craig Duncan Gary Goodall Lynelle Davis Denise Armstrong Melissa McGillivray Jane Fleming Madeleine White	5/6  (Claire Condric & Sally Walters to roam)	7/8 to pack up gear used for activities.	K-2  (Suzi Romein + Melitta O'Toole to monitor).	Karen Tame Karen Stewart Rose Briscoe	Richard Chapman

## Shout Out Week 3 Term 2, 2019

Name	PBS	Reason
Darcie Power	E	Listening in assembly
Allira Harris	R	Being a good listener
Allira Harris	R	Always using her manners
Malakai Hyland	R	Helping his teacher pack away
Archie Parker	L	Amazing counting in Maths
William Holz	E	Learning to write maths sums so quickly
Hunta Burton	L	Doing an amazing job with his handwriting
Brock Holden	R	Packing up the sandpit toys without being asked
Ryder Hawkins	R	Encouraging others with kind words
Harry Lignier	R	Being a supportive strength partner to Hunta
Shekinah MacFarlane	S	Using initiative to pick up rubbish in the playground
Erin Vanderzwan	L	Helping others during fractions learning
Shekinah MacFarlane	R	Being a great listener & showing respect during art lesson
Shekinah MacFarlane	S	Helping clean the classroom without being asked
Maeve Lazdauskas	E	Doing her work diligently and on time
Maeve Lazdauskas	E	Working diligently and producing a high standard of work
Maeve Lazdauskas	L	Amazing dedication to improving her writing skills
Lillian Hockey	R	Paying attention and coming up with great ideas during Art
Lillian Hockey	R	Picking up rubbish on the school oval without being asked to
Zoe Gillies	L	Listening straight away
William Holz	E	Listening straight away
Arthur Millen	E	Sitting on the mat at story time
Malakai Hyland	E	Coming to the mat when he's asked
Ashton Ratcliffe	E	Listening straight away
Rilee Brown	R	Being kind to her classmates
Katie Holz	L	Listening well and producing her best work during Art
Hunta Burton	R	Being awesome and paying attention in assembly
Huntar Carnie	R	Listening in assembly
Brock Holden	E	Being a great listener
Ryder Hawkins	S	Pushing in all of our chairs so that our classroom is safe
Ryder Hawkins	S	Keeping our classroom clean
Chelsea Jenkins	L	Great counting. Well Done!
Taylor Thomson	S	Being respectful to others during learning
Hunaisha Ahmed	L	For her beautiful weekend writing
Macey Crick	E	Coming to the mat and joining in with singing
Hunaisha Ahmed	E	Taking her time with her work
Ether Daire	L	Concentrating hard in all learning tasks
Ryder Hawkins	E	Learning to write maths sums so quickly
Evie King	E	Coming to the mat when she is asked
Willian Holz	L	Being a good listener
Arthur Millen	R	Packing up as soon as he is asked
Stephen Aziz	R	Sitting steady in assembly
Brook Baillie	R	Being co-operative for her teachers
Tommy Smith	E	Being a fantastic listener
Bernard Moore	S	Keeping our yard clean
Temperance Mather	E	Being a fantastic listener on the mat
Damien Milner	L	Listening so well in Art lessons so as to learn new information
Dyson Bromley	S	Sensibly packing up the PMP equipment
Henry Pride	R	Asking other people to play with him when they're alone
Dyson Bromley	R	Greeting his classmates with a smile and their name
Brooke Baillie	R	Packing up the sandpit without being asked
Dyson Bromley	R	Having wonderful manners and saying thank you
Lindsie Barrett	E	Listening to a story on the mat
Tommy Smith	R	Packing up the toys without being asked
Chelsie Jenkins	E	Excellent listening and thoughtful responses to the music
Oscar Smith	E	Showing great listening skills in maths
Damien Milner	E	Taking an active part in all art lessons
William Holz	R	Being very kind in Music and giving someone else his instrument when they didn't have one
Thomas Singline	E	Listening in assembly
Lachlan Crick	L	Excellent work on his maths jobs



**PBS Focus: Respect, We play with our hands off others.**

**Shout Out Week 3 Term 2, 2019 continued**

<b>Name</b>	<b>PBS</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Savannah-Grimsey-Gray	L	Having a positive attitude towards all
Sianna Brunacci	E	Working hard during all learning activities
Haley Ford	E	Always having a positive attitude
Belynda Hyland	L	Working hard on improving her times tables
Reagan Widdowson	L	Persevering with her literacy work
Ruby Davidson	L	Being a good listener
Hunta Burton	E	Putting in lots of effort during his strength session
Ashton Ratcliffe	L	Always following instructions quickly
Hunta Burton	R	Using beautiful manners
Ashton Harrison	S	Always helping others with computer learning
Hunta Burton	L	Trying so hard with his reading
Hunta Burton	E	Being fully engaged in his learning activities
Finley Upston	R	Sitting still in assembly
Oscar Smith	S	Always being safe in our classroom

**You are invited to.....**

**COMING HOME...**

**A night celebrating the value of belonging**

**To support Bridget Archer's Vinnfes CEO sleepout**

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

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

**Bookings essential**

**\*Simple 3 course meal**

**\*raffle**

**\*lucky door prize**

**\*silent auction**

**\*BYO drinks**

**\* no effpos**

**Stan O'Doherty Hall (Star of the Sea Hall)**

**Gaulburn Street**

**George Town**

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

**Tickets available at the College Office**