

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

29TH OCTOBER 2019

Death is the prerequisite to resurrection, the new life God intends.

- John Ortberg

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

Maybe in your backyard there are new leaves on the trees, or new blossoms. Maybe flowers are appearing once again. Even though our weather hasn't been great, the seasons have certainly changed and we are now in the middle of spring. It wasn't too long ago that the trees were bare and everything looked very dull.

However, we were lucky that the trees were bare because, if they weren't, there would be no room for new growth and new life.

It doesn't seem like long ago that the builders came onto our secondary campus and demolished part of our buildings. And it was lucky that they did, because if they didn't there wouldn't have been any room for new buildings, for a new look for the school.

We look at our Year 10s and many of us can remember how they were in primary school. And we might wish they didn't grow up so fast, but it is lucky that they did grow up or else there would

be no room for personal growth and maturity in their own lives.

Our lives are defined by the cycle of life, death and resurrection. During the **life** part of the cycle things are happening in our lives that are going well. We are enjoying each day, we find meaning and growth out of what we do. But that can't last forever. It will get to the stage where we no longer find meaning in what we do, or it doesn't allow us to continue to flourish as a human being.

When this happens, we enter the **death** part of the cycle. And when we are in that stage, we need to be prepared to let things go. As much as we may have liked playing with yo-yos or Lego or Barbie dolls, we need to let it go, because if we don't we don't allow room for anything else. As much as we may have enjoyed watching that TV show week after week, or listening to only one band or one type of music, or as much as we thought that committee we were on was really

worthwhile, sometimes we need to let it go so space opens up for us, and others.

Because when that space opens up and we can do things which once again help us to flourish as human beings, then we can enter the **resurrection** part of the cycle. We can create new things, enter into new life.

Too many of us in modern day society get stuck in the **death** stage because we don't let go. It might be things we own, habits we are in, grudges we hold. By not letting go of these things we are not allowing space for new life, space for flourishing.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community we too can get stuck in the **death** stage. We must teach ourselves, as much as our students, how to let go of what was comfortable and enter into new life.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

CALENDAR

Wednesday 30th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launceston College enrolments Caritas Leadership Day 9.00 — 1 0.30am Playgroup at Star 1.30 — 3.00pm Little Stars
Thursday 31st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Primary Assembly
Friday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Free Day - In Lieu of Show Day
Monday 4th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday - Recreation Day
Tuesday 5th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bravehearts
Wednesday 6th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3 - 10 Athletics Carnival at St. Leonards

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



Congratulations to, Sianna Brunacci, Isabella Brunacci, Joshua Chapman and Maeve Lasdauskas, who made their First Communion on Sunday. May Jesus, the bread of life, shine in your hearts always as you journey through life.

Thank you to Nora Wood who helped our children and families to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

We appreciate the work you do to guide and form our young people in their faith.



Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day and Halloween

In Australia many have adopted the tradition of Halloween. Many young children don scary and some very cute costumes and go trick or treating. But what does Halloween have to do with these other Christian feast days? Long ago, Christians in Britain and Ireland would come together on All Hallows Eve (Halloween) to ask for God's blessing and protection from the evil in the world. Halloween celebrations stem from the wearing of saintly and evil spirit costumes to act out the battle between good and evil.

Halloween is translated as "Eve of All Hallows" which was a Holy Day celebrated the day before All Saints Day. All Saints' Day is celebrated on 1st November and All Souls Day is celebrated on 2nd of November. On All Saints' Day, we remember all those holy people who have gone before us, recognised and not recognised, and we remind ourselves of how we should live. On All Souls' Day we remember all those who have died and pray for all souls that they may rest in peace until they are united with God.

Stars of the Week - 24th October 2019

Kinder	Malakai Hyland	For trying hard to come to the mat when asked to do so.
Prep/1	Daniel McConnell	Daniel has worked extremely well in all the activities Mr Stepsys has set.
Grade 2/3	Seth Sturzaker	For amazing effort during literacy time. Well done Seth.
Grade 4	Lucinda Hockey	For her improved focus and effort towards her schoolwork.
Grade 5/6 D	Kate Symes	For working diligently on improving the accuracy of her multiplication facts.
Grade 5/6 W	Olivia Hockey	For taking charge of her own learning.

Making Jesus Real

Last week's assembly saw us celebrate our grandparents. Grandparents are very important in many of our student's lives. We should be grateful for our grandparents and let them know we are by saying thanks. Thanks for teaching me something new, thanks for looking after me while my parents were out, thanks for playing with me.



Welcome

We welcome Lochie (Year 7) and his family to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Playgrounds and Trailers

Over the past 12 months the College has been doing some fundraising through the P&F and from the Cross Country Colour Run to improve the secondary playground and buy a covered trailer for the school. So where are we up to?

Trailer - the trailer is on order and should be delivered in the next few weeks, hopefully in time for the Year 8 Camp.

Secondary Playground - at the moment we are just waiting for our secondary redevelopments to be finished before we start work on the playground. The area is a bit of a mess at the moment and it is probably for the best that we don't create more of a mess so the secondary students have no space at all!

The money raised has not been lost and we will look at starting work before the end of the year.

Secondary Redevelopments

Our secondary redevelopments are moving along well. We have moved into part of the new area and have use of most of the car park (you may have noticed less cars on the street in the last couple of weeks). The boys and girls toilets are progressing well, and new roofing is being put on in certain areas. Please be patient with our office staff in the coming weeks. They are working under difficult circumstances with work going on right above them, so they may not always hear the phone ring!

Holidays

A reminder that this **Friday 1st November** is a holiday for Star of the Sea Catholic College in lieu of Launceston Show Day holiday. Next **Monday 4th November** is also a holiday for the north of the state for Recreation Day. This effectively creates a 4-day weekend for our school.

PAT Testing

A number of grades across the College will be involved in PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) testing this week. This is to help teachers find out about students' skills and understandings across key areas. They are **not** national assessments (like NAPLAN) and do **not** contribute to a student's end of year report.

College Athletics Carnival

Last term we requested feedback from parents about moving our Year 3-10 Athletics Carnival to St Leonard's Athletics Centre. There was overwhelming support for the move, so next **Wednesday 6th November** will see our Grades 3-10 carnival move to Launceston. Buses will transport students to and from St Leonards, we will leave Star at 8.50am and return to the College by 3.00pm. . It should be a great opportunity for our students, many of whom would never have run on a proper athletics track. More information will come out soon about the day. Parents who can make it are most welcome to attend. We will have a separate Kinder - 2 carnival at the school later in the year.

Due to the College Grade 3 - 10 Athletics Carnival being off site on Wednesday 6th November, the canteen will be closed on this day. There will be no lunch orders available for Prep to Grade 2.

Grandparents Day Celebrations



During semester 2, the Grade 5 and 6 students have been studying the novel, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban". Quidditch is the sport played by the wizards and witches in Harry Potter's world. Instead of riding on magical broomsticks, the Grade 5 and 6 students improvised with pool noodles. The magical 'golden snitch', which is a tiny fast flying ball with wings, was played by two of the Grade 6 boys who donned blonde wigs and golden wings. Catching the 'golden snitch' ends the game. An immense amount of fun was had by all.

