

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

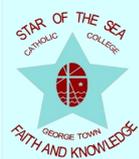
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“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.”

- the Dalai Lama

Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion



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The staff of Star of the Sea Catholic College would like to say a big thank you to all parents, carers, grandparents and brothers and sisters who have supported, and continue to support, our students with their Learning at Home.

It hasn't always been easy, but we know that everyone has done their best.

Thank you for what you have done. It has shown our students how important their education is to their family and for their future.



*Star of the Sea Catholic College acknowledges the Leterremairener people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.*

## From the Principal

As part of our Presentation charism, we use three words to keep us focused on who we are as a school - compassion, hospitality and attentiveness. You will see those words on the side of the newsletter, you will see those words in different parts of the school, you will see that these words make up the headings of our Mission Statement.

It's all very well to have these words floating around. They sound nice, they don't offend anyone, they look good in public. But if we aren't living these words then they are pretty meaningless. So every once in a while it is good for us to reflect on them and ask ourselves what we understand by them, as well as asking ourselves how we practice them within our community.

When you google different words, looking for their definition, you can find how often these words are used over time. It is interesting when googling the word compassion that we find it was used the least during the time of the two world wars. Because when we have compassion, we are recognising the suffering of others. The word actually means to share in others suffering, or to suffer with them. It is hard to see the suffering of others when you are suffering yourself.

But it's all very well and good to say we want to recognise the suffering of others, but how do we do that? How do we actually become people of compassion? It is deceptively simple, but also incredibly hard. Because if we are truly people of compassion we do our best not to increase the suffering of others. Everything we do should lessen people's suffering, not make it more.

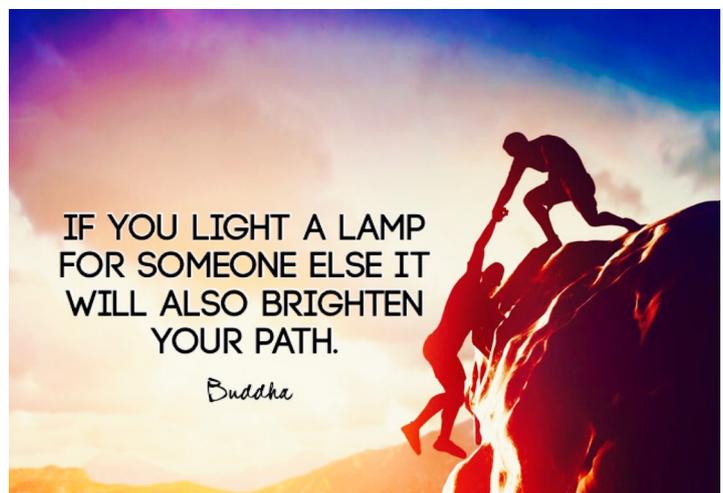
How do we know people are suffering? It is usually when they are making others suffer. Unless we are psychologically disturbed, making others suffer usually doesn't make us happy. Instead, we increase the suffering of others when we ourselves are suffering. We argue with others, we show poor body language, we ignore people. And we get into a vicious cycle of creating enemies of other human beings.

One helpful way of becoming more compassionate that I recently learnt was to think about someone who was making me upset, or who I didn't agree with, and say to myself, "Just like me, they want to be happy. They don't want to suffer." In this way we start to see each other as fellow human beings and not as objects. And when we start to see each other as people who share in humanity, we feel less isolated, just what we need at a time like this!

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we need to practise compassion. And practising compassion means seeing each other as fellow human beings and doing our best to lessen everyone's suffering, not increasing it.

**Mr Richard Chapman**

**Principal**



# Religious Education and Faith Development

## National Sorry Day



Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality

National Sorry Day is held on 26 May each year and it is important to Australia, because it is a day to acknowledge and recognise all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders affected by the Stolen Generations.

*2020 Reconciliation Australia* marks twenty years of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

At the heart of this time of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories and cultures and continue to explore reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are reminded that God's dream for humanity is one of justice and equality, of compassion and understanding, of forgiveness and mercy, to be shared by all peoples on earth. We pray that we walk together with courage.

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## Called to Live Differently

Recently, Pope Francis offered his meditation on the meaning of COVID-19 pandemic, which he said is not God's judgement but a call to live differently. Like the disciples in the Gospel story, 'Jesus Calms the Storm,' the Pope said that we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm."

However, the pandemic storm has made most people realise that "we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented."

And it has shown how each person has a contribution to make, at least in comforting each other. "On this boat are all of us," he said.

The pandemic, the Pope said, has exposed our vulnerabilities but it is a time to decide to live differently, live better, love more and care for others, he said, and every community is filled with people who can be role models – individuals, "who, even though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives."



## SetUp for Success

Don't forget to check out our SetUp for Success Facebook page!  
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



## Welcome Back!

We welcome back our Primary students today to learning at school. Our teachers will spend most of this week re-building routines and getting everyone used to being back in the school environment.

Whilst we hope that we will have all of our Primary students back at school soon, we would ask that children do not come to school if they are unwell, especially if they are coughing or sneezing.

## Parent Movement in the Primary School

Because of social distancing regulations, we have unfortunately had to limit parent movement within our school. The spirit of this is to try our best to avoid having too many adults in the same space at the same time for too long. In short, we ask that no parents/carers enter the Upper Primary area

We ask that parents/carers drop their child at the door of the Lower Primary classrooms. If you need to enter a classroom in the lower Primary area, it is only for a short time and not while any other parent/carer is in the classroom

We ask that parents/carers arrive to pick up their children as close to 3:00pm as they can, and, having collected their children, they leave the school grounds.

We ask that whilst waiting for their children at the end of the day that parents/carers ensure there is plenty of space (1.5m) between themselves and other parents/carers.

If parents/carers need to speak to a teacher they are able to do so via phone or email.

Our office is still open as normal. However, we ask that parents/carers don't enter the office area if they are unwell.

## Primary Assemblies

Primary Assemblies will occur on Thursday afternoon at 2:10pm. Each class will watch the assembly via Zoom, and parents can also attend via this platform. Zoom codes and reminders will be posted on Compass.

## Secondary Learning at Home

Our secondary students continue their Learning at Home program for the next to weeks. We encourage all secondary students to keep working hard at home to help with a smooth transition back into school on Tuesday 9th June. Students and parents are still able to contact teachers via Zoom, email or through Google classroom, or simply by giving the office a ring during school hours.

## Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Mr Steve Edwards and his wife Ali on the birth of Kelsea Matilda Grace. We wish them all the best in this exciting time.

## Thank You

Star of the Sea would like to thank the George Town Council and South32 for their donation of \$400 towards our Learning at Home program. Whilst our school is well set-up for devices and we were able to lend these out, the money helped us to enable some of our families to have enough internet access to participate in the learning, as well as helping us to provide packs to take home for subjects like art and woodwork.

## Enrolments

Last week we launched our Kinder Information video on Facebook. We are now taking enrolments for 2021. Enrolment forms can be picked up at the office or downloaded from our website ([starsea.tas.edu.au](http://starsea.tas.edu.au)). We hope to launch our Grade 7/Secondary Information video within the week.

## Mass at Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Masses have recommenced at Star of the Sea Catholic Church in a limited capacity. Daily Masses occur on Tuesday to Friday at 9:00am and are limited to 10 people. Weekend Masses are on at:

*Friday 6pm, Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am.*

To attend a weekend Mass you need to ring Fr Bala at the Presbytery (6382 1489 or 0447 498 660) before the day to ensure that the number of people attending does not get above 10. Bookings are not required for weekday Masses.

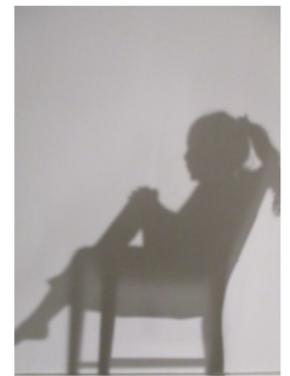
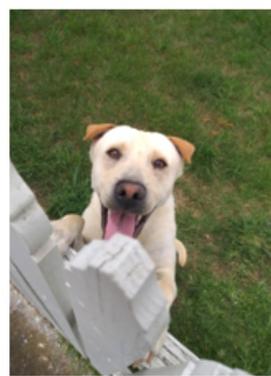
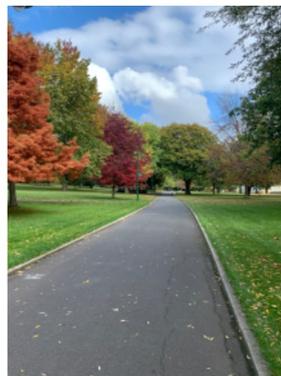
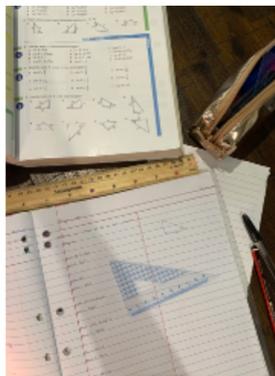
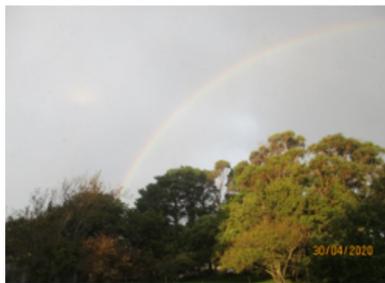
## Virtual Cross Country

Congratulations to all of those who completed and submitted their Virtual Cross Country across both Primary and Secondary (some even multiple times). The results have been calculated and we now have a winner! Both the winning house and winning individuals will be recognised at Thursday's Primary Assembly. We welcome all staff and parents 7-10 to tune in at 2pm on Thursday 28th May, the code will be shared on compass by Mr Taylor.

## Grade 9/10 Media Art

Covid19 has impacted many aspects of our lives and home lockdown certainly presented some challenges for the Grade 9/10 Media Art students. How could they express themselves, stay connected and continue to develop their media Art skills?

It was decided that a Photo collage journal would be the ideal medium for the students to utilise by creating, constructing and communicating a visual story based on their experiences in these unusual and unique times. Over the coming weeks we will share some of these fantastic examples with the rest of the school community which will enable these works to be enjoyed by all.



## Shout Out Term 2, Week 4, 2020

Student's Name	Reason
Connor Judd	His great picture graph in Digital Tech.
Lillian Mather	For her excellent Religion presentation.
Lucinda Hockey	For displaying excellent leadership skills.
Jack Lindfors	For displaying excellent leadership skills.
Lachlan Crick	For his application to his learning.
Maddison MacDonald	For her application to her learning.
Ruby Davidson	For fabulous work in class.
Brock Holden	For doing a great job at packing up times.
Declan Anlezark	For fabulous work in class.
Zoe Gillies	For fabulous work in class.
Elijah Parker	For his helpfulness.
Jennifer Munro	Learning@Home.
Dyson Bromley	For all the clever work they have done at home.
Macey Crick	For all the clever work they have done at home.
Brock Holden	For all the clever work they have done at home.
Thomas Singline	For being engaged at mat time.
Temprance Mather	For being engaged at mat time.
Arthur Millen	For being engaged at mat time.
Evie King	So much PE at home.
Charlotte Judd	For joining in well in outdoor games.
Chase Davis	For his great imagination in play situations.
William Singline	For being welcoming to our new student.
Leo Batte	For great work with shapes.
Mia Barker	For completing all her tasks with enthusiasm.

You are a Star

This weeks winners of the \$5  
vouchers were:

Arthur Millen - for being engaged  
at mat time.

Lucinda Hockey - for displaying  
excellent leadership skills.

Well done!

## Secondary Students Congratulations Cards (Learning@Home)



Term 2 Week 3 winner:

Tempress Tunks (\$10 Newsagency Voucher)

Well done!!



Winner of Mr Chapman's Kahoot Trivia was Dan Ungerhofer.

## Stars of the Week - 21st May 2020

Kinder	Alby Hawkins	For completing all of his Learning@Home tasks so well.
Prep	Rilee Brown	For her engagement with all of her Learning@Home tasks.
Grade 1	Oscar Smith	For fantastic engagement with his Learning@Home tasks. Well done Oscar.
Grade 2/3	Maverick Watson	For his effort with completing Learning@Home tasks. Well done!
Grade 4/5	Isaac Leslie	For his dedication in completing his Learning@Home tasks.
Grade 5/6	Oliver Schreuder	For his dedication and commitment to improving his knowledge and skills across all Learning Areas.