

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

30th June 2020

### From the Principal

"Life has no meaning.  
Each of us has  
meaning and we  
bring it to life. It is a  
waste to be asking  
the question when  
you are the answer."

- Joseph Campbell

Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion



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In Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the title character expresses his thoughts at one point, saying:

Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow,  
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,  
To the last syllable of recorded time;

Macbeth's complaint was that the days pass by slowly and nothing seems to have meaning. He was expressing one of our deepest fears; that life has no meaning, that *our lives* have no meaning. We fear that we are irrelevant, that we have nothing to add to the human race.

It is a fear that has been brought to the surface over the last few months during the COVID-19 pandemic. For some, the loss of a job has brought about a fear that their work had no meaning, that they weren't *essential*. For others, there was a fear that their contributions to social media had no meaning, so they got involved in spreading conspiracy theories with the hope that someone would listen to them.

When we feel our lives have no meaning, it is important for us to draw on our faith to remember that it does. Because our meaning is not about what we do, it is about who we are. What we do for a job or what we post on Instagram is not our meaning. Our meaning is found through our relationships to others and our relationship to the Earth. COVID-19 or no COVID-19, who we are does not change, so it is in who we are that we find meaning. And whether we know it or not, we are all loved children of God. God does not care about our jobs or our social media posts. God only cares about who we are and whether we are becoming fully who we are called to be. Our response to Macbeth would be that life has meaning because we have meaning. (Our response to Macbeth might also be that he shouldn't take advice from witches, but that's another story...).

But of course not all of us can draw upon our faith in the same way. Some of us may have little or no relationship with God and no concept of being loved children of God. So what do we do then? What is our response to Macbeth in this case?

I think our response can be found through John Kennedy Sr, the AFL footballing great who died last week. In the 1975 Grand Final he was coaching Hawthorn, and his half-time address to his players has become legendary:

*At least DO SOMETHING! DO! Don't think, don't hope. DO!*

And while this may not be as poetic as Shakespeare, it gives us guidance about our approach to life. We can sit around feeling sorry for ourselves that life has no meaning, or we can DO SOMETHING! We can get the most out of life, we can have life to the full.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, let's remember that we are loved children of God, and if we can't get a grasp on that idea, at the very least, let's DO SOMETHING!

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

# Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality

**Prayer for the End of Term**

Lord,  
God of all creation  
We thank you for this term:  
for our teachers, students, families and staff.  
We thank you for your constant presence in our lives,  
for the challenges and opportunities  
we had to help each other.  
We thank you for keeping us all safe  
during this unexpected and testing time  
which has caused much suffering in our world.  
We thank you for our community at Star of the Sea.  
May we experience peace, joy and a restful break  
and come back refreshed and energised  
ready to serve you and each other.  
Amen



## Stars of the Week - 25th June 2020

Kinder	Chase Davis	For the kindness he displays towards all of his class mates.
Prep	Malakai Hyland	For his clever thinking about the weather.
Grade 1	Hunaisha Ahmed	For excellent effort in Maths! Well done Hunaisha.
Grade 2/3	Keegan Leslie	For working hard to complete set tasks. Keep up the great work.
Grade 4/5	Damien Milner	For his positive attitude towards his work, especially reading.
Grade 5/6	Charlotte Power	For fantastic effort at becoming an independent learner in Mathematic activities. Keep up the great work!

You are invited to attend our  
**End of Term Assembly**  
**Thursday 2nd July at 11.30am**  
**Via Zoom**  
(Zoom number will be sent to parents via Compass)

## 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



## Thank You to our Staff

We take this opportunity to say thank you to two members of our staff who we will officially farewell this week.

- \* Mrs Jane Fleming has been the music teacher at Star of the Sea Catholic College for many a year and has contributed much to the school and the students she has taught. Whether it be through music lessons, piano tutorials or taking the choir, Mrs Fleming's gentle nature and always-smiling face will be long remembered by staff and students alike. We thank Mrs Fleming for all that she has done for our community and wish her well in her retirement. Hopefully we will see her back at the school for some piano tutorials!
- \* We also thank Mr James Britton. Mr Britton has only been with us for a short time but has certainly contributed to the learning of our students in the secondary area in the first half of the year. We thank Mr Britton for his work in our community and wish him well for the future.

## Last Week of Term 2

Whilst it has been one of the strangest terms ever, we will officially finish Term 2 this Friday!

- **Thursday 2nd July** will see us hold our End of Term Assembly to which all of our school community is invited. The Zoom code will be released through Compass closer to the day.
- **Friday 3rd July** is the last day of Term 2 and is a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation. At the beginning of the year we did plan for this day to be a student-free day, but that has now changed and all students are expected at school as per usual.
- **Term 3** begins on Monday 20th July and will hopefully be a term where students are at school for the entire time! The office will be closed over the holiday break and reopen on Monday 20th July.

## Roving Camera

The roving camera called in to Year 7 Art where the students were trying their hand at dot-paintings.



**FRIDAY IS CASUAL CLOTHES DAY  
GOLD COIN DONATION PLEASE**



## Shout Out Term 2, Week 9, 2020

Declan Anelzark	Walking safely to the bus safely.
Arthur Millen	Being kind towards his friends.
Finley Upston	His effort with our "stretchy snake" words.
Lindsie Barrett	Trying so hard with her 'stretchy snake' words.
Henry Lindfors	Doing well in music.
Damien Milner	Excellent reading.
Tommy Smith	Coming inside quickly and quietly.
Chloe Gofton	Getting the classroom ready.
Charlotte Power	Getting 100% on her music quiz sheet.
Maddison Hyland	Excellent reading.
Evie King	Being ready to learn.
Brooke Baillie	Trying so hard with her 'stretchy snake' words.
Arthur Millen	Great work on a capacity sorting activity.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Walking to the bus stop safely.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Sharing the pencils.
Temprance Mather	Being a kind member of our class.
Darcie Power	Being the first person ready on the mat.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Following instructions.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Raising her hand to speak.
Brock Holden	Coming inside quickly and quietly.
Daniel McConnell	Never giving up.
Jessie Anlezark	Completing all tasks.
Dyson Bromley	Dealing with problems so calmly.
Emma Thomas	Always saying "Thank you" and "Please".
Henry Pride	His effort with our "stretchy snake" words.
Lindsie Barrett	Fast and clever work on a capacity sorting job..
Ether Daire	His efforts with our "stretchy snake" words.
Malakai Hyland	Following instructions.
Malakai Hyland	Coming inside quickly and quietly.
Axle Sturzaker	Holding the door open for his class.
Thomas Lowe	Completing his listening task to a high standard.
Rilee Brown	Excellent work in writing.
Thomas Lowe	Showing respect for the classroom.
Emma Thomas	Always saying thank you and goodbye, Mrs Britton really appreciates her doing so.
Blake Miller	Finishing his music work to a high standard.
Jessie Anlezark	Quietly completing her music work.
Jaxsyn Pollock	Quietly completing his music work.
Daniel McConnell	Never getting mad and being patient when I call him his brother's name.
Miley MacFarlane	Always singing beautifully and in tune.
Jai Jacobs	Singing and dancing to all of our songs in music today.
Ryder Hawkins	Participating in all of our music activities.
Ruby Davidson	Participating in all of our music activities.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Raising her hand, her music participation and staying on her sit spot.
Lindsie Barrett	Her participation, raising her hand and staying on her sit spot.
Huntar Carnie	His participation in music.
Charlotte Judd	Her music participation and singing new songs.

You are a Star

Well done!

### PBS Focus - Safe

We are safe when we use the school equipment properly.



This weeks winners are:

**Arthur Millen** for being a great helper at tidy up time  
\$2 Canteen Voucher

**Hunaisha Ahmed** for attending her first Music Zoom  
\$5 Newsagent Voucher

# TPSSA Winter Sports Exchange Roster 2020

Sports are soccer, football, netball and hockey – just liaise with the host school. Host school contacts away school and organises venue, match times, lunch breaks, umpires and some equip. Cancellations done by

<b>June 19</b>		
<b>1</b> <b>July 24th</b>	<b>Beaconsfield</b> Lilydale SOS	<b>SGT</b> Port Dalrymple Exeter
<b>2</b> <b>July 30th</b>	Country Gold Selections (Rain day 31/7)	
<b>2</b> <b>August 7th</b>	<b>Port Dalrymple</b> Exeter Beaconsfield	<b>Lilydale</b> SOS SGT
<b>3</b> <b>August 21st</b>	<b>Beaconsfield</b> Exeter SOS	<b>SGT</b> Lilydale Port Dalrymple
<b>4</b> <b>September 4th</b>	<b>Port Dalrymple</b> SGT SOS	<b>Lilydale</b> Exeter Beaconsfield
<b>September 17th &amp; 18th</b>	Country Gold Carnival	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host team listed first and Bolded</li> <li>• Port Dalrymple home matches at Blue Gum Park</li> </ul>		

## OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

We take this opportunity to tell about some things that are either happening within our Catholic community or ways that we are working together.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish** - Masses are now being held at 5pm on Saturday nights and 11am on Sundays, as well as weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday at 9am. With the easing of restrictions there is no need to let Father Bala know if you are attending Mass, but social distancing applies within the church.

**Ainslie** - our Primary students are currently writing letters and making gifts for the residents of Ainslie as part of their outreach.



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### Vinnies -

Vinnies' emergency relief operates out of the old Convent a couple of days a week. Ring 6326 5551 to make an appointment.



### CatholicCare -

CatholicCare operates out of the old Convent and offers counselling and other services. Ring 1800 819 447 for more information and enquiries.

CatholicCare also runs an Emergency Relief Program. This program is currently assisting people who may have lost their jobs or had their hours reduced as a result of COVID-19, and are experiencing financial difficulties.

(They are of course still assisting non-COVID related financially affected people as well).

It is not a requirement that a recipient is receiving Centrelink payments to be eligible.

The program information is available via this link:

<https://catholiccaretas.org.au/programs/emergency-relief>

