

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

1 2 t h M a y 2 0 2 0

From the Principal

**“Kids don’t remember what you try to teach them. They remember what you are.”
- Jim Henson**

**Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion**



Corner Friend & William Street
George Town
TAS 7253
(03) 63821242

It has been very interesting as a parent AND as a principal to watch the Learning at Home unfold in my own household. The reality is I have never really taught my own children for any significant amount of time, only a lesson a week, and that was a foreign language!

But, like I’m sure many other parents, having our children learning at home has given us new insight into them. It has told us something about their attitude towards learning, about their strengths and weaknesses, about their subject likes and dislikes. It has told us something about what works with regards to our children learning and what doesn’t work. It has even told us something about the environment which works best for our children’s learning.

The Premier announced on Friday a timeline for students returning at school. For some parents that announcement may have caused emotions of joy and relief that the end is in sight! For others, it may have caused a small amount of disappointment as they were enjoying learning together with their child.

But whatever the emotions may be, I for one will certainly be grateful for the past few weeks of learning at home. It has taught me a lot about my children and, as a school, it has taught us a lot about our students. We hope that we will be able to use what we have learnt to their benefit when they return to school.

Because in the end, that’s what being a teacher is all about. It is not just about delivering a curriculum, but about learning what is the best way for each student to deliver that curriculum. Teachers need to be learners as much as teachers if they are going to get the best out of their students. But while students learn content, teachers learn people. They learn about students, about their lives, about their likes and dislikes, and they put all of that information together to create the best learning experience they can for their students.

It doesn’t work all of the time, because children are constantly changing and growing, and so are their relationships with each other. But this just means teachers are life-long learners of the students they teach.

So whilst we might pray that there are no more outbreaks of viruses that might prevent our children returning to school, we are also thankful for the time they have been at home and what it has taught us as parents and carers.

**Mr Richard Chapman
Principal**



Advance notice: In preparation for returning to school



Friday 22nd May is a Student Free Day

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 Day of Families

The United Nations General Assembly declared that on the 15th May every year, we celebrate International Day of Families. We know that every family is different and families can be defined in many different ways. Some families consist of one parent while others have more than one.

No matter what their make-up, families are the foundation of society and they contribute to stronger schools and stronger communities. A strong family unit is what helps us to feel better about ourselves, and the world. The family is a real-life example of how the human family can work together to create a better world.

We thank and congratulate all our families as they work together at this time to assist their children with learning at home, for this is what families do for each other.

Christopher Gleeson SJ wrote this about family in his book '*A Canopy of Stars: some reflections for the journey.*'

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

A family is a place
to cry and laugh and vent frustration,
to ask for help and tease and yell,
to be touched and hugged and smiled at.

A family is people
who care when you are sad,
who love you no matter what,
who share your triumphs,
who don't expect you to be perfect,
just growing with honesty in your own decisions.

A family is a circle
where we learn to make good decisions,
where we learn to think before we do,
where we learn integrity and table manners
and respect for other people;
where we are special,
where we listen and are listened to,
where we learn the rules of life
to prepare ourselves for the world.

The world is a place where anything can happen:
if we grow up in a loving family we are ready for the world.

Dear Lord,
With Mary and Joseph you have lived within a family.
Teach us always the precious gift of being part of a family.
Show us new ways to protect and comfort those close to us
And let me, each day, do something that will say, "I love you"
Without speaking the words.

Amen



SetUp for Success

Our SetUp for Success Facebook page is now up and running. To receive posts from this page please use the following:

1. log into our Facebook page (Star of the Sea Catholic College)
2. find a recent SetUp post
3. click on the icon  and it will take you straight to the SetUp page
4. once there like  it and you will then receive all Setup posts



Returning to School

As per the Premier's announcement:

- Primary students will be returning to school on Monday 25th May.
- Secondary students will be returning to school on Tuesday June 9th

In preparation for returning to school, there will be a student free day on Friday 22nd May

Between now and these dates, we would request students and families continue to do what they are doing now. If your child/ren are learning at home, we would encourage that they keep doing this. If they are coming into school, whether it be every day or one or more days per week, they are welcome to continue to do this. We ask this because our school is not able to have large numbers of students at school AND provide our Learning at Home program. Our teachers do not have the time or resources to do that.

It would be expected that all students return to school on the dates above. On these dates we will no longer be providing Learning at Home work for our students and we will solely be providing face-to-face learning. The only students who should stay at home are:

- Those that are sick, and they should stay at home until they are better;
- Those children who have a doctor's certificate which states they need to stay at home and for how long.

Some parents or carers may choose to keep their children home from school due to concerns about COVID-19 and due to students health concerns. In these cases, parents and carers are responsible for their children's learning.

We will provide more information about school expectations regarding keeping students healthy while they are at school in next week's newsletter.

Learning at Home

We once again thank all families and students for the efforts being made with learning at home. There has been lots of communication to and from the school through phone calls and check-ins over the past weeks and we will continue to do this right up until school returns in a couple of weeks.

It could be the case that students and families sense a need for urgency over the next couple of weeks to get all of their work done before school returns. This week's tip is not to fall into that way of thinking, but instead just keep doing the best you can. Our teachers will have plans in place to get everyone up to speed when they return.

Welcome

We welcome Matilda (Grade 5) and Hazel-Mae (Prep) and their family to the Star of the Sea community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Stall last week. The stall raised \$380 which will go to the Parents and Friends who organised it. A big thanks to all of the parents and friends and staff who helped to prepare and run it. We hope all of our mothers had a restful day on Sunday!

South32 Donation

We would like to thank South32 who provided all of our staff with a bottle of hand sanitizer last week. The donation was very much appreciated in this time when it is sometimes difficult to get our hands on these items.



Winter Uniform

When school returns our students will be required to wear winter uniform, so the next two weeks might be a good time to get it out and see if it still fits! If your child requires any part of the winter uniform, our Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Social distancing requirements apply.

School Photos

Whilst we would normally have school photos in Term 2 we have pushed them back to later in the year to provide ourselves with a better chance of having everyone at school! We will provide further information at a later date.

Enrolments

We are starting to accept enrolments for 2021, especially into Kinder and Grade 7. If you have children you would like to enrol into Star of the Sea for 2021, or know someone who does, now is the time to start organising that. Enrolment forms can either be downloaded from our website (starsea.tas.edu.au) which is gradually being updated, or picked up from our College office during school hours.

Stars of the Week - 2nd April 2020

Kinder	Stephen Gerges	For his great counting and number recognition.
Prep	Thomas Singline	For always working hard and for completing his work quickly and to a high standard.
Grade 1	Savannah Grimsey-Gray	For the wonderful progress made in her creative story writing.
Grade 2/3	Sabian Hawes	For his continued effort across all subject areas.
Grade 4/5	Lucinda Hockey	For her caring and helpful nature.
Grade 5/6	Belynda Hyland	For her dedication demonstrated during designing her BFT Book Cover.

Stars of the Week - 7th May 2020

Kinder	Luis Lee	For his wonderful bug drawings at home.
Prep	Evie King	For her beautiful Easter drawing and story. Well done!
Grade 1	Zoe Gillies	For her huge effort with reading.
Grade 2/3	Connor Judd	For his dedication and positive attitude towards his Learning@Home. Keep up the great work!
Grade 4/5	Ashton Meessen	For his dedication in completing work through Learning@Home.
Grade 5/6	Kobi Barrenger	For his amazing effort and dedication in completing daily Learning@Home activities.

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards (Learning@Home)

Term 2 Week 1 winner:

Tyler Deacon (\$10 Newsagency Voucher)

Well done!!

Damien Thomas won the quiz for the secondaries.

Shout Out Term 2, Week 1 2020

Student's Name	Reason
Matilda Trotter	Great start at SOTS
Luis Lee	For a fantastic drawing of his minibeast hunt
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	Completing their work in a timely manner
Alby Hawkins	For learning the Ladybird, Ladybird rhyme
Shiloh Leslie	Completing their work in a timely manner
Mia Barker	For making our new student feel welcome
Nevada Logan	Completing their work in a timely manner
William Singline	For making clever creations with the blocks
Emma Thomas	Joining first zoom
Ryda Howard	Working well
Erin Vanderzwan	Joining first zoom
Alyssia Skye	For her excellent participation and independence in completing Learning@Home activities
Kobi Barrenger	Joining first zoom
Madison Hyland	Learning @ Home
Thomas Lowe	Joining first zoom
Thomas Singline	For being supportive and kind towards other students
Jennifer Munro	Joining first zoom
Thomas Singline	For clever number work when using a tens frame
Henry Lindfors	Joining first zoom
Dyson Bromley	For clever number work when using a tens frame
Joshua Chapman	Joining first zoom
Henry Pride	For clever number work when using a tens frame
Ruby Gower	Joining first zoom
Arthur Millen	For clever number work when using a tens frame
Shekinah MacFarlane	Joining first zoom
Charlotte Judd	For her creative art work
Charlotte Power	Joining first zoom
William Singline	For his enthusiasm towards his learning
Oliver Schreuder	Joining first zoom
Mia Barker	For being cooperative and joining in with all activities
Isabelle Anlezark	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Erin Vanderzwan	Magnificent effort in completing her reflection of the theories of the shape of the Earth
Shekinah MacFarlane	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Oliver Schreuder	For his effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Charlotte Power	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Joshua Chapman	For his effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Jennifer Munro	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Kobi Barrenger	For his effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Blake Miller	For his effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Belynda Hyland	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Thomas Lowe	For his effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Erin Vanderzwan	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly
Emma Thomas	For her effort with completing the 2D Shape Geometrical Terms activity accurately and neatly

The winners of the shout outs were: Mia Barker and Shiloh Leslie