

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

3rd March 2020

Lent is a time to disconnect from cell phones and connect to the Gospel.

- Pope Francis

Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion



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### From the Principal

*As people who are attentive we will strive to promote life-long learning and support each student to reach their full potential. - Star of the Sea Vision and mission Statement*

It's hard for us to reach our full potential as human beings if we are constantly being criticized. Being given suggestions for how to improve is one thing. Being abused and insulted is another.

Our students have grown up in a world where the focus on bullying is much more intense than in the past. If bullying was happening in the past (which I dare say it was), there perhaps wasn't the scrutiny of it then as there is now. And while this focus on bullying is a good thing, it has also opened up our eyes to the different forms of bullying that can occur. We as adults have a big role to play in modelling to our children, what good behaviour looks like.

It is no secret that online bullying plays a large part in people's lives nowadays. Students who

have social media accounts participate in the bullying and are also victims of it. Sometimes it can take the form of a targeted attack, other times it can be the result of two friends getting upset with each other due to a miscommunication. As adults, we tend to frown upon this and invariably one of the students is turned into an aggressor and the other into a victim. But the reality is, adults in the modern world aren't exactly setting a great example.

Every year we seem to hear of people who have been the victims of online abuse or trolling. Last year, the focus was on AFLW player Tayla Harris who suffered a torrent of abuse after a photo was posted on Channel Seven social media of Harris kicking a ball. Each year we hear of celebrities and politicians who suffer at the hands of online trolls, bringing some of them to resign from mental health issues.

So, while we blame students for their behaviour on social media,

they are often not seeing a good example in the real world. Pope Francis' Lenten message reminded us that the world is "polluted by too much verbal violence" with "offensive and harmful words" being amplified by the internet. Rather than giving up chocolate for Lent the Pope calls on us to "give up useless words, chatter, rumours, gossip and talk, and [instead] speak directly to the Lord."

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, if we truly want our students to reach their full potential the adults of the community need to set the example of how to do that, of how we can build each other up rather than tearing each other down.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

CALENDAR

Wednesday 4th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.00am - 10.30am SetUp (formerly Playgroup)</li><li>YMCA sessions</li></ul>
Thursday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.15pm Primary Assembly</li></ul>
Monday 9th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public Holiday (Eight Hour Day)</li></ul>
Wednesday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9.00am - 10.30am SetUp (formerly Playgroup)</li></ul>

**Advance Notice: Monday 16th March Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival**

*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



International Women's day is celebrated this year on 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is a day in which we celebrate the social, economic and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. In the lead up to International Women's Day we pray for women around the world with prayers of thanks for the progress made and prayers of petition for the injustice, poverty and inequality many women face in our world.

## A Franciscan Prayer For International Women's Day

**Lord, make me an instrument of peace:**

Bless all women who daily strive to bring peace to their communities, their homes and their hearts.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love:**

We pray for all women who face prejudice, inequality and gender disparities. Help us to see and to face the discrimination against women in all the many forms it may take.

**Where there is injury, pardon:**

Comfort all women who suffer from the pain of war, violence, and abuse. Help them to become instruments of their own reconciliation and peace.

**WHERE THERE IS DIVISION, UNITY:**

**FORGIVE ALL WOMEN AND MEN WHO LET DIFFERENCES BREED HATE AND DISCRIMINATION.**

**WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT; WHERE THERE IS UNTRUTH, TRUTH:**

**COMFORT ALL WOMEN WHO STRUGGLE IN THE DARKNESS OF ABUSE, POVERTY, AND LONELINESS. MAY WE STAND WITH THEM IN LIGHT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SUFFERING AND STRIVE TO REMOVE THE BURDENS OF SHAME OR EMBARRASSMENT.**

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

Hospitality

## Stars of the Week - 27th February 2020

Kinder	Luis Lee	For helping to pack up outside toys without being asked.
Prep	Brooke Baillie	For her beautiful detailed drawings.
Grade 1	Ashton Ratcliffe	For always completing his work to the best of his ability. Well done Ashton.
Grade 2/3	Connor Judd	For making an excellent start to the school year and making new friends.
Grade 4/5	Lillian Mather	For her beautiful and confident singing.
Grade 5/6	Isabelle Anlezark	For her insightful and valuable contributions during class discussions.

## SetUp for Success

SetUp, an Early Learning program for children aged 0-5, is on every **Wednesday morning during term time between 9:00am and 10:30am in the Kinder room.**



## Gastroenteritis ('gastro')

Gastroenteritis ('gastro') is a common and often highly infectious condition that affects the stomach and intestines. It can cause vomiting and diarrhoea

**If you have gastro it's important to stay home, away from work, school or childcare for at least 24hrs after the symptoms (vomiting and or diarrhoea) have gone. This may mean you may need to stay home for 48 hours or longer.**

## Immunisation Year 7 & 10

Immunisation forms were sent home last Wednesday. Council requirements are that they are returned to the College by March 20th.

## Board

Attached to this newsletter is some information about the College Board and a current vacancy on the Board. If you are interested or know of someone who might be suitable for the role, we encourage you to nominate.

## Shrove Tuesday

Last Tuesday our students had the chance to continue the tradition of eating pancakes the day before Lent started. We would like to thank Jacqui Leslie, Jacqui Thomas, Samantha Wagg, Kerry Munro, Domenic Brunacci, Belinda Chapman and Ewa Power for their help in preparing the pancakes, and the Year 10 leaders for their service.

## YMCA

Beginning on Wednesday the YMCA will be organising some activities for our Primary students on a weekly basis after lunch to encourage healthy lifestyles.

## Altar Servers Needed

Fr Bala is looking for altar servers to help out at weekend Masses. Prospective servers can be young or old, male or female. Please contact Fr Bala if you or your children are interested.

## Who's Who in the School

Did you know that Star of the Sea Catholic College has 44 staff and 2 regular volunteers, plus many other parent volunteers who come in and out during the year, plus relief staff who come in and out during the year? And that there is never a day of the week when all the staff are on site?! We have attached to this week's newsletter a list of our staff to help parents know who's who in the school.

## Brixhibition Kids Lego Competition

Any student who wishes to participate in the Brixhibition Kids Lego Competition, they can enter and pick up an entry form, from the George Town Community Hub, 12 Elizabeth St, George Town.

## Maths Tutorials

Mr Craig Duncan holds Maths tutorials every Tuesday afternoon from 3.05pm - 4.00pm and Wednesday mornings from 8.00am - 8.40am in the secondary Maths room. Parents of students participating are welcome to come along.

## Shout Out Week 3, 2020

Student's Name	Reason
Darcie Power	For being a quiet and still rester
Connor Judd	Helping clean the classroom
Brooke Baillie	Excellent counting in Maths
Evie King	Excellent work on a counting job in maths
Henry Pride	For being a quiet and still rester
Ether Daire	Being a good listener
Henry Pride	Being a great helper when tidying up
Lillian Mather	Helping pick up rubbish at recess
Brock Holden	Keeping our room tidy
Huntar Carnie	Keeping our room tidy
Evie King	Helping to keep our room tidy
Miley MacFarlane	Helping clean the classroom
Ryda Howard	Helping clean the classroom
Lucinda Hockey	Picking up rubbish at recess
Maverick Watson	Helping clean the classroom
Allira-Grayce Harris	Helping clean the classroom
Charlotte Judd	Coming to the mat quickly
Ryda Howard	Music - his hard and quiet work learning sarasponda sons
Belynda Hyland	Helping pick up rubbish at recess
Rilee Brown	Being a great listener
Karol Aziz	Learning German numbers
Evie King	Being a great listener
Scarlett Baillie	Helping clean the classroom
Karol Aziz	Helping clean the classroom
Ashton Ratcliffe	For his quiet learning today
Sianna Brunacci	Helping pick up rubbish at recess
Brooke Baillie	Being a still and quiet rester
Allira-Grayce Harris	For her focused learning a new song and stick game today in music
Dyson Bromley	Being a great listener
Elijah Parker	Helping clean the classroom
Rilee Brown	Great listening
Thomas Singline	Being a still and quiet rester
Ether Daire	Being a still and quiet rester
Erin Vanderzwan	Helping her classmate learn and reading her notes on recorder
Mia Barker	Helping our new student
Temprance Mather	Working well in literacy
Stephen Gerges	Safely packing away big blocks
Rilee Brown	Working well in literacy
Rilee Brown	Listening well
Danica Sweet	Coming to the mat quickly
Maddison McDonald	Helping pick up rubbish at recess
Luis Lee	Packing all of the bikes away

## Shout Out Week 4, 2020

Lachlan Crick	Learning hot cross buns on the recorder
Finley Upston	Great resting
Henry Lindfors	His interesting contributions to our health unit in identity
Declan Anlezark	Being a hard worker
Emma Thomas	Always being kind and inclusive to others
Evie King	Always being ready on the mat
Shekinah MacFarlane	Always being kind and inclusive to others
Joshua Chapman	Focusing on learning all new mathematical concepts
Lillian Hockey	Attending to morning prayer duties respectfully
Chloe Gofton	Having a go even when it's tough
Stephen Gerges	Great participation during PE
Sianna Brunacci	Attending to morning prayer duties respectfully
Erin Vanderzwan	Always helping others to keep our space safe
Erin Vanderzwan	Her positive attitude towards learning

### Shout Out Winners:

- \* Allira-Grayce Harris  
Game for the whole class.
- \* Miley MacFarlane  
iPad or Mac time.

### PBS Focus:

We are safe  
when we keep  
our hands to  
ourselves in the  
yard.



## Shout Out Week 4 , 2020

Thomas Lowe	Attending to flag duty respectfully
Belynda Hyland	Attending to flag duty respectfully
Belynda Hyland	Interesting contributions to our literacy lessons
Finley Upston	Great listening in church
Macey Crick	Always playing safely in the yard
Kobi Barrenger	Attending to flag duty respectfully
Tyler Berne	Always having a smile and kind words to others
Malakai Hyland	Great listening in assembly
Chloe Gofton	Always having smile on her face
Rilee Brown	Clever Maths counting work
Tommy Smith	Great listening in church
Ruby Gower	Working hard and persevering with math
Ether Daire	Listening well and following instructions
Tylar Berne	Always being engaged in improving his mathematical skills
Finley Upston	Tidying up really well
Ether Daire	Great resting
Emma Thomas	Attending to flag duty respectfully
Chloe Gofton	Attending to flag duty respectfully
Blake Miller	Attending to slide duties respectfully
Shekinah MacFarlane	Attending to morning prayer duties respectfully
Charlotte Power	Respectful attitude during all learning activities
Oliver Smith	Telling the truth even when it was hard to do
Arthur Millen	Cleaning up
Isabelle Anlezark	Being focused during all mathematical learning activities
Lindsie Barrett	Tidying up after other people's mess
Jennifer Munro	Always being focused on improving her knowledge and skills
Finley Upston	Great relaxation
Blake Miller	Attending to flag duty respectfully
Evie King	Helping pick up rubbish at recess
Tommy Smith	Being a good listener
Arthur Millen	Great listening in church
Temprance Mather	Cleaning up our room
Rilee Brown	Great listening
Macey Crick	Great listening in church
Brock Holden	Great relaxation
Jennifer Munro	Her interesting contributions to all learning activities
Tommy Smith	Great relaxation
Dyson Bromley	Cleaning up other people's mess
Evie King	Being a great helper cleaning up
Josh McConnell	Always being kind and inclusive to others
Connor Judd	Wonderful manners and having a go in music today
Brooke Baillie	Clever measurement work
Axle Sturzaker	Always working hard to stay focused during mathematical learning
Ashton Smith	Being a hard worker
Erin Vanderzwan	Attending to morning prayer duties respectfully
Thomas Lowe	Always being engaged in improving his mathematical skills
Sianna Brunacci	Always being kind and inclusive to others
Jackson Smith	Great German work
Darcie Power	Great listening in church
Ruby Davidson	Being a hard worker
Darcie Power	Great resting
Oscar Smith	Being a hard worker
Temprance Mather	Helping pick up rubbish at recess
Lillian Mather	For teaching her class mates hot cross buns on the recorder
Macey Crick	Cleaning up other people's mess
Brock Baillie	Listening well
Temprance Mather	Great at listening
Evie King	Being a good listener

### Shout Out Winners:

- \* Oscar Smith - Game for the whole class.
- \* Zoe Gillies - iPad or Mac time.

### PBS Focus:

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



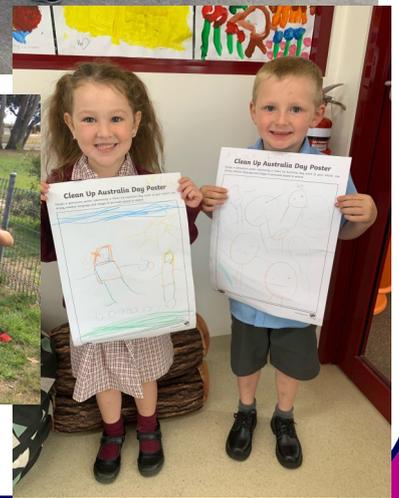
Grade 1 enjoying their yummy pancakes on Shrove Tuesday  
Our fantastic team of pancake helpers - Daniel, Bronte and Angus.



On Ash Wednesday  
we get a cross on our  
foreheads to remind us  
to be more like Jesus.



**Thank you everyone for helping to  
"Clean Up Australia"**



## Star of the Sea Catholic College Staff 2020

### Teachers

Denise Armstrong (Secondary Cooking, Art)  
Rose Briscoe (Secondary Religious Education)  
James Britton (Secondary Maths, Science, HaSS)  
Rebecca Britton (K-10 Music)  
Anna Broughton (Secondary Art, Woodwork)  
Richard Chapman (Primary German)  
Oliver Cook (Secondary PE, Health, HaSS)  
Lynelle Davis (Grade 5/6)  
Craig Duncan (Secondary Maths)  
Kerrin Edwards (Prep)  
Chris Jones (Secondary Childcare, Primary Library)  
Gary Goodall (Secondary English, HaSS)  
Claire Honeychurch (Grade 2/3)  
Trudy Hoffman (Kinder; SetUp)  
Melissa McGillivray (Secondary Learning Support groups)  
Melitta O'Toole (Prep; 2-8 Technologies)  
Suzi Romein (Grade 1)  
Louise Sikkens (Grade 4/5)  
Karen Stewart (Secondary English, HaSS, Drama)  
Karen Tame (Secondary Maths, Science)  
Damien Taylor (Primary PE)  
Sally Walters (Primary Health)

*Jane Fleming (on leave)*

*Sharon Leslie (on leave)*

### Teacher Assistants

Kathy Baker  
Gary Davis  
Tom Donnelly  
Amelia Hardwick  
Emma Hockey  
Justine Martin  
Dianne Scott  
Kerri Radford  
Louise Rushton

### Office Staff

Julie Frankcombe  
Nora Wood

### CatholicCare Counsellor

Natasha Lebrocq

### Chaplain

Steve Edwards

### Bursar

Kathryn Condric

### Library

Lisa Barrenger

### Canteen and Uniform Shop Manager

Sandy Siebert

### Laboratory Technician

Evelyn Cunningham

### IT Technician

Alex Radford

### Cleaners

Bec Lyons  
Sonia Burcul

### Utility Officers

Tim Harris  
Zen Lazdauskas

## College Board

Dr Mark Symes is unable to be part of the College Board. The College thanks him for his contribution to the school over the past 2 years.

In order to fill this position, nominations are now open to join the Star of the Sea Catholic College Board. Nominations are open to parents of current or past students and friends of the College.

The Board performs an important advisory role and has responsibility for the overall wellbeing of the school. Among its responsibilities are to:

- advise and assist with policy formulation
- support the Principal in maintaining the school as an institute of Catholic Education
- contribute and assist on matters of major change
- liaise with the local Parish
- participate in the implementation of the school's Strategic Plan
- contribute to the planning and management of maintenance and building programs
- oversee the finances of the school

The Board is made up of two ex-officio members (the Principal and the Parish Priest or their representatives) and up to 6 other members. The current Board members are Fr Bala, Mr Richard Chapman, Mr Paul Thomas (Chair), Mr Andrew Parkes, Mrs Suzanne Painter, Mrs Jacqui Leslie and Mr Michael Doherty. Board members should be able to work co-operatively, uphold confidentiality and have, or have the ability to get, Working with Vulnerable People cards. Board members should not be bankrupt or have committed fraud.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please fill out the attached form. Nominations need to be signed by a proposer (the person who nominates), a seconder (the person who agrees with the nomination) and the nominee (the person who is being nominated).

Forms need to be returned to the College office by **Tuesday 10th March**. Should there be too many nominees an election will be called for.

Board meetings will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month during term time at 7:00pm beginning March 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility of changing the timing should the members agree.

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### **Nomination for Star of the Sea Catholic College Board**

Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Details of person nominated**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_