

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

From the Principal

Last Monday I attended the funeral of Pat Bottle, a past member of the College Board who, along with his family, has had a strong involvement with Star of the Sea throughout the years. I had only met Pat a couple of times so didn't know him very well, but the strong message that came through by those who spoke at the service was that he was a man who never waited for anyone else to get something done but rolled up his sleeves and got the job done himself.

There is a well-known quote by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint, that we should "never see a need without doing something about it." And while this is inspiring, it is hard to do. Throughout Australia and the world we see people who try to make a difference but they are constantly put down by negative comments, called "do-gooders" or that they are helping people who should be looking after themselves.

Because of this, it is not always appealing to try to make a difference. We worry if it is worth trying with all of the backlash we might cop when we do. We question ourselves as to whether what we do will actually make a difference or whether we are kidding ourselves. It takes special people, like Mary MacKillop, to continue to try in the face of adversity.

But we still see it every day. A number of adults in the Star of the Sea Catholic community volunteer with Vinnies Van or at the Vinnies Assistance Office. A number of adults volunteer at our school as they try to make a difference in the lives of our students. Teachers and other staff come to school every day to try to make a difference. Parents and friends put on events and fundraisers to try to make a difference. And there are many more within the George Town community trying to make that difference.

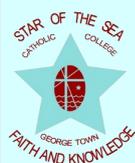
We can insult them. We can ridicule them on social media. We can suggest that we would do it "much better if we did it." All of which is not helpful in any way. Or we can support them. We can encourage them. We can build them up rather than tear them down. Because if we want a school, a town, a country our children can be proud of, it is the people who are trying to make a difference who will make that happen.

There are many people in the Star of the Sea Catholic community who are trying to do something about the needs they see. We have two choices - support them, or get out of their way! Because the future of our children is too important for it to be spoiled by negativity and mediocrity.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

I choose bold.
I choose action.
I choose what's right for the people.
I choose to make a difference.
- Bill Richardson

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



CALENDAR

Wednesday 11th September	• Playgroup at Star 9.00am till 10.30am
Thursday 12th September	• 2:15pm Primary Assembly
Monday 16th September	• <i>Possum Magic</i> school workshop
Tuesday 17th September	• Year 7 transition day • English Competition

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

As we come to the end of Child Protection Week, it is a good time to reflect on the importance of showing kindness and genuine concern for the safety and well being of all people in our society. By building stronger communities in our school, parishes and clubs we create safer environments for all people –especially for our most vulnerable.

At Star we pride ourselves in providing a safe place for all.

Every year in Australia more that 30,000 children are abused or neglected. Many organizations in Australia use this week to promote awareness of all forms of abuse and neglect.

One group, the Australian Federal Police, hold 'White Balloon Day' to raise public awareness and support victims of exploitation.

As we reflect on what this means for us, we remind ourselves that as children of God we are made in God's image and graced with dignity. We deserve to be treated with respect and, in turn, treat others with respect, kindness and compassion, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

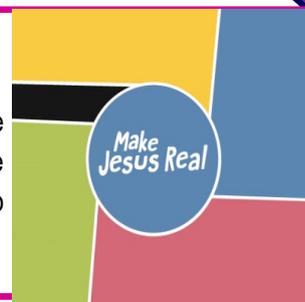


Stars of the Week - 5th September 2019

Kinder	Huntar Carnie	For clever work with numbers.
Prep/1	Milly Wilcox	For helping to keep our classroom so tidy.
Grade 2/3	Ashton Meessen	For producing a great recount of his excursion to Beaconsfield Gold Mine. Well done Ashton.
Grade 4	Shiloh Leslie	For her effort and time taken to complete her Shopping List task in Maths.
Grade 5/6 D	Belynda Hyland	For always writing interesting sentences with well worded noun groups.
Grade 5/6 W	Olivia Hockey	For being a leader in our class by following instructions promptly and remaining focussed during learning activities. Well done!

Making Jesus Real

At last week's Primary assembly we spoke about being welcoming people. One of the easiest ways we can be welcoming people is by saying hello at the start of the day to those we meet. And if people greet us first, we say hello back, not put down our heads and keep walking. It can really get people off to a good start when we greet them in the morning.



Welcome

We welcome Mr Andrew Abernethy and Miss Anna Millward who will be here this week and for 4 weeks next term as part of their UTas teacher professional experience placements. Mr Abernethy will be in the Prep/1 class and Miss Millward will work in the secondary Maths and Science area.

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman will be on leave from next Monday. He will be away for the last two weeks of this term and the first week of next term. In his absence Mrs Karen Tame and Mrs Rose Briscoe will share the role of Acting Principal. All matters that would normally go to Mr Chapman can be forwarded to them.

Mrs Romein will be on leave for the last two weeks of this term. Miss O'Toole will take the 2/3 class for the majority of this time.

Mrs Frankcombe will be on leave for the last week of this term and the first week of next term. Mrs Nora Wood will be in the office for most of that time.

Secondary Redevelopments

Our Secondary redevelopments are progressing well but we are getting to a tricky stage with regards to access to various areas. Towards the end of this term and into the holidays the secondary girls and boys toilets will be out of use as these begin to be updated. Temporary toilets will be available. The main corridor from the office will also be out of use while the roofing is done in this area. Access for students will be either via the bus stop gate or the new entrance (if ready). Students will be kept informed of movements.

Enrolments 2020

We are now in full swing with regards to transition of new students into Star of the Sea for 2020. We have already had a couple of Year 7 transition days and next month will see us begin our Little Stars program for Kinders. If you or anyone you know would like to enrol students into Star of the Sea for next year now is a good time to start the process. Application forms are available on our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au) or by contacting the office.

Summer Uniform

First day of Term 4 for 2019 will be Monday 14th October. Parents are asked to note that Summer Uniform is to be worn at the start of Term 4. The uniform shop is open on Thursdays from 2pm till 4pm and **will not** be open during the school holidays.

Term 4

Monday 14th October - Wednesday 18th December

In advance holidays for Terms 4 :

- ⇒ Friday 1st November - In lieu of Show Day
- ⇒ Monday 4th November - Recreation Day

Shout Out Week 7 Term 3, 2019

Name	PBS	Reason
Hayley Ford	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Ryda Howard	L	Amazing independent writing
Daniel McConnell	L	Being a great listener and joining in class discussions
Ashton Ratcliffe	R	Putting books away
Daniel McConnell	R	Helping to keep our room tidy
Ashton Ratcliffe	L	Reading quietly during rest time
Sabian Hawes	L	Working quietly to complete class tasks
Hunta Burton	E	Doing amazing work on your cooking poster
Maeve Lazdauskas	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Jennifer Munro	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Lachlan Crick	E	Working really hard and being engaged in his learning
Lachlan Crick	E	Reading an entire book by himself
Lachlan Crick	S	Walking away from a tricky situation
Ashton Ratcliffe	R	Sitting quietly
Jackson Smith	L	Being a great listener and joining in class discussion
Kate Symes	E	Being a great friend and helping Hunta
Jessica Anlezark	R	Helping a Kinder person with his bag when getting on the bus
Oscar Smith	L	Being a great listener and joining in class discussions
Taylor Thomson	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Allira-Grayce Harris	R	Sitting quietly
Allira-Grayce Harris	L	Working quietly to complete class tasks
Deegan White	R	Sitting quietly
Ruby Davidson	L	Amazing independent writing
Zoe Gillies	L	Reading quietly during rest time
Zoe Gillies	L	Excellent reading of a tricky book
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	R	Cleaning up other people's mess
Belynda Hyland	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Declan Anlezark	R	Sitting quietly
Thomas Johnson	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Thomas Johnson	L	Extending himself during Maths lessons
Tylar Berne	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Kate Symes	L	Extending herself during Maths lessons
Blake Miller	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Tempress Tunks	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy
Prep/1	R	All sitting quietly
Hayley Ford	L	Extending herself during Maths lessons
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	R	Being helpful and collecting the balls at the end of lunch
Arthur Millen	R	Being wonderful at helping pack up outside
Reagan Widdowson	R	Beautiful, respectful behaviour during our class liturgy

PBS Focus:

Respect

We speak kindly to each other.

You're
a
Star!

Shout Out Winners:

Alyssia Sky -

Movie Afternoon

Malakai Hyland -

Walk around York Cove

Year 9/10 Netball

Our Year 9/10, Division 3, Netball team recently beat Brooks High School 23 - 15 in a hard fought game with all girls playing at their best.

Bronte Miller was judged Most Valuable Player by the umpires.

Congratulations to all those involved.



Prep/1 Religious Education

Prep and Grade 1 are looking at the theme 'God Loves Us' in Religious Education classes this week. We have been thinking about people in our school who show us the love of God. We wanted to share God's love too. So, we made biscuits to give to the St. Vincent de Paul soup van. These biscuits were shared out last Thursday evening. It feels good to do kind things for others.

