

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

10TH DECEMBER 2019

Not to spoil the ending for you, but everything is going to be alright.

- Alfie Deyes

Learning
Believing
Belonging
Respecting
Reaching Out
Personal Best



From the Principal

There's a book called *He'll Be Ok* by Celia Lashlie, which is one of these books that is written for parents to help them raise their sons. I have never actually read the book, but I've always been struck by the title of it, because it says something about us needing to look at the big picture and not the little picture.

It's very easy as parents to try to dissect the lives of our children, break it down into little pieces and try to micromanage those pieces. Thankfully, our children are usually blissfully unaware when we do it. But looking at these little pieces prevents us from seeing the big picture of their lives and realising that, despite what we do, *they'll be ok*.

The end of a school year, and especially when a group is ready to leave the school, like our Year 10s, is always a good

time to step back and reflect upon the big picture. I'm sure all parents of our Year 10s have at one stage been worried about their children. Maybe their children have had a bad few weeks, they are failing a subject, they are getting into trouble. We worry about what we can do. But they get to the end of Year 10 and realise that *they'll be ok*.

We may look back at our own lives and remember times that were really hard. They may have involved the death of a loved one, the breakdown of a relationship or the loss of a job. And even though it was hard at the time, when we look back at it now and realise that *we'd be ok*.

Some of us may be going through difficult times now. Things may not be settled in our lives and we worry about whether things will get back to normal, or if a new normal will

take its place. But we need to have faith and let things happen with the realisation that, no matter what, *we'll be okay*.

The celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas is a reminder from God that *we'll be okay*. It is a divine call to us to not focus too much on the little picture, but instead to look at the big picture. What is the big picture? It is God's plan for us and the world, and Jesus plays a big part in the plan. It is the plan that says, no matter how much we worry and fret, God's got it all under control, and *we'll be okay*.

As we count down to Christmas this year in the Star of the Sea Catholic community, may we remember that God's got it sorted. *We'll be okay*.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for our calendar.

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

Invitation and Reminder

The Parish is farewelling Father Edward and would like to invite you to a barbecue on **Sunday 15th December** after the 11.00am Mass. You are invited to come along with your family to say goodbye to Father Eddy. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Mrs Claire Honeychurch and four of our Year 9 students; Briannah Burton, Leah King, Holly Carter and Daniel Thomas are currently in Perth, Western Australia attending the ACYF. They are part of the Tasmanian group who travelled together last Friday. This is the second festival students from our College have attended. The ACYF is a great opportunity to meet young people from Catholic colleges around Australia, deepen their faith in Jesus, engage in discussions about issues important to young people and join in celebrations. We hope they are enjoying their time away and look forward to hearing their stories.

Prayer for Those Affected by Bushfires

The bushfire season has already caused grief for so many people around Australia. As we rug up against the cooler climate many of our fellow Australians have been battling with heat and fire.

- We pray for all whose lives have been affected by the bushfires.
- We remember those who have been killed, and their families.
- We pray for those who have been injured and survived.
- We pray for those who have lost their homes and property or are facing such loss.
- We pray for all involved in fighting the fire.
- We pray for courage in a place of fear, for new strength in the face of exhaustion
- We pray for all who offer support and care at this time.
- We are mindful of the days, weeks and months ahead,
- for many dangerous days yet to come.
- We pray for strength, courage, patience and hope.
- Keep us faithful and alert in our praying and our action.

Amen

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

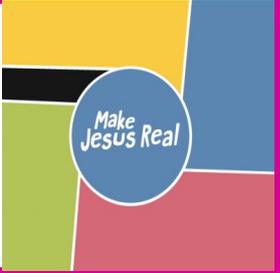
Hospitality

Stars of the Week - 5th December 2019

Kinder	Arthur Millen	For playing co-operatively with his classmates.
Prep/1	Declan Anlezark	For being a very clever thinker and for making amazing progress in all areas.
Grade 2/3	Jai Jacobs	For working hard with Mrs Romein during focused literacy time.
Grade 4	Joshua Chapman	For his kind, caring and compassionate nature towards others.
Grade 5/6 D	Giovanni Gandolfi	For trying his best to improve his multiplication skills. Keep up the good work!
Grade 5/6 W	Emma Thomas	For her exceptional manners and deep respect for both teachers and fellow students

Making Jesus Real

The end of the year is a good time to say thank you. We thank our teachers for looking after us for the year. We thank our classmates for being there for us. We thank our parents for getting us to school each day. We thank the school support staff for all of the help they have provided. Don't forget to say thank you before the year ends.



Make
Jesus Real

Year 10s

Our Year 10s will finish their time at Star of the Sea Catholic College this Thursday with the traditional run through the corridors. Yesterday the group did some community service around George Town. Today they participated in a Reflection Day and tomorrow they will have a chance to celebrate.

Primary Transition

Our Grade Prep to 5s will have a chance to get a taste of next year this Friday with a short transition time in the morning. Students will move into the classrooms with the teachers they will have for next year. Because Friday is not a Kinder day, a separate transition time will be organised for them.

George Town Christmas Parade and Carols

This Friday sees the George Town Christmas Parade and Carols take place. Miss Louise is organising the walking group for the parade whilst Mr Chapman and a few students will perform in the Carols. It is not too late to join either group, so please see either Mr Chapman or Miss Louise should you want to join in the fun.

Primary Pool Party

This Thursday will see our students in Primary have the opportunity to celebrate the year with an afternoon at the pool. The students will move to the pool at around 12pm. We hope that the weather will improve a little for the day!

Secondary Big Day Out

Next Monday 16th December will see our Year 7, 8 and 9s celebrate the end of the year with their Big Day Out. They will travel to Launceston to participate in activities ranging from seeing a movie to playing Laser Tag.

Primary Nativity Play

All of our primary families are invited to our Primary Nativity Play next Monday 16th December at 1:45pm in the church. The Kinders will perform the Christmas story whilst we will also take the opportunity to give out the final Star of the Week awards and have a final Shout Out draw.

Father Edward Farewell

Father Edward will be leaving our parish at the end of the year and the parish will have a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday 15th December in the church at 11:00am, followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome. The school will have a chance to say farewell next Tuesday 17th December at 10:10am also in the church. Again, parents and families are welcome to attend to show their appreciation for Father Edward.

Staff Movements

Mrs Fleming will be taking leave for the first term of 2020. Mrs Rebecca Britton, who has been teaching the students this term, will continue in that role for Term 1 next year.

Mrs Sharon Leslie will be taking 12 months leave next year. The teacher who will share with Ms Edwards in Prep for 2020 should be announced soon.

Cleaning Up!

Over the next week students may start to bring home school materials each afternoon. It is easier for students to do this rather than try to carry everything on the last day of school!

CALENDAR

Wednesday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO PLAYGROUP • 1.30pm Playgroup and Little Stars Christmas Celebration
Thursday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Pool Party • Last Day for Year 10's • 6.00pm Presentation of Awards evening
Friday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.30pm George Town Christmas Parade
Sunday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00am Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a shared lunch
Monday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Leavers Dinner • 1.45pm Primary Nativity Play • Secondary Big Day Out
Tuesday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.10am Father Edward Farwell
Wednesday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day for Students
Thursday 6th February 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Term 1, 2020

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Invites you to our

Kindergarten to Year 10

End of Year Prayer Service

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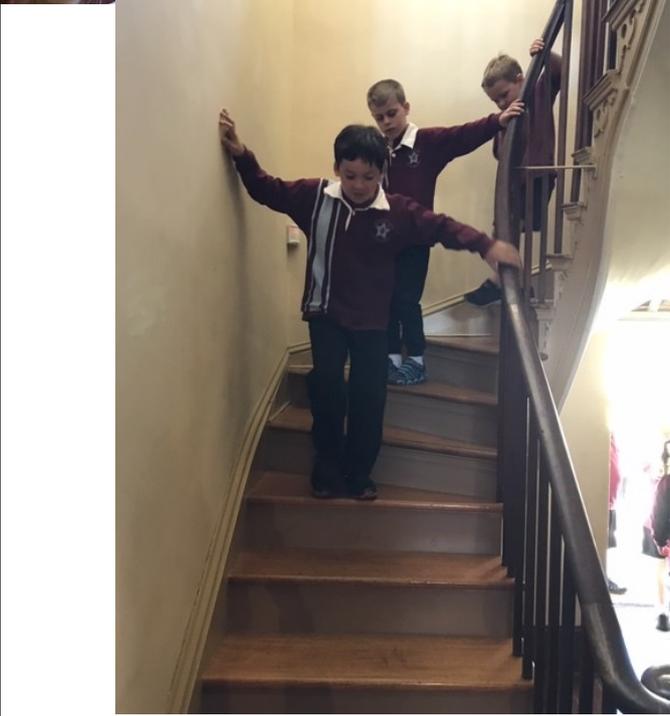
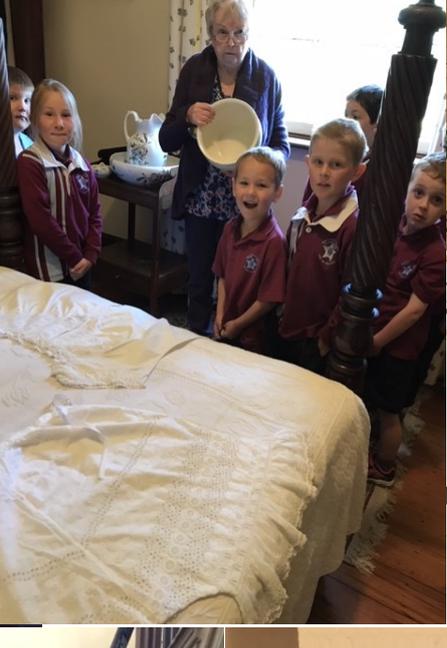
Awards Presentation

Thursday 12th December

6.00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Here are some great photos from our Prep /1 Franklin House excursion





Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 33 Goulburn Street, **George Town**
Sacred Heart Church, 14 Nicholls Street, **Karoola**
St Anne's Church, 25 Lalla Road, **Lilydale**

Christmas preparation:

Reconciliation (confession) available:

Friday 13th December, 7.00pm (Lilydale)

Sunday 22nd December, 6.30—7.30pm (George Town)

Christmas Celebrations:

Tuesday 24th December:

Morning Mass 9.00am (George Town)

Christmas Eve:

Carols from 6.30pm and Christmas Mass, 7.00pm (Lilydale)

Carols from 9.00pm and Christmas Mass, 9.30pm (George Town)

Wednesday 25th December:

Christmas Day Mass 10.00am (George Town)

Holy Family Mass:

Saturday 28th December, 6.00pm (George Town)

Sunday 29th December, 9.00am (Karoola)

Sunday 29th December, 11.00am (George Town)

New Year's Day Mass (Solemnity of the Mother of God):

Wednesday 1st January, 10.00am (George Town)

Epiphany Mass:

Saturday 4th January, 6.00pm (George Town)

Sunday 5th January, 9.00am (Karoola)

Sunday 5th January, 11.00am (George Town)