

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
- Lao Tzu

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal

Events like global pandemics and lockdowns have the capacity to put our brains into "freeze" mode. When things like this come out of the blue, they ruin our plans and interrupt our way of life so much that we feel like we don't know what to do. We end up "freezing," not knowing the way forward or wondering if we should even start making new plans in case they are upset again.

As we move into the second half of the year, it would be easy for us to write off the year as a waste.

The temptation is to just "go through the motions" until the year finishes with the hope that we can reset and start afresh next year.

But if we do this, we not only risk being left behind but also we fail to make the most of every day that is presented to us by God. So how do we ensure that we don't stay "frozen," but instead

make the most out of the second half of 2020?

There is a famous quote which says that "the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." In other words, you can stay "frozen" and think that the road ahead is too hard, or you can start moving. And when we take the first step, we find that the second step is a little easier to take, and then the third, and so on. And before we know it, we're halfway there.

So what can we do to make the most out of 2020?

At the beginning of the year the College launched its Vision and Mission Statement, and when we launched it we said that our Vision and Mission is God's assignment for us. It is God's homework. Global pandemic or not, that assignment does not change, but the way we try to achieve it will. So, for our school, we will revisit that Vision and Mission and ask ourselves what

we have to do to achieve it in 2020.

We'll set some short-term goals and work towards them.

On an individual level it is good for us to also set some short-term goals that we can work towards. The goals might be doing something in the garden, finally fixing up that part of the house that you walk past every day and say, "I should fix that," or it might be reading that book or trying out that recipe. The goal itself is not as important as what it gives us - the opportunity to keep moving forward.

The Star of the Sea Catholic community needs to keep moving forward, needs to keep setting goals, and needs to keep trying to be all that God calls it to be.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Our major events for Term 3 are as follows:

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

Although all dates are subject to change, most of these events should be able to continue, assuming restrictions either stay as they are or are relaxed throughout the term, although some of the events may be run slightly differently than in the past.

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

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

Hospitality

Reaching Out to Ainslie

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers and students at Star of the Sea who wrote letters and cards and made special gifts for the residents of Ainslie. As we all know, the restrictions brought about because of coronavirus has meant residents at Ainslie have not been allowed visitors from our school. This has been a particularly challenging time for the elderly who have had little contact with others outside of the nursing home.

Our teachers and students wanted to let the people at Ainslie know we were thinking of them, so our Years 4-6 created cards and wrote each resident a letter, and our Kinder -3 students made a small gift for each resident. The Kinder students made little terrariums, Prep students made wind chimes, Year One's made small hand painted plates and our 2/3 students made snow globes. All of these items were works of art so lovingly crafted by our young people.

Our founder, Nano Nagle had a very special place in her heart for the elderly and like Nano our students chose to do something practical to help those who are isolated and often lonely. It is good to see Presentation Spirit being lived out in our College.



SetUp for Success - starting this week! See below for details

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



Staff Movements

After over a decade looking after the College Library, Mrs Lisa Barrenger has announced her retirement from the role. In her time she has seen our older library painted, the library move into a temporary home in the Primary staffroom, and then set up the library in its new room this year.

Mrs Barrenger will be remembered for her love of books and for her desire for the library to be a welcoming place for all so that everyone could enjoy reading. We thank Mrs Barrenger very much for all that she has contributed to Star of the Sea and wish her well in the future. You may even still see her in the George Town library every so often!

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions at Star of the Sea

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in Tasmania, Term 3 will see us be able to do a few more things and welcome parents and carers more fully into the school. Some changes are:

- We are hoping that Winter Sport for both the secondary students and the Grade 4/5/6s will be able to start soon.
- Parents and carers are welcome to attend our Primary assemblies, however individual chairs will be placed in the Gallery for them. The couches will not be available. Parents and carers will need to sign in at the assembly.
- Parents and carers are now able to enter the Primary Gallery at the beginning and end of the day. However, we would encourage that if you need to, please keep your stay short and remain 1.5m away from other adults when doing so.

SetUp for Success

SetUp starts again tomorrow! Our Early Learning Program for children aged 0-5 and their parents or carers is held every Wednesday in the Kinder Room between 9am and 10:30am. We look forward to welcoming our regular attendees and any new families. It is free of charge. Call the College office (6382 1242) for more details.

If you or your child are ill on the day of SetUp or have cold-like symptoms, we would ask you to not attend that day's session. We would prefer that only one adult attends with each child.

Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2021. If you have a child who is coming to Star of the Sea in 2021, or know someone who has, please call into our office to pick up an enrolment form, or download one from our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Parents and Friends

We are now able to re-start our Parents and Friends! Meeting times and places will be announced soon.

Mid-Year Progress Statements

Schools in Tasmania will not be issuing mid-year reports this year, but instead will provide parents and carers with a Progress Statement. We hope that these will be available towards the end of next week. The statements will not be printed out and sent home. Instead they will be made available through Compass. There will also be an opportunity for a shorter Parent-Teacher Evening in the coming weeks. The date of this will be finalised soon.

End of Term 2 Awards

Application to Learning Awards

Kinder	Mia Barker
Prep	Rilee Brown
Grade 1	Oscar Smith
Grade 2	Daniel McConnell
Grade 3	Karol Aziz
Grade 4	Grace Mahnken
Grade 5	Isaac Leslie
Grade 6	Emma Thomas

Cross Country Champions

Grade 4	-	Lillian Mather
Grade 5	-	Shiloh Leslie
		Joshua Chapman
Grade 6	-	Emma Thomas
Grade 7	-	Areesha Imran
		Nikiah Edwards
		Ashton Harrison
Grade 8	-	Lily Upston
		Lachlan Wells
Grade 9	-	Ella Vanderzwan
Grade 10	-	Briannah Burton

Merit Awards

Consistent Effort and Application

Grade 7	Hayley Ford
	Samuel Boyd
	Nikiah Edwards
	Jett Barr
	Tempress Tunks
	Robert Tame
	Ashton Harrison
Grade 8	Tyler Deacon
	Lily Upston
	Ashlyn Abele
	Dan Ungerhofer
	Damien Thomas
	Jessica Boyd
Grade 9	Ashleigh Brown
	Azalea Lewis
	Ella Vanderzwan
	Jakira Pollock
Grade 10	Belinda Coghill
	Briannah Burton
	Daniel Thomas



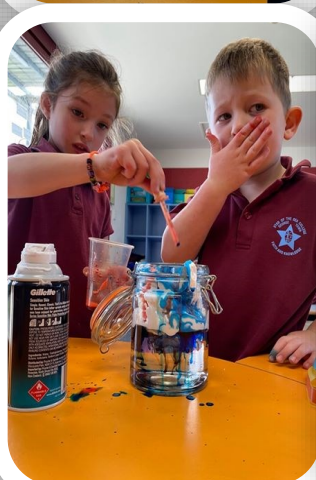


Grade 1 Cup Tower Challenge



Grade 1 Marble Painting

Prep Science



Shout Out Term 2, Week 10, 2020

Shekinah MacFarlane
Matilda Trotter
Mia Barker
Lucinda Hockey
Zoe Gillies
Brock Holden
Archie Parker
Matilda Trotter
Oscar Smith
Declan Anlezark
Shiloh Leslie
Jack Lindfors
Jessie Anlezark
Jaxsyn Pollock
Blake Miller
Savannah Grimsey-Grey
Danica Sweet
Lindsie Barrett
William Singline
Chantz Brown
Stephen Gerges
Allira-Grayce Harris
Hunaisha Ahmed
Chase Davis

Showing respect for their classroom.
Excellent work on perimeters.
Being quiet and still at rest time.
Helping others.
Being a kind and sharing classmate.
Cleverly completing a tricky puzzle.
Helping to pack up without being asked.
Helping others.
Being a fantastic reader.
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Helping others.
Helping other students in the class.
Helping others.
Working well with others.
Cleaning the whiteboards and an overall good attitude in music today.
Being a fantastic reader.
Being quiet and still at rest time.
Being a great helper at clean up time.
Always doing what is asked of him
Working independently to complete her science sorting activity.
Being a quiet and still restor.
Helping to clean.
For huge effort in reading.
Being a quiet restor.

Well done!



You are a Star

PBS Focus - Safe

We are safe when we use the school equipment properly.



Term 2 Winners of Prize Box are:

Tilly Trotter for her excellent work.
Maddi McDonald for displaying leadership.
Shiloh Leslie for excellent Learning @ Home.
Ether Daire for being a great helper at tidy up time.
Elijah Parker for his helpfulness.

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards

End of Term 2 winners:

Daisy Long and Miya Webb

(both students choose canteen vouchers)

Well done!!

