

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.

- Rob Siltanen

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

I recently found myself living in a different house and hadn't really become orientated to my new surroundings. I would walk out of a door and was not really sure where I would end up. If I wanted to go to a certain part of the house I would have to think before I went there just to make sure I ended up in the room I wanted to go to.

This may sound strange but it happens to us all. Most of us have been living in the same spot for a while so going from one place to another is just something we naturally do. We don't have to think about it. It is only when we are somewhere different that we have to use a different part of our brain and we notice ourselves thinking in ways we previously didn't have to.

And this is a good thing. One of the ways we keep our brains healthy is by constantly challenging them. And the way we constantly challenge our

brains is by doing something different. Sometimes it can be something as simple as driving a different way to work rather than going down the same streets we always go down.

It can be uncomfortable, though, and lots of people don't like to have their brains challenged. We would prefer to stick with the same old routines, the same old thought patterns. Life is busy enough without our brains being given a workout!

When Jesus arrived on the scene a couple of thousand years ago, one of the things he managed to do was hurt everyone's brains. He gave people a completely new way of looking at the world, and once you started to look at the world through Jesus' eyes you could never go back. Some people lapped this up, and followed Jesus to the cross. For others it was too uncomfortable, and they were the ones who sent Jesus to

the cross.

Even today we see examples of this. For some people, climate change is a real thing and can have a devastating effect on our planet. For others, the thought of changing their brain patterns is too much, and they say climate change isn't happening. The problem is, if we always side with the status quo, we will be left behind, just like many were when Jesus rose from the dead.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to keep challenging our brains, keep being open to new ways of thinking, new ways of doing things. If we don't, we'll be left behind, and history shows that those who are left behind turn out to be pretty miserable indeed.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

CALENDAR

Wednesday 4th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am till 10.30am Playgroup at Star Year 9/10 NHSSA Grand Finals
Thursday 5th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Primary Assembly Science Competition Year 7/8 NHSSA Grand Finals
Friday 6th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Sport at Beaconsfield

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

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality



As each day passes, the days are lighter and there is a promise in nature that summer is not far off. Wattle and spring bulbs pushing through the soil are a reminder that we are moving away from the cold and darkness that has been our companion throughout winter. The changing earth and the once dormant grass that is coming alive is inviting us to spend more time outside. Spring is the season of hope. It is a season of growth and new beginnings. It is a time to enjoy God's awesome creation that surrounds us. May we take time to enjoy creation and to dream new dreams, make new goals and welcome new hope.

Dear God,

*We celebrate spring's returning
and the rejuvenation of the natural world.
Let us be moved by this vast and gentle insistence
that goodness shall return,
that warmth and life shall succeed,
and help us to understand our place within this miracle.
Let us see that as a bird now builds its nest,
bravely, with bits and pieces,
so we must build human faith.
It is our simple duty; it is the highest art;*

Amen

Michael Leunig, A Common Prayer 1998



Stars of the Week - 29th August 2019

Kinder	Ether Daire	For the enthusiasm he shows in all areas of school life.
Prep/1	Ryder Hawkins	For becoming confident to write independently.
Grade 2/3	Lillian Mather	For working hard with her reading and for helping others with their reading as well.
Grade 4	Joshua Chapman	For his fantastic effort with our Fractions & Decimals Unit.
Grade 5/6 D	Sianna Brunacci	For her dedication to improving her mathematical and literacy skills every day.
Grade 5/6 W	Tait Berlinger	For consistently making positive decision to improve his learning and engagement. Well done!

Making Jesus Real

Sometimes we think we will be happy when we get “this” for our birthday or “that” for Christmas, or “I’ll be happy when I get to secondary school,” or “I’ll be happy when I get a car.” **We should live for now.** Remember that “now” is when you live, not last week or next week. **Part of being happy is being grateful for what you have, not what you haven’t got.**

Make
Jesus Real

Welcome

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

We Remember

We remember in our thoughts and prayers the family of Pat Bottle who died last week and whose funeral was held yesterday in the church. Pat was one of the builders of Star of the Sea, both literally and metaphorically. He was on hand to help build the first classrooms, his children attended Star of the Sea and he was a long-serving member of the College Board.

We also pray for Miss Louise whose mother died on Sunday.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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

Last Friday morning our Parents and Friends served around 100 people for our Father’s Day Breakfast. We thank everyone for attending and we especially thank Mrs Cox, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Brown, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Munro, Mrs Power, Miss Emma Thomas, Mrs Condrick, and Mr and Mrs Maguire for helping out on the morning to make it a success.

*1st Prize, Bunnings Voucher - Rebecca Lyons / 2nd Prize, Woolworths/BWS Voucher - Sarah French
3rd Prize, TnT Fresh It Up Pizza Deal - Sally Walters*

Year 7 & 8 Trifecta - Soccer, Netball and Hockey & Year 9 & 10 Netball

Our Year 7 & 8 Soccer, Netball and Hockey Teams are all through to the Grand Final this week as is our Year 9 & 10 Netball Team. Congratulations and good luck.



Shout Out Week 6 Term 3, 2019

Name	PBS	Reason
Jaxsyn Pollock	L	Starting his work quickly and quietly.
Damien Milner	R	Beautiful manners in the library.
Shekinah McFarlane	R	Beautiful manners in the library.
Oscar Smith	L	Amazing independent writing.
Karol Aziz	L	Starting her work quickly and quietly.
Ryder Hawkins	L	Amazing independent writing
Dyson Bromley	L	Moving from one task to the next without being asked.
Maddison Hyland	L	Being quick to start her work.
Ether Daire	L	Working quietly to complete his tasks.
Brooke Baillie	R	Being good at resting quietly.
Darcie Power	L	Being a quiet reader at rest time.
Brooke Baillie	R	Great listening.
Henry Lindfors	R	Being helpful and collecting the balls at the end of lunch.
Scarlett Baillie	L	Being the first person ready to learn.
Temprance Mather	R	Being very good at resting quietly.
Malakai Hyland	R	Sitting still on the mat and being a good listener.

You're
a
Star!

PBS Focus: Engaged:

We listen to the teacher when they are speaking. We show we are listening by looking toward the teacher, our voices are off and we are steady.

Shout Out Winners:

Isaac Leslie - Sit with a buddy

Ryder Hawkins - Friday lunch with Mrs Mac

Year 2/3 Excursion to Beaconsfield Gold Mine



Photography Course

As part of our Photography course, our students entered a photo scavenger hunt competition called "Snap", run by Launceston Church Grammar School. The competition, open to all Year 9 and 10 students from around the state. It is designed to challenge contestants to think outside the box and create artistic images that illustrate each of the 20 words on the list.

The competition is run annually and the 20 finalists from each year group get their images displayed in an Art Exhibition, while the winners from each category receive a DSLR camera.

This year our very own talented Holly Carter (Year 9) and Isabella Brunacci (Year 10) were shortlisted and their photos exhibited at Poimena Art Gallery. (on display until 6th September.).



NOW IS THE TIME!



Now is the time to enrol your child in Kinder at Star of the Sea Catholic College for 2020.

To secure your place, contact the College office on (03) 6382 1242 or visit our website starsea.tas.edu.au to download an enrolment form.

- Our Kinder transition program will begin in Term 4 and is available to children who are enrolled at Star for Kinder 2020.
- **SET Up**, our **Early Learning Program**, for birth to 5, is on every Wednesday from 9:00am to 10:30am during term time and is held in the Kinder room at Star of the Sea. No charge. Contact the College for more details.

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To the George Town community.

In the past couple of days Star of the Sea Catholic College has been given permission from Catholic Education Tasmania to run two Year 7 classes in 2020.

This comes after a large number of students sought enrolment for Year 7 at Star of the Sea for 2020. Whilst we never created a "waiting list" as such, we did put enrolments on hold for a period of time until we could get permission to have two Year 7 classes for 2020. Now that we have that permission, we are at the stage where we can proceed with those enrolments. It will also allow us to keep class sizes to a reasonable level to ensure good educational outcomes.

Next week, the parents of students who put in their application forms for Year 7 2020 but were asked to wait until further notice will be contacted so that their enrolments can move forward.

Please note:

- We are moving to two streams of Year 7s as a "once off." Even though we are currently undergoing redevelopments, we are not in the position where we will be able to run more than one stream for another secondary year level in the near future as we do not have the physical space to do so.
- Now that the decision has been made, we are able to accept more enrolments into Year 7 for 2020 above and beyond those who have already applied. An enrolment form can be obtained from our office or our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au). Places are available in all other year levels throughout the school for 2020 (K-10).
- A reminder to our current families with children in the Primary school that our Primary students who currently attend Star of the Sea will always be guaranteed a position in Secondary.

I thank the parents and students who have been patiently waiting for this decision to come through, and we should now be able to look towards 2020 with some certainty.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R Chapman".

Mr Richard Chapman

Principal

30th August 2019