

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20TH AUGUST 2019

A word of advice is, when you judge someone, it doesn't define the person that you're judging. It defines you.

- Tulisa

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



CALENDAR

From the Principal

For those who follow they have ever seen.

Australian Rules football, they will probably have heard that the former Geelong ruckman and premiership player, Graham "Polly" Farmer died last week.

My father regarded Polly Farmer as the best footballer he has ever seen play the game. It is an opinion that has some credibility as my father has spent over 60 years watching and playing the game of football. He was even knocked out (accidentally) by Polly Farmer one evening while training for Geelong.

We use the phrase "the best" pretty loosely these days. Youtube is littered with videos with the title "the best" one thing or another as a way of encouraging people to click on it. Advertisers hit us with claims that a particular product is "the best" at doing what it does. Judges on reality TV programs tell us an act or a dish or a room is "the best"

Of course most of these opinions are based upon a very short time frame and very limited experience. But unfortunately the way they are promulgated means our young people believe them and use them as something to emulate. The idea of what is "the best" is no longer based upon skill or talent, but upon votes or likes or advertising.

For example, *Gangnam Style* is a music video that has about 3.4 billion views on Youtube, and whilst it may be fun, when aliens come down to Earth looking for evidence of advanced civilisations, if they see *Gangnam Style* promoted as "the best" they'll soon be heading off in their UFOs again seeking other planets.

Similarly, acts upon talent shows are often touted as "the best," but there is a new "best"

the following year and a few years later "the best" doesn't look as good as it once did.

One of the things we need to teach our children is not to get caught up in absolutes. The best, the worst, the good guys, the bad guys. There is no black and white in our world, just lots of shades of grey. When we start dealing in absolutes, we start getting into an "us and them" mindset, where you either agree with me or you're the enemy.

If we want the Star of the Sea Catholic community to be inclusive, then it's important that there is no best, no us and them, just loved children of God.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Wednesday 21st August	• 9.00am till 10.30am Playgroup at Star
Thursday 22nd August	• 2.15pm Primary Assembly
Friday 23rd August	• 5/6 Winter Sport
Thursday 29th August	• Father's Day Stall
Friday 30th August	• 7:30am Father's Day Breakfast (see over for invitation)

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

Happy Birthday Father Edward!

Father Edward celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, 14th August. Thank you Father Eddie for all you do and all you are.

Thank you for sharing in the life of our college through your visits to our classrooms, celebrations of Mass and sharing with us in prayer time.

Thank you for your patience, good humour and words of wisdom.

May God bless you with his boundless love, peace and joy throughout the coming year.

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

Hospitality



'What life have you if you have not life together?

*There is no life that is not in community,
And no community not lived in praise of
GOD.'*

T.S. Eliot

Stars of the Week - 15th August 2019

Kinder	Rilee Brown	For being a great listener at mat times.
Prep/1	Deegan White	For neatly writing independently.
Grade 2/3	Elijah Parker	For fantastic effort in reading. Well done Elijah.
Grade 4	Henry Lindfors	For his fantastic effort during Literacy and applying himself to his work. Well done.
Grade 5/6 D	Hunta Burton	For the great improvement in the neatness of his handwriting. Well done!
Grade 5/6 W	Thalia Sturzaker	For consistently taking charge of her own learning and seeking feedback to improve her work.

Making Jesus Real

At assembly last week we talked about our body language. Our body language often says more than our words, and just like we need to keep our words positive, we also need to keep our body language positive. To be welcoming people we are welcoming with our whole body, not just through what we say.



Year 7 Transition Day

Today we began the process of transitioning students from Grade 6 into Year 7 for next year. We welcomed our own students as well as students from South George Town Primary School. There will be a number of sessions, including an Orientation Day, between now and the end of the year.

Star of the Sea Catholic College Parents & Friends Father's Day Raffle

Raffle tickets went home last week to all families. Please ensure that books are returned, sold or unsold by 29th August so that the raffle can be drawn at the Father's Day breakfast on 30th August

Postage stamps for Father Edward

Father Edward is collecting used postage stamps for Mary McKillop International. Recycled postage stamps are used to give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea, to train poor women to learn life-skills in Peru and bring vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste. Since 2001 they have raised over \$260,000.00.

Please cut the stamps off the envelope leaving a generous margin all around and put into the box in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

Compass

Yesterday was the rollout of our new student system Compass. Parents will see a new way of the school making contact if your child is absent. Ideally parents should notify the College as early as possible if your child is going to be absent. This can be done through our Face Book inbox, Skoolbag app or phone the College and leave a message on the answering machine.

If you are unable to do any of the above your child will be marked "unexplained". Compass will automatically send you a message with the options to either; call the school or reply directly to Compass, (this link has a time out period).

Welcome

We welcome Tayshen (Year 7) and his family to Star of the Sea. We hope he enjoys his time here.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Moore family on the safe arrival of Paulo and Bernard's baby sister.

*For this child I have prayed
and the Lord has granted
the desires of my heart.
-1 Samuel 1:27*

Fathers Day Stall

Our annual Fathers Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th August starting at 9.00am. This is a perfect time for the children to pick a special gift for their dad or father figure in their life. Gift prices start from 50c to \$5.00.

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

Name	PBS	Reason
Deegan White	L	Being a learner during Maths.
Ryder Hawkins	S	Safely cleaning up.
Zoe Gillies	E	Finishing her work quickly.
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	E	Choosing a book and reading quietly in the library.
Jack Lindfors	R	Following teacher instructions.
Ryder Hawkins	R	Respectful work in measurement.
Blake Miller	E	Completing homework on time.
Tylar Berne	E	Completing homework on time.
Lachlan Crick	S	Making excellent safe choices.
Hunaisha Ahmed	E	Being ready to learn.
Ashton Ratcliffe	L	Great reading during relaxation time.
Damien Milner	E	Choosing a book and reading quietly in Library.
Giovanni Gandolfi	E	Completing homework on time.
Maeve Lazdauskas	E	Completing homework on time.
Hayley Ford	E	Completing homework on time.
Sianna Brunacci	E	Completing homework on time.
Allira-Grayce Harris	E	Great work on our Weather Unit.
Allira-Grayce Harris	S	Amazing cleaning.
Belynda Hyland	E	Completing homework on time.
Deegan White	A	Working hard at cleaning up.
Declan Anlezark	S	Keeping our class clean.
Archie Parker	L	Great weather work.
Archie Parker	L	Great weather words.
Ashton Harrison	E	Completing homework on time.
Thomas Johnson	L	Remaining focussed during Maths tasks.
Kate Symes	E	Completing homework on time.
Daniel McConnell	R	A thoughtful prayer.
Declan Anlezark	R	Great watching and learning.
Daniel McConnell	E	Waiting for people to listen.
Tempress Tunks	E	Completing homework on time.
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Leo Linley	E	Returning and borrowing a library book.
Hunta Burton	R	Being a fantastic help at Breakfast Club.
Axle Sturzaker	R	Cleaning up other people's mess.
Ashton Harrison	E	His engagement and contributions to Music.
Elijah Parker	L	Writing about an imaginative super power.
Jack Lindfors	E	Listening attentively to Mrs Barrenger.
Erin Vanderzwan	E	Completing homework on time.
Scarlett Baillie	S	Super safe cleaning.
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**Shout Out Winners:**

Scarlett Baillie—Walk around York Cove for class.

Grace Mahnken—Movie afternoon for the class.

PBS Focus: Respect:

We show our respect at eating times by sitting down on or near the steps, we put our rubbish in the bin and we put our belongings in the tubs before the duty teachers will let us know when to go and play.

Please join us!

Fathers and father figures are welcome to have breakfast

with their children



What: Father's Day breakfast

When: Friday 30th August

Where & time: in the Hall

7:30am – 8:30am



Please RSVP for catering purposes by Wednesday 28th August

Name of those attending: _____

Dietary requirements?: _____

If there are any parents, or mothers who would like to help with the breakfast, please contact the College office. Any help would greatly be appreciated.