

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

12TH NOVEMBER 2019

For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.  
- Saint Teresa of Avila

Learning  
Believing  
Belonging  
Respecting  
Reaching Out  
Personal Best



### From the Principal

In our busy world we often don't get time to work on the important things in life. One of these is friendships. As adults we find ourselves rushing around so much that we forget to check in on our friends, and it is easy to lose touch with people. I could name many people who I have lost touch with over the years - school friends, friends from university and friends from previous workplaces. If we don't take time to work on our relationships, it is easy for us to just "let it go" and concentrate on the people in front of us.

But, if we are lucky, we might encounter an old friend and all the years apart are swept away and we are able to talk again, just like old times. After a short time, words flow easily and we are able to tell stories of past times and, for close friends, talk about our dreams and fears. These sorts of friends are ones that know us well.

Unfortunately it is also easy for

us to lose touch with our friendship with God. We may have prayed when we were young. Our parents may have taught us to pray, or our school teachers, or we may have learnt to pray at a church we attended. But as we got older, we stopped praying. We may have thought that we didn't want to continue a friendship with God, or we just may have been too busy to maintain that friendship.

For some of us, we may never have had the opportunity to start a friendship with God, and we may never have prayed at all and don't know where to start!

We are all called to prayer. We all have that inner desire to have a relationship with the one who created us. We all need prayer. Because without prayer we can never truly express our gratitude for the birth of our children. Without prayer we can never truly cry for help in times of greatest need. Without prayer we can never really express our

closeness to those suffering far from us, such as those affected by bushfires in NSW and Queensland, or those who die in the back of trucks as they attempt to migrate to another country for a better life for themselves and their children.

It is never too late to restart, or start for the first time, that friendship with God. We find that it doesn't take much before the words flow and it is like we were never apart. And God tirelessly invites us to prayer. It is like picking up the phone to call a friend only to find them already on the line, having called you first.

Part of being in the Star of the Sea Catholic community is trying to be a prayerful community. We may lose touch with our friends sometimes, but we are always invited back to a friendship with the one who knows us better than we know ourselves.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

### CALENDAR

Wednesday 13th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TPSSA Swimming Carnival</li><li>• 9.00-10.30am Playgroup @ Star</li><li>• 1.30-3.30pm Little Stars</li></ul>
Thursday 14th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.15pm Primary Assembly</li></ul>
Friday 15th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospitality Dinner 6pm</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

Feast Day Celebration is coming...



Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality

It's almost that time again to celebrate what makes our school such a special place. We are a Presentation school, founded by the Presentation Sisters in 1957. Nano Nagle, who founded the order of Presentation Sisters, believed Catholic education was so important she risked imprisonment, so that the poor could get an education. At night, when her schools were closed she went out into dimly lit streets of Cork in Ireland to take food, medicine and clothing to the elderly and poor. She was generous, compassionate and welcoming, and she did everything with a joyful heart and gratitude for God's providence. A very pragmatic woman, her motto was, "Deeds not Words."

In the Spirit of Presentation we will begin our celebrations with a College Mass at 9.30am on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of November**. At lunchtime there will be a barbecue and feast day food available for purchase. Our secondary students will organize games and a 'Lip-synx Battle'.

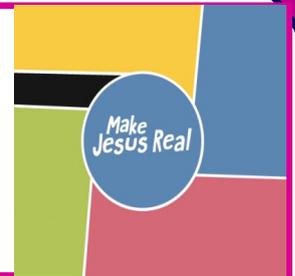
Just as Nano Nagle helped to bring comfort and joy to the poor, our college is making up Christmas hampers for families who experience hardship in our community. St Vincent de Paul will distribute our donations around Christmas time in the George Town area. We are asking all students who come in plain clothes to feast day celebrations, to **bring a non-perishable food item** to put on someone's Christmas table this year.

## Stars of the Week - 7th November 2019

Kinder	Macey Crick	For trying her best in all Kinder activities.
Prep/1	Jackson Smith	For becoming a more confident independent writer.
Grade 2/3	Jaxsyn Pollock	For his huge effort in all classroom activities. Well done Jaxsyn.
Grade 4	Maddison McDonald	For her continued effort across all subject areas. Keep up the great work!
Grade 5/6 D	Ashton Harrison	For always helping other when they need assistance, both in the classroom and at playtime.
Grade 5/6 W	Daisy Lindfors	For making positive decisions to improve her learning and engagement.

## Making Jesus Real

If we are to be thankful people we also need to say thanks to God! We have many great things in our lives, including life itself, and it is important that we recognize these things and give thanks for them. Someone once said that if the only prayer we ever said was "Thank you," it would be enough! Let's try to be thankful people, not just to each other but to God as well.



## Remembrance Day

Yesterday we commemorated Remembrance Day as a school, with the Year 9s and 10s attending the service at the war memorial while the rest of the school gathered for a minute's silence in the Primary area. We remembered all those who were affected by war and prayed for peace in the future.

## Secondary Redevelopments

It's almost there! We can almost touch it! But it's not quite there...

But it hopefully won't be long before our redevelopments are finished off and we can fully enjoy the new area. The builders have been working on the student toilets (which involved an opportunity to fix some serious plumbing problems that have plagued us in the past), they are currently putting up a covered walkway and then it is a lot of tidying up and finishing off. As always, we thank all of the community for being supportive during this time.

## Welcome

This week we welcome Mr Damien Taylor who will be our Deputy Principal next year. Mr Taylor is at school for a few days this week to meet people and to start to get to know Star of the Sea.

## Staff Movements

Next year we will be joined by Mrs Louise Sikkens who will teach one of our primary classes. We are sad to say that Miss White will be leaving us, though, as she takes up a teaching role at St Anthony's Catholic School in Riverside. We wish her well in her new school!

In the coming weeks we will be letting parents of primary students know about the 2020 class structures and teachers. This week and next week will also see our UTas prac teachers, Mr Abernethy and Miss Millward, finish their time here. We wish them well for the remainder of the year and their future careers as teachers!

## Piano Tutorials

As Mrs Fleming is away this term, we have been searching for someone to take the piano tutorials. Mr Alex Millward, who also takes our guitar tutorials, has kindly agreed to this and we hope to recommence them this Friday.

## TPSSA Swimming

We wish all of our primary swimmers well as they compete in the TPSSA Swimming Carnival tomorrow. We hope it is not too cold for them!

## Year 7 Orientation Day

Today our 2020 Year 7s participated in an Orientation Day where they got to know each other, their teachers and the secondary campus. We look forward to seeing them all next year!

## College Feast Day Celebrations — Friday 22nd November 2019

In the Spirit of Presentation we will begin our celebrations with:

9.30am - College Mass

12:40pm - Barbecue and feast day food available for purchase.

Our secondary students will organize games and a 'Lip-sync Battle

We are asking all students who come in plain clothes to feast day celebrations, to **bring a non-perishable food item** to put on someone's Christmas table this year.

## Shout Out Weeks 1, 2 3 & 4 Term 4, 2019

Name	PBS	Reason
Emma Thomas	E	Remaining focussed and completing all tasks.
Bonnie Leslie	E	Remaining focussed and completing all tasks.
Emma Thomas	L	Working out how to find the answer.
Bonnie Leslie	L	Finding out what something means by herself.
Brison Parkinson	L	Following routines without reminders.
Chelsie Jenkins	L	Tidying books others had left on the floor.
Seth Sturzaker	S	Listening and staying calm.
Connor Williams	R	Helping clean the classroom.
Sabian Hawes	E	Excellent listening.
Dyson Bromley	E	Always trying hard to listen to the teacher.
Ryder Hawkins	R	Helping clean up the classroom.
Madison Milner	E	Remaining focussed and completing all tasks.
Daniel McConnell	E	Excellent listening.
Daniel McConnell	R	Quickly and quietly moving to the mat.
Elijah Parker	L	Sitting beautifully on the mat.
Seth Sturzaker	L	Great handwriting.
Maverick Watson	L	Making a start straight away.
Lillian Mather	L	Being ready to learn.
Tait Berlinger	R	Following instructions straight away.
Thomas Lowe	L	Remaining focussed and completing all tasks.
Oscar Smith	E	Clever patterning work.
Macey Crick	L	Great season work.
Evie King	R	Using beautiful manners.
Malakai Hyland	E	His wonderful imaginative play.
Dyson Bromley	R	Being a kind and caring friend
Deegan White	R	Quickly and quietly moving to the mat.
Deegan White	R	Helping clean up the classroom.
Henry Pride	E	Quietly reading a book at rest time.
Rilee Brown	S	Always following class rules.
Tommy Smith	E	Being a quiet reader at rest time.
Ether Daire	L	Concentrating hard during lessons.
Huntar Carnie	R	Being a forgiving and caring friend.
Brooke Baillie	S	Cleaning up spilled toys without being asked.
Declan Anlezark	R	Great work in Health.
Kobi Barrenger	R	Following instructions straight away.
Declan Anlezark	R	Tidying up the classroom.
Areesha Imran	E	Remaining focussed and completing all tasks.
Thalia Sturzaker	E	Remaining focussed and completing all tasks.
Ryda Howard	R	Being a wonderful helper and cleaning up.
Ether Daire	E	His love of reading.
Allira-Grayce Harris	E	Being a great listener.
Allira-Grayce Harris	R	Being a great friend.
Brooke Baillie	E	Reading quietly at mat time.
Deegan White	L	Amazing work during a Maths lesson.
Declan Anlezark	E	Being engaged in every learning activity.
Jackson Smith	L	Clever work when learning about subtraction.
Scarlett Baillie	E	Being a great listener.
Elijah Parker	L	Making great learning choices.
Daniel McConnell	R	Going above and beyond cleaning our room.
Oscar Smith	E	Persevering with his addition and subtraction work.
Ryda Howard	L	Persevering with tricky maths questions and not giving up.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	L	Awesome work with the 'th' sound.

### PBS Focus: Learner

We always try our best at all tasks

### Shout Out Winners:

- \*Scarlett Baillie: Milkshake with Mrs Mac
- \*Dan McConnell: 10 Minutes Extra Recess
- \*Evie King: Game for the class
- \*Emma Thomas: Walk around York Cove



## Star Academy of Sport Athletics Carnival

Last Wednesday we held our Star Academy of Sport Athletics Carnival. This year we made the change to hold the Carnival at St. Leonards Athletics Centre which reaped great rewards. 2019 proved to be one of the best participated in Athletics Carnivals we have had in recent years. Luckily the rain held off and it was great to see so many students from Year 3-10 out there participating in the Carnival events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff for their attitude and participation on the day and a huge thank you to the parents and ex students of the College who volunteered on the day, without this support our carnivals just don't happen.

Although we still have one more event to complete (Year 10 Boys Javelin) the overall results won't change.

**Preliminary results: Nagle 1564 Regina 1441 Presentation 1375**



## Tasmanian All Schools Athletics

The Tasmanian All Schools Athletics state championships were run over the 26th & 27th of October at the St. Leonards Athletics Centre. We had four participants in Ashton Harrison (Year 6), Lachlan Bester, Kenneth Hyland and Caleb Coghill (Year 10). All boys competed with great distinction and represented the College proudly. It is a credit to them to push themselves out of their comfort zone and compete at a state level. Ashton finished with a bronze medal in the 100m final and a silver medal in the 200m. Caleb made the U18 final in the 100m sprint and Lachlan and Kenneth achieved PB's in particular events.

Well done to all involved.



## STEM

Three of our STEM students with their creations.



## YMCA Visit

Grades Prep to 2 enjoyed their afternoon YMCA Visit



**Thank  
You**

Thank you to students and parents for your support in raising the money through "The Colour Run" to purchase our new trailer.