

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

16th June 2020

From the Principal

Restrictions are starting to lift, there are no active cases of COVID-19 in Tasmania, people are starting to emerge more and more.

The question for us now is, when we emerge from our cocoon of isolation, will we emerge as butterflies, or simply as fatter caterpillars?

In our time of isolation, have we had time to reflect on our lives, to reflect on the way we live our lives? Have we started to see things in a new way, gained new skills or interests, or simply began to appreciate life a bit more? Have we obtained a new mindset, have we become people of hope? If the answer is yes to any of these, perhaps we have that chance to emerge as butterflies.

On the other hand, are we waiting for restrictions to lift just so life can return to "normal"? Do we want things to get back to the way they were? Has our time of isolation just been a waiting period - waiting for an end to come so I can get back to doing what I always did, being

what I always was, seeing things the same way as I always did? If that's the case, maybe I'm just going to emerge as a fatter caterpillar.

Because life is a continuous journey. The COVID-19 isolation wasn't a pause in the journey, it was the journey. And just like in any journey, we learn from our experiences during the journey and take them forward with us. Thinking that isolation was a pause in the journey means we missed out on learning from our experiences. It would be the same as spending a whole year at school and learning absolutely nothing.

But if you think you may have become a fatter caterpillar, fear not, because there is still time to emerge as a butterfly, there is still time to move into new life. Sometimes all it takes is a bit of reflecting. Too often in modern society things are moving so fast that we don't take time to reflect, so we don't always realise what we are learning during the journey. As our isolation comes to an end, maybe

spend some time thinking about these questions: What has my time in isolation taught me about myself? During my time of isolation, did I react out of fear or out of love? What have I done differently during my time of isolation that I would like to carry forward in my life? What has my time of isolation taught me about my relationships with others? Can I put myself into the shoes of someone else who has been in isolation and has had a different experience to me?

As part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to keep looking for opportunities of new life, for ourselves and each other. May we reflect on our time of isolation so that we find new life within ourselves.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

- Maya Angelou

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Refugee Week 14th– 20th June

Celebrating the Year of Welcome



Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

This week we celebrate Refugee Week in Australia and the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

Refugee Week provides an opportunity for us to learn more about refugees and why they have come to Australia. Through their stories we can develop a better understanding of the challenges and perilous journeys these people have faced to reach Australia.

Refugee Week is also a chance to celebrate the valuable contributions refugees have made to our Australian communities. We are thankful for the rich and diverse cultures that has helped build our nation.

As a Presentation school, welcome is part of our language. It is who we strive to be; people of welcoming heart. In this week let us pray for the many refugees in our world fleeing from conflict and violence.

A Prayer for Refugees (from 'A Just Cause')

Loving God,
We pray for the refugees who have resettled in Australia
They have experienced great loss.
God of healing bring them healing.
They are building new lives in a foreign land.
God of strength bring them strength.
They are courageously carving out a new future.
God of hope bring them hope.

Stars of the Week - 11th June 2020

Kinder	Yueni Tan	For her beautiful drawings and paintings.
Prep	Thomas Singline	For being ready to learn at all times.
Grade 1	Ryder Hawkins	For fantastic Report Writing! Well done Ryder.
Grade 2/3	Scarlett Baillie	For working very hard during our Literacy blocks. Keep up the great work.
Grade 4/5	Maddison MacDonald	For her care and support of others.
Grade 5/6	Thomas Lowe	For working diligently towards becoming an independent learner. Keep up the great work!

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



Uniform

We have now moved into winter uniform. For those who still need to purchase items, the Uniform Shop is only open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm. We would appreciate all students in winter uniform in the next week.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2021 are now open. If you would like to enrol a child, or know of someone who would, enrolment forms are available from the College office or our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Communication

Now that we have moved away from *Learning at Home*, the way we communicate will be slightly different to earlier in the year. In short:

1. All official communication which is directed solely at families of Star of the Sea will be done through Compass. This also gives us the ability to communicate to families of specific grades, rather than blanket communication as was the case before.
2. Facebook will still be used for communication to the broader community, including our newsletter, enrolment information, and good things happening around the school.
3. Skoolbag is no longer in use at the College (feel free to delete it from your phone).
4. Our College newsletter, which goes out every Tuesday during term time on Compass, Facebook and as a paper copy, will also be used to keep families and the wider community up to date.

Arriving Before 8:30am

Although we don't encourage it, sometimes students need to arrive before 8:30am at the school. Our staff do not begin work or their duty of care until 8:30am and will not let students into the buildings before then (unless the weather is really bad). We would encourage Primary students to wait outside the Prep/Grade 1 rooms if they arrive before 8:30am and do not have adult supervision.

What's Happening in German?

In the last two weeks our Preps and Grade 1s have had a chance to share in some Obstsalat (fruit salad) with Felix and Franz. The Obstsalat contained *der Apfel, die Birne, die Erdbeere, die Ananas, die Banane* and *die Orange*. Danke to *Frau Siebert* for preparing our *Obstsalat*.



Shout Out Term 2, Week 6, 2020

Evie King	Really neat hand-writing.
Rilee Brown	Finishing her work quickly.
Temprance Mather	Being engaged and ready quickly at maths time.
Leo Linley	Working very hard in art class.
Alyssia Sky	Excellent spelling work.
Lachlan Crick	His good attitude & participation in music.
Henry Lindfors	Getting 100% correct answers on the orchestra families worksheet.
Temprance Mather	Helping others.
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Henry Lindfors	Holding the door respectfully in class.
Kobi Barranger	Cleaning the white board, and overall good and helpful attitude in music.
Ruby Davidson	Giving Ryder her turn.
Ashton Meessen	Improvements in his maths.
Ruby Davidson	Excellent work in literacy.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Her participation & singing all of the words to our songs today.
Lindsie Barrett	Fast and neat handwriting.
Macey Crick	Her beautiful singing in our game today.
Brock Holden	Cleverly completing a tricky puzzle.
Damien Milner	Helping to clean up after art class.
Lachlan Crick	Good decision making.
Ryder Hawkins	Great focus with maths.
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Damien Milner	Listening well to instructions and working hard on his art work.
Chelsie Jenkins	For excellent art work.
Dyson Bromley	Great sorting of things that are heavy and light.
Henry Pride	Doing a very clever job of his word search.
Lucinda Hockey	Persevering with her tricky art work until she achieved a pleasing result.
Joshua Chapman	Getting 100% correct answers on the orchestra families worksheet.
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Ryder Hawkins	Fabulous class work.
Jack Lindfors	His focus and hard work learning the instrument families to a high standard.
Jaxsyn Pollock	Working well with others.
Finley Upston	Fast and neat handwriting.
Lucinda Hockey	Showing leadership.
Archie Parker	Using great manners and sharing the toys with others.
Carlie Lowe	Knowing all of the words to Chiribim and dance steps.
Jai Jacobs	Having a go in all of the dancing this week.

You are a Star

Well done!

This weeks winners are:

Chase Davis for including others in his games
10min extra recess for the class.

Allira-Grayce Harris for working well during literacy
\$2 Canteen Voucher.

