

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

9th June 2020

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

- Anonymous

Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion



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### From the Principal

In remote areas of Kenya, young children are taught to prepare more food than necessary at every meal in case a weary traveller passes by and may need sustenance or a place to sleep for the night.

This story, perhaps more than anything, tells us something about the meaning of *hospitality*.

When we ask ourselves if we are hospitable people, we need to ask ourselves if we welcome all, stranger and guest alike. We sometimes hear stories from friends who have returned from different parts of the world and commented on the hospitality of the people in the country they visited. Some countries seem to have a culture which goes beyond friendliness to generously receiving all who seek welcome.

My father-in-law worked for the RACT and would often attend broken down vehicles in the west and north west of Tasmania. It was not unusual that for Easter and Christmas an extra plate or two would be

set at the table for the travellers who had broken down and had to be towed back to my father-in-law's house. Due to everything being shut over Easter and Christmas the travellers could not reach their destination so were provided with hospitality at the home of a country mechanic and his wife and children.

When this hospitality occurred both the hosts and the traveller were blessed. Both had the opportunity to meet each other, to find out about each other, to see the face of Jesus in each other. If the traveller was simply towed to the nearest town and left to find accommodation, this chance of mutual understanding would never have occurred.

At Star of the Sea we use *hospitality* as one of our three main words to keep us focussed on our Presentation charism. We aim to be a school that welcomes all, stranger and guest alike. We aim to be a school where we rejoice in meeting and welcoming new members of

the community as it gives us the chance to see the face of Jesus in each other.

When entering Star of the Sea you don't join an exclusive club, one where the members of our club are better than anyone else. If you did, it means we are not being very hospitable. Instead, when becoming part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community you hopefully enter a place which carries on a tradition which is thousands of years old. That tradition of welcoming the stranger and guest alike, of providing sustenance and a place where there is safety and welcome. That tradition which allows us to see the face of Jesus in each other, and, in every encounter with a new person, we are blessed as we learn something more about what it means to be human.

**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



*It is in the shelter of each other  
that the people live.*

*Irish proverb*

Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality

The last week of May was when the World Council of Churches celebrated Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia. The quote for this year's theme came from the Acts of the Apostles, "they showed us unusual kindness." It takes its story from the Apostle Paul who with 276 passengers was shipwrecked in the waters off the coast of Malta about 60 CE. The people of Malta showed extraordinary kindness and provided all the provisions they needed.

We too are in extraordinary times and like Paul have found ourselves in the midst of a storm. Now more than ever kindness is needed as so many people continue to encounter new challenges and uncertainties. As Christians, we are being called to dig deep into the gifts God has given us so that we may respond to the needs we see.

**Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.**

**In these times may we continue to be a beacon of light for others.**

**May we find ways to respond to the needs we see.**

**May God strengthen us to endure life's shipwrecks.**

**May we live our lives as people of hope  
who journey to new horizons together.**

## Stars of the Week - 4th June 2020

Kinder	Vanessa Linley	For being a great listener at mat time.
Prep	Arthur Millen	For reading very cleverly in our shared reading time this week.
Grade 1	Declan Anlezark	For great focus and attending during Literacy time.
Grade 2/3	Jai Jacobs	For returning to school focused and eager to learn.
Grade 4/5	Grace Mahnken	For settling well back into the school routine.
Grade 5/6	Jennifer Munro	For the fantastic effort put into the quality of her sentences in all writing activities.

## SetUp for Success

### Taste Safe Sensory Foam

Research shows that sensory play benefits young children in so many ways. It builds nerve connections in the brain's pathways, which leads to the child's ability to complete more complex learning tasks. Sensory play also supports language development, cognitive growth, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving skills and social interaction.

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2. click on the icon  and it will take you straight to the Setup page
3. once there like it  and you will then receive all Setup posts

### Welcome

We welcome Amber (Grade 9) and Miya (Grade 7) and their family to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

### Learning at School

Today we welcomed back our secondary students so have now officially finished our Learning at Home program. For the last four weeks of term the focus for teachers will be on settling the students back into learning routines. We once again thank all of our parents for their support for Learning at Home.

### Mid-year Reports

There will be no mid-year reports this year due to the interruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead students will be issued with Progress Statements. We hope to have these out early Term 3.

### Updated Calendar

We have attached an updated calendar to this newsletter. As per usual, the dates are subject to change and subject to the lifting of restrictions across the state. Please note that the last day of Term 2 was originally going to be a student-free day for our staff Spirituality Day, but with all of the interruptions to Term 2 so far we have decided to shift that day. We have now created a 4-day weekend for students on Friday 28th August (Staff Spirituality Day) and Monday 31st August (holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day).

### Cross Country Champions and House Winners

- Year 4: Lillian Mather
- Year 5: Shiloh Leslie - Joshua Chapman
- Year 6:: Emma Thomas
- Year 7: Areesha Imran - Ashton Harrison
- Year 8: Lily Upston - Lochie Wells
- Year 9: Ella Vanderzwan
- Year 10: Briannah Burton - Brayden Ford

Regina was the winning House.



Shout out: Thomas family for consistent efforts and multiple runs across the three weeks.

## Shout Out Term 2, Week 5, 2020

Chase Davis	Including others in his games.
William Singline	Listening so well at mat times.
Grace Mahnken	Being adaptable.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Being a great learner.
Ruby McDonald	Playing well with younger children.
Luis Lee	Fantastic improvement in cutting skills.
Chantz Brown	Helping tidy our classroom and keep it safe.
Leo Batte	Completing set task quickly.
Maddison McDonald	Displaying leadership.
Chantz Brown	Respectful and focussed listening at prayer time.
Declan Anlezark	Respectful and focussed listening at prayer time.
Ashton Ratcliffe	Respectful and focussed listening at prayer time.
Darcie Power	Helping to tidy up our classroom.
Hunaisha Ahmed	Respectful and focussed listening at prayer time.
Evie King	Being a great learner.
Charlotte Judd	Always keeping our classroom tidy and safe.
Ryder Hawkins	Great report writing.
Dyson Bromley	Awesome quiet reading.
Brock Holden	Being a great learner.
Zoe Gillies	Super maths work.
Mia Barker	Listening well to all instructions.
Wyatt Parkes	Quickly learning our classroom routines.
Matilda Trotter	Excellent work.
Rilee Brown	Being a great learner.
Huntar Carnie	Being a great learner.
Ruby Davidson	Great focus with all her writing tasks.
Macey Crick	Being a great learner.
Dyson Bromley	Great work.
Arthur Millen	Being a great learner.
Lachlan Crick	Good decision making.
Vanessa Linley	Being kind and caring towards other.
Lucinda Hockey	Displaying leadership qualities.
Shiloh Leslie	Excellent work.
Nevada Logan	Excellent work on perimeters.
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	Not giving up.
Ether Daire	Being a great helper at tidy up time.
Alby Hawkins	Clever work with numbers.
Maverick Watson	Picking up rubbish in the playground.
Arthur Millen	Great work in literacy.
Yueni Tan	Great work with numbers.
Stephen Gerges	Clever work with numbers.
Shiloh Leslie	Excellent work on perimeters.
Arthur Millen	Being a great helper at tidy up time.
Chelsie Jenkins	Great fruit salad drawing.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Listening so well at mat times.
Rilee Brown	Helping to keep the classroom clean.
Huntar Carnie	Great letter i work.
Archie Parker	For using great manners and sharing toys with others.
Chantz Brown	For helping tidy our classroom and keep it safe.
Hunaisha Ahmed	Remembering to wait inside her class at going home time.
Zoe Gillies	For super maths work.
Ruby Davidson	For great focus with all her writing tasks.
Ryder Hawkins	For great report writing.

# You are a Star

### PBS Focus - Respectful

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



### This weeks winners of the \$5 Newsagent vouchers

were:

**Arthur Millen**

Being engaged and quickly ready at mat time.

**Maverick Watson**

For teaching his mum the step, clap, shuffle dance.

# Well done!

### Secondary Students Congratulations Cards (Learning@Home)



**Term 2 Week 5 winner:**

Luke Chapman (\$10 Newsagency Voucher)

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



## 2020 Calendar



### Term 2

- Monday 8th June  
Thursday 2nd July  
Friday 3rd July
- Queen's Birthday public holiday
  - End of Term Assembly
  - last day of term for staff and students

### Term 3

- Monday 20th July  
Wednesday July 29  
Friday 14th August  
Tuesday 18th August  
Tuesday 25th August  
Friday 28th August  
Monday 31st August  
Friday 4th September  
Thursday 24th September  
Friday 25th September
- Term 3 begins
  - Year 7 Immunisation
  - Mass for Feast of the Assumption
  - School Photo Day
  - Book Week Parade
  - Staff Spirituality Day; student-free day
  - Holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day
  - Father's Day Breakfast
  - End of Term Assembly
  - Term 3 ends

### Term 4

- Monday 12th October  
Thursday 22nd October  
Monday 2nd November  
Wednesday 4th November  
Wednesday 11th November  
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th November  
Thursday 19th November  
Friday 20th November  
Monday 30th November  
Wednesday 2nd December - Friday 4th December  
Thursday 10th December  
Monday 14th December  
Thursday 17th December  
Friday 18th December
- Term 4 begins
  - Grandparents Day Prayer
  - Recreation Day public holiday
  - Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival (Grades 3-10)
  - TPSSA Swimming Carnival (TBC); Remembrance Day
  - Grade 5 and 6 Camp
  - NHSSA Div 3 Athletics Carnival
  - Presentation Feast Day
  - Year 10 Exam Week
  - Year 8 Camp
  - Year 10 last day; Awards Presentation Evening (TBC)
  - Year 10 Leavers Dinner; Primary Nativity Play
  - Students finish
  - Staff finish

