

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

10th March 2020

My brokenness is a better bridge for people than my pretend wholeness ever was.

- Sheila Walsh

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal

As people who are hospitable we will strive to provide a learning community that welcomes everyone regardless of background, belief or ability. - Star of the Sea Vision and mission Statement.

We are all broken. Despite many people in the world trying to convince others that they aren't, we are all broken. We've all made mistakes we regret, we all have difficult relationships with family, friends or work colleagues, we've all had experiences in our past that we carry around as baggage every day and which affects our view of the world.

We like to think we're not broken. We like to think that we've got it all together and, if someone has a problem, well it isn't me so it must be you. We need only look at people's "perfect" Instagram photos, showing their "perfect" lives as they stand in "perfect" poses in front of "perfect" places or eating their "perfect" food to

realise how many people try to hide their brokenness. But recognizing our brokenness is one of the most helpful things we can do in our lives.

Because it is only when we recognize our own brokenness can we be humble to each other. Too often our relationships with each other are based around power. As a principal I feel that acutely, especially when speaking with people who see my position as one of power, or when speaking with adults whose experience of their own principal when they went to school as a power based relationship.

But I know that I too am broken. I too carry around baggage. I too have holes in my soul. I too live the messiness of life. And I have to. Because if I didn't, I couldn't empathise with anyone within our community. If I saw myself as somehow "whole," someone who has it all together, then I would most likely spend my time whinging and complaining about

everyone else, blaming them for all of the troubles in the world.

Our Church only works when we recognise each other's brokenness, too. St Augustine reminds us that our Church is not a hotel for saints, but a hospital for sinners. The Gospels remind us that Jesus did not come to heal those who were already well. God can only act through our lives when we are broken. And if we want to live our College's Vision and Mission Statement and welcome everyone regardless of belief, background or ability, then that means accepting their brokenness as well as our own.

Star of the Sea Catholic College is a community of broken people. But that's okay. It is only through our brokenness, and our acceptance of each other's brokenness, that we can truly be a community anyway.

**Mr Richard Chapman
Principal**

CALENDAR

Wednesday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am - 10.30am SetUp (formerly Playgroup) YMCA Sessions
Thursday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Primary Assembly
Monday 16th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3-10 Swimming Carnival 
Wednesday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am - 10.30am SetUp (formerly Playgroup) YMCA Sessions

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

The Season of Second Chance

Each year we get the opportunity to look back at ourselves and think about the priorities and values that are important to us, and how they fit with God's wishes for us. The busyness of life often gets in the way of us becoming the best versions of ourselves.

Since most of us find we have wandered away from the path that brings light and joy to our lives, Lent gives us a chance to reflect on where we are going and what sort of person we want to be. It gives us a chance to reflect, and make amends for the things in our lives that need to change.

The Lenten practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to grow in our relationship with God and each other. We can all set small achievable goals that build relationship and do good deeds for others.

Fasting doesn't mean you have to give up food. It can also be about giving up old habits. Here are few suggestions I found:

- Don't buy anything that you don't need.
- Throw away or donate 40 things for 40 days.
- Give up gossiping for Lent.
- Do some form of exercise daily to take care of the body God gave you.
- Say three nice things to the people in your family daily.
- Don't complain or speak negatively



Even if you aren't Catholic, Lent is a great time to try to do something to better yourself, your spirit and your heart.

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

Stars of the Week - 5th March 2020

Kinder	Charlotte Judd	For coming to the mat quickly at mat time.
Prep	Macey Crick	For always being ready to listen and learn.
Grade 1	Ruby Davidson	For completing a whole page of writing. Well done Ruby.
Grade 2/3	Karol Aziz	For her continued focus and effort with her school work.
Grade 4/5	Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	For his strong work ethic.
Grade 5/6	Emma Thomas	For her amazing commitment to improving her mathematical skills, especially during Homework Club.

SetUp for Success



SetUp, an Early Learning program for children aged 0-5, is on every

Last week at Setup we were pretend cooking at our Oatmeal Baking Station. The children were developing their fine motor, language and early measuring skills.

The children also practised their cutting and threading skills when making straw necklaces.



**SetUp is held every Wednesday from 9.00am – 10.30am in the Kinder room.
All welcome.**

Immunisation Year 7 & 10

Immunisation forms for Year 7 –10 have been sent home. Council requirements are that they are returned to the College by March 20th.

Uniform Shop closed

The uniform shop will be **closed** on Thursday 12th March. Apologies for any inconvenience. It will be open as usual on Thursday 19th March.

Canteen closed on Monday 16th March

Due to the Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival being held on Monday 16th March as the canteen will be closed. Students in Kinder to Grade 2 will be required to bring lunch and recess with them. If the Swimming Carnival is cancelled due to the weather, the canteen will be open.

Coronavirus

Catholic Education Tasmania has put together a plan as to how it will react should the number of cases of coronavirus rise in Tasmania in the coming weeks and months. The plan outlines what could take place in the event of schools becoming affected by the virus with either a large number of staff or students becoming sick and needing to take time off. As a school we will continue to provide updates to families as they become available. And, no, we won't be stocking up on toilet paper.

Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival

Our College Swimming Carnival will be held next Monday 16th March at the George Town Pool. The carnival is for our Grades 3-10 students and families are most welcome to come and watch. More information regarding the carnival will be sent home this week.

Primary Staff Room

The excess rain has caused some damage to the ceiling in our Primary Staff Room. We are unsure how long this will take to resolve and, in the meantime, some of our Primary staff are making use of the wet area outside of the 2/3 classroom.

Real Talk

On Friday 20th March our secondary students will be fortunate enough to be involved in some seminars from a group called Real Talk. The group will cover topics like Brave and Beautiful for the Year 9 and 10 girls, Stronger for the Year 9 and 10 boys, and Junior Love and Life for the Year 7s and 8s.

Shout Out Week 5, 2020

Student's Name	Reason
Malakai Hyland	Following all instructions to help keep him safe.
Stephen Gerges	Packing up the sand pit.
Malakai Hyland	Working quietly.
Temprance Mather	Working so quietly.
Jennifer Munro	Always remaining on task.
Jade Jenkins	Great behaviour in Library! :)
Danica Sweet	Packing up the sand pit toys.
Maverick Watson	Great behaviour in Library.
Tommy Smith	Being safe in our classroom.
Bernard Moore	Working hard to learn step, clap + shuffle dance.
Karol Aziz	Great behaviour in Library.
Miley MacFarlane	Great behaviour in Library.
Alby Hawkins	Being very helpful kinder boy.
Kobi Barranger	Excellent work with Technology.
William Singline	Learning his numbers.
Danica Sweet	Peaceful rest time.
Luis Lee	Playing well with his classmates.
Karol Aziz	Her patience and positive attitude.
Vanessa Linley	Solving puzzles quickly.
Ruby McDonald	Great behaviour in Library! :)
Brock Holden	Being ready to learn.
Alby Hawkins	Packing away the bikes without being asked.
Mia Barker	Listening carefully to instructions.
Henry Lindfors	Staying on task during all learning activities.
Sabian Haws	Great behaviour in Library! :)
Blake Miller	Excellent work with technology.
Connor Judd	Great behaviour in Library!
Ruby Gower	Showing concern for her friends when they upset.
Isaiah Widdowson	Remaining focused + on task during maths.
Yueni Tan	Great counting skills :)
Chase Davis	Listening carefully to instructions.
Chase Davis	Taking care of his belongings.
Dyson Bromley	Always being ready to learn.
Shekinah MacFarlane	Always focused on improving her learning.
Brooke Baillie	Being safe in our classroom.
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	Reading his notes on the recorder.
Evie King	Being a super quiet person in our class.
Seth Sturzaker	Great behaviour in Library.
Stephen Gerges	Resting quietly.
Chantz Brown	Great listening and participation in PE.
Elijah Parker	Great behaviour in Library.
Allira Harris	Great behaviour in Library.
Axel Sturzaker	Always being kind to others.
Evie King	Tidying up really well.
William Singling	Loving reading books at quiet time.
Carlie Lowe	Great behaviour in Library.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Packing up sandpit toys.
Seth Sturzaker	Being a kind helpful friend.
Charlotte Judd	Listening carefully to instructions.
Miley MacFarlane	Having a polite + positive presence in music.
Jai Jacobs	Great behaviour in Library.
Lillian Mather	Helping her classmates learn.
Hunaisha Ahmed	Being a great maths worker.
Grade 4/5 class	Excellent behaviour in Library.
Karol Aziz	Helping clean the classroom.
Miley Macfarlane	Music.

Shout Out Winners:

- * Karol Aziz - 10min extra recess for class
- * Miley MacFarlane iPad or Mac time.

PBS Focus:

We are respectful when we follow the teacher's instructions.



Lillian Hockey	Always being a kind and supportive friend.
Temprance Mather	Tiding up really well.
Rilee Brown	Being ready to listen.
Emma Thomas	Focusing on improving knowledge on all jobs.
Ether Daire	Being ready to learn.
Thomas Lowe	Amazing efforts towards maths.
Indiana Cartwright	Cleaning up after other people.
Savannah Grimsey	Cleaning up after other people.
William Power	Playing with excellent rhythm: Gently Sleep.
Macey Crick	Tiding up really well.
Blake Miller	Always having a go during maths.
Arthur Millen	Doing the right thing.
Joshua Chapman	Working hard at finishing his learning on time.
Scarlett Baillie	Great behaviour in Library.
Sianna Brunnaci	Her determination and persistence.
Erin Vanderzwan	Helping others during group activities.
Tylar Berne	Always staying focused on his learning.
Joshua Chapman	Moving onto his spelling quickly when asked.
Isabelle Anlezark	Always striving to improve her math skills .
Oliver Smith	Working hard to improve his maths learning.
Bernard Moore	Great behaviour in Library.
Erin Vanderzwan	Helping others during group activities .
Scarlett Baillie	Great behaviour in Library.
Macey Crick	Tidying up really well.
Temprance Mather	Tidying up really well.

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards

Week 4 winners:

Hayley Blyth (\$10 canteen voucher)

Olivia Hockey (\$10 movie voucher)

Well done!!



**Kinders
enjoying their
first wet
weather day
in the
classroom.**



Presents

KIDS FUN FACTOR



WHEN Every Saturday
from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

WHO Kids and family of all ages!

WHERE Graham Fairless or Memorial Hall in
George Town

WHAT Come play a variety of games, sports and
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any further
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