

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

28TH MAY 2019

When a language dies, a way of understanding the world dies with it, a way of looking at the world.

- Steiner G

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

Our culture is held together by shared experiences and shared language. Cultures die when the language dies or when groups no longer have the chance to share experiences. Indigenous cultures, both in Australia and around the world, have been greatly affected by the disappearance of their language or by other groups coming in and disrupting the shared experiences.

But cultures also evolve. How we used to do things is often not the same as how we do things now. Sometimes, that's a good thing. But sometimes we lose a little as well.

On Friday evening the local St Vincent de Paul conference held a fundraiser in the hall for the CEO Sleepout. It was a rip-snorter of an evening. We all put on our decent clobber (maybe not our Sunday best) and gathered in the hall for some tucker and a good old natter. Most of us were so hungry we could eat a horse and chase the rider, including me, even though people tell me I look like a match with the wood scraped off.

There were people there who'd been propping up Vinnies since Adam was a boy, like

Whatsitsname and Old Hoot-me-flute, as well as some new chums. We were told at the door to just toot and come in (you know, the Egyptian Pharaoh) and we had some speeches by the conference president Mike (his blood's worth bottling) and Mark Gaetani, an old George Town boy whose old man helped build the school. Mark is the big-wig of Vinnies in Tasmania and really knows his onions. Plays above his weight.

Stone the crows, the food was bonza. There was no junket or flummery but we had soups and stews coming out our ears. To pay \$10 for a meal, well, I thought fair exchange was no robbery and by the end of the night most of us were full up to pussy's bow. Even the youngsters were chockers by the end of it. You go to a restaurant these days and what you have to fork over for a meal, well you'd think you were trying to buy the crown jewels.

Everything went along swimmingly. The urn went bung part way through the night but you get that sort of thing, if you live long enough. I was left like a shag on a rock trying to fix it, but

in the end I just left it and said I'm off, like a piece of cheese. I didn't win anything on the raffle, but I reckon there was some jiggery-pokery going on there. Still, it was better than being hit in the belly with a wet fish.

The music was crackerjack and really fitted like a sock on a dog's nose. My word some of those performers could talk under wet cement with a mouth full of marbles. By the end of the night we all needed forty winks (the tykes were one step away from grumpy) so we shot through. But we all agreed that after a night like that, you wouldn't be dead for quids.

At Star of the Sea Catholic College we need to encourage our own culture to evolve as we continually looks for new ways to answer God's call, or else, like the above, it can seem meaningless to too many people. Supporting the Vinnies CEO Sleepout is just one way we answer, in our own language, the question the Gospels ask of us - *how do we show compassion to our neighbour?* Too right.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### CALENDAR

Wednesday 29th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am to 10:30am Early Learning at Star</li> <li>Stop the Traffik workshop Years 9 &amp; 10</li> </ul>
Thursday 30th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2:15pm Primary Assembly</li> <li>Black Box visit Yr 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPSSA Cross Country</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

## National Reconciliation Week



This week is National Reconciliation Week and it is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to think about how each of us can contribute to reconciliation in Australia. National Reconciliation Week, now an annual event, was born out of a Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993.

On either side of this week are two important anniversaries that all Australians can be proud of, the 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo land rights decision. These two dates show what can happen when we all stand up for what is just and right.

In this week of Reconciliation, we pray that we will come together in love and peace. May we have the courage to walk with our indigenous brothers and sisters in open dialogue and truth.

### St Vincent de Paul

### Blankets and Winter Woollies Drive

When: Wednesday 15th May – Thursday 30th May

Where: Primary Gallery

If you have any winter clothes you no longer need give them to the Vinnie's Winter Woollies Drive.



Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality

### Stars of the Week - 22nd May 2019

Kinder	Macey Crick	For being kind & helpful to her classmates.
Prep/1	Sabian Hawes	For persevering when encountering challenges during our "doubles" work.
Grade 2/3	Bernard Moore	For completing set tasks to the best of his ability.
Grade 4	Charlotte Power	For her consistent effort across all subject areas.
Grade 5/6 D	Jennifer Munro	For a wonderful start at Star of the Sea, and being an interested learner.
Grade 5/6 W	Izaak Holz	For being in charge of his own learning during Maths. Well done!

## FAMILY AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

Traditions are important. They give us a sense of belonging and a connection to our culture. Do our children know what traditions our family keeps? What are the traditions of our town? Of our school?

### Welcome

We welcome Deegan (Prep) and his family to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

### Year 10 Transition

Our Year 10s are currently having some opportunities to find out more about their options for College in 2020. The current Year 10s of Tasmania are the first group that are required to either be in school, further training or full-time employment (35 hours) until the age of 18. Our Year 10s will have the opportunity to find out more about St Patrick's College, Launceston College and Newstead College.

### Black Box

As part of Reconciliation Week our 5/6 classes will have the opportunity to find out more about the Black Box when it visits later this week. The Black Box is a collection of aboriginal artefacts and culturally related objects which is on loan from the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

### Secondary Redevelopments

Our secondary students and teachers have started to adjust to their new classrooms. We have made some changes during the past week to try and make things a little more comfortable, and, despite the Internet going on and off multiple times, we are all coping! If you have seen behind the fence you will also notice that the builders have made good progress.

### Welcome to the College Community

We welcome a son to the Ahmed family, a baby brother for Hunaisha (Prep).

*Psalm 127: 3 - "Children are a gift from God, they are His reward."*

## Shout Out Week 4 Term 2, 2019

Name	PBS	Reason
Lucinda Hockey	R	Helping clean up after our craft activity.
Lillian Hockey	R	Helping put the chairs down before school.
Lucinda Hockey	R	Helping put the chairs down before school.
Oscar Smith	L	Reading his words in a confident way.
Isabelle Anelzark	R	Helping clean up after our craft activity.
Damien Milner	E	Taking an active part in all art lessons.
Karol Aziz	L	Tidying our room.
William Holz	R	Being very kind in Music and giving someone else his instrument.
Isaiah Widdowson	R	Being focused on his work and completing it by the set time.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	E	For her lovely prayers.
Macklin Grimsey-Gray	R	Helping put the chairs down before school.
Ryder Hawkins	E	Listening well during weekend sharing.
William Holz	E	Sitting on the mat straight away.
Katie Holz	R	Picking up rubbish at recess without being asked.
Katie Holz	R	Helping clean up after our craft activity.
Ashton Ratcliffe	E	Being ready for the day.
Lillian Hockey	R	Keeping the playground clean and tidy.
Charlotte Power	R	Picking up rubbish at recess without being asked.
Ruby Gower	R	Picking up rubbish without being asked.
Elijah Parker	R	Tidying our room.
Ashton Ratcliffe	L	Confident reader of his words.
Scarlett Baillie	R	Sitting on the mat ready for the day.
Chantz Brown	E	Speaking so well in weekend sharing.
Huntar Carnie	R	Moving groups so that a classmate would be happy.
Chelsie Jenkins	E	Sitting beautifully on the mat.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	E	Listening carefully to instructions.
Declan Anelzark	L	Being a good listener.
Olivia Hockey	E	Working quietly and staying focused on typing club.

### Shout Out Draw Winners:

Ryder won lunch with Mrs Mac  
Henry won 10 minutes extra recess

You're  
a  
Star!

### PBS Focus:

Respect: We play with our hands off others.

## SCHOOL COLOUR RUN

The good news continues with \$5,146.58 raised so far by our Star community towards our new school trailer. The fund-raising is still active until the 7th June so keep sourcing donations towards our goal. Introducing the colour was a great success, having a huge impact in boosting participation and enjoyment of our school Cross country. An outstanding day of active fun.

**Congratulations to our Winning House and Our Champion Students:**

**Presentation 185 points**

**Regina 162 points**

**Nagle 155 points**

**Axle Sturzaker Shiloh Leslie Preston Wilcox Grace Mahnken Blake Miller Emma Thomas  
Ashton Harrison Areesha Imran Ezra Wighton Kiana Widdowson Paulo Moore Hayley Blyth**

**Brayden Ford Brooke Holz Kenneth Hyland Isabella Brunacci**

