

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Being attentive to the needs of others might not be the point of life, but it is the work of life.

- Jonathon Safran Foer

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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In our Vision and Mission statement, Star of the Sea Catholic College hopes to be people who are *attentive*. We might think that, at first glance, in a school context that means paying attention in class, but it isn't really what we are getting at.

In a school founded by Presentation Sisters and having the charism of Nano Nagle, being attentive for us actually means being attentive to the needs of others. It means looking deeper into situations and into what people are saying and asking ourselves, "What is it that this person needs?"

Being attentive is a response to seeking justice for all. Someone once described *justice* as giving people what they need. So in our effort to seek justice for all who are in our community, we have to ask people what they need.

A simple example of being attentive might be people who are homeless. It is easy for us to say, "I know what the homeless need. They need a house to live in." But when we are truly attentive to the situation

and can delve deeper into why people are homeless, houses are not always the right answer.

For many people who are homeless, what is really needed is to overcome the issues that made them homeless in the first place. They may not need a house, but they may need support for their mental health. Or they may need support to escape from domestic violence which saw them take their young children and sleep in a car. Or they may need help in securing stable employment which can help them pay the bills for food and rent.

So what does being attentive mean for the Star of the Sea Catholic community? It means seeing what the needs are in our community and trying to act upon them. St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) is attentive to the needs of those in our community who struggle to live on low incomes, and as a school we have held food drives and fundraisers to support them. CatholicCare is attentive to the needs of those who need counselling, whilst

Ainslie is attentive to the needs of the elderly in our community.

At a school level, we need to ask ourselves what are the needs of each individual child. For some, those needs are getting support with their school work. For others, it is getting support with behaviour so they can achieve better social and learning outcomes. For others, we need to be attentive to their mental health needs and try to put things in place that can support their anxiety or depression. For others still, the need might be having enough to eat each day so they can approach their school work without having to worry about food or if they'll get something for lunch.

Our school community is full of many needs. The challenge for us is to be attentive as a community so that we can recognise these needs and do our best to do something about them.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

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

Pentecost

The feast of Pentecost on Sunday 31st May celebrates the birth of the Christian Church, when the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles in an extraordinary and real way. But how many of us think about presence of the Spirit in our lives. This short extract from 'The Signs of the Spirit in our Lives' by Mary Coloe, reminds us that the same Spirit who came to the apostles at Pentecost is present for us in our lives today:

"When you stand in an underground train station, the first sense you have of an approaching train is the wind as the train pushes the air in front of it. You cannot hear or see anything yet, but the wind announces the train is on its way.

I liken this to our experience of the Spirit. In both Hebrew and Greek, the word for spirit is the same as 'wind' or 'breath'. Like the wind, we do not see or hear the Spirit, but we experience its effects:

- the urge to respond to an issue of justice
- the move to compassion at the sight of suffering
- the ongoing, subtle sense of God's presence in our lives
- the ability to discern what is right from what is wrong.



These are the signs of the Spirit in our lives – prompting, encouraging, guiding and empowering us to live from Jesus' vision of the reign of God." Garratt Publishing 2012 ©

World Environment Day 2020



On Friday, we celebrate World Environment Day. We acknowledge in a special way Laudato Si' Week. Pope Francis in his encyclical, "On Care for our Common Home", encourages us to reflect on the values we share and create a more just and sustainable future.

The theme this year is biodiversity. Biodiversity is vital to the survival of all life on earth. It provides us with food, water and resources as well as services such as climate control and pollination.

As stewards of creation we are called to care for our planet and all creation, and World Environment Day strives to raise awareness and encourage us to action.

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality



Stars of the Week - 28th May 2020

Kinder	Leo Batte	For settling so well into his new school.
Prep	Ether Daire	For his fantastic effort with his independent writing.
Grade 1	Ruby Davidson	For fantastic engagement with all her Learning@Home tasks. Well done Ruby.
Grade 2/3	Elijah Parker	For his effort with his work across all subject areas.
Grade 4/5	Lachlan Crick	For his dedication in completing his Learning@Home activities.
Grade 5/6	Ruby Gower	For her amazing dedication towards improving her mathematical knowledge and understanding. Well done!

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

We welcome Wyatt (Kinder) and his family to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Learning at Home and Learning at School

Last week we welcomed our Primary students back to school and all were appreciative of being back with their teacher and their friends.

This week sees the last week of Learning at Home for our secondary students, who are due to return next Tuesday 9th June. For this week we ask that our secondary students:

- Start to get back into their school waking and sleeping routines
- Work hard to complete any work set by their teachers
- Remember to bring in their device next Tuesday if they borrowed one.

Social Distancing of Adults in our Community

We would like to thank all of our Primary school parents and carers who have taken on the spirit of the social distancing measures we have put in place here at the school. We appreciate it does not feel natural or normal, but we know it is for the best for all of our community.

College Board

Last Wednesday our College Board met for the first time this year, via Zoom. Our first meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Whilst our meeting was short we have found a way forward, with our next meeting and the AGM to occur on Wednesday 17th June, also via Zoom. There is a vacancy on the Board, so if any parent or friend of the College is interested in joining, please contact the College office for further details.

MJR

On Monday this week, the Grade 5 and 6 students welcomed Marty Ogle into their classroom to learn more about MJR. Not only did 'Marty from MJR' dazzle the Grade 5 and 6 students with his magic tricks, but he also shared with the students some useful tips on how to be the best person each of them can be.

MJR is about always 'Believing in yourself'. One of the best ways you can 'believe in yourself' is to always try your best at everything you do, even if it is hard.....and to not be afraid of making a mistake even if what you want to do is hard. 'Believing in yourself' gives each of us the courage to ask for help when we need it, and to not be scared of practising and practicing when learning a new skill.

"Marty showed us to look for the 'Spirit of Jesus' moments at school where we see someone helping another person, or including others in their games." (*Belynda Hyland Grade 6*)

"MJR is about B.I.Y which means 'believe in yourself'. Many of us in Grade 6 often don't believe in ourselves, and we often doubt our abilities. Marty from MJR showed us that to believe in ourselves is to just be our self." (*Emma Thomas and Jennifer Munro, Grade 6*)

"MJR is about looking for the good in everyone." (*Erin Vanderzwan, Grade 6*)

Winter Uniform

Just a reminder that winter uniform now applies to all students. **The Uniform Shop is open Thursdays from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.** Due to hygiene reasons could you please bring your own bags for purchases. Social distancing also applies and we ask that you please wait outside until you can be served.

Shout Out Term 2, Week 5, 2020

Student's Name

Reason

Henry Lindfors	Working hard on his music task for this week.
Emma Thomas	For her excellent work ethic in music this week.
Thomas Lowe	Finishing and submitting his google classroom task for music.
Erin Vanderzwan	For completing all of her google tasks to a high standard at home.
Jennifer Munro	For completing all of her google tasks to a high standard at home.
Axle Sturzaker	Getting all his answers correct on instrument families this week.
Kobi Barrenger	Finishing all of his google classroom music tasks to a high standard.
Jessie Anlezark	For working so hard on her music tasks throughout the week.
Isaac Leslie	For attending every music zoom.
Lillian Hockey	For working hard on her learning tasks.
Tilly Trotter	For being polite and working hard on her learning tasks.
Connor Judd	For handing in all his music tasks on Google classroom.
Maverick Watson	For teaching hi mum the step, clap and shuffle dance.
Hunaisha Ahmed	For attending her first music zoom.
Oscar Smith	For attending and engaging in our singing zooms every week.
Ryda Hawkins	For attending every music zoom this term.
Ruby Davidson	For her helping attitude in music with the younger students.
Thomas Singline	For being engaged in our music songs and singing every week.
Ether Daire	For being engaged in our music zooms.
Dyson Bromley	For his enthusiastic participation in music activities.
Zoe Gillies	For her calm and helpful attitude in music.
Arthur Millen	For his pleasant participation in music and other activities.
William Singline	For his enthusiastic participation in music.
Mia Barker	For her polite and helpful attitude.
Daniel McConnell	Working well during literacy.
Ruby Davidson	Fabulous work in class.
Declan Anlezark	Fabulous work in class.
Ether Daire	Being first ready on the mat.
Malakai Hyland	Awesome handwriting.
Zoe Gillies	Fabulous work in class.
Huntar Carnie	Being very helpful to his teachers.
Henry Pride	Being first on the mat.
Jai Jacobs	Working well during spelling.
Karol Aziz	Completing her literacy work in a timely manner.
Sabian Hawes	Being ready to learn.
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Seth Sturzaker	Trying hard with his spelling.
Brock Holden	Excellent fast work on his letter i sorting job.
Tommy Smith	Quick and clever work on our letter i sorting job.
Ether Daire	Great sounding out.
Scarlett Baillie	Working well during literacy.
Lucinda Hockey	Helping others.
Lillian Mather	Excellent work.
Maverick Watson	Playing alphabet go fish with his peers
Maddison Hyland	Excellent work
Allira-Grayce Harris	Working well during literacy.
Miley MacFarlane	Working well during literacy.
Ruby McDonald	Being engaged while playing alphabet go fish.
Brooke Baillie	Being first on the mat.
Arthur Millen	Being engaged and quickly ready at mat time.
Thomas Singline	Being engaged and quickly ready at mat time.

You are a Star

This weeks winners of the \$5 Newsagent vouchers were:

Lucinda Hockey Helping others

Tommy Smith Quick and clever work on our letter i sorting job

Well done!

PBS Focus - Respectful

We are respectful when we listen to and follow directions from staff when on the yard.