

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

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Connection and connectedness are other words for community and communion.

- Parker J. Palmer

Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion



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### From the Principal

Last Thursday we held our first full Primary Assembly for about four months. And despite the fact that we didn't hand out any Stars of the Week, there were still quite a few parents and family members who showed up to the assembly to see their children and relations. So, in the COVID-19 environment, we dutifully asked everyone to sign in and offered hand sanitizer and separated seats so no adults were sitting too close to one another.

But despite all of the restrictions put upon us as we restart these assemblies, people still come. Why? Probably because they are craving to re-connect.

One of the difficulties the COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it is that it has broken a lot of connections that people have had in their community. We have all been told to stay away from one thing or another, while other activities and events have simply shut down. But because of this, we have lost our sense of connection.

It is no secret that one of the key building blocks for good mental health is connections. Any psychologist will tell you that. So it is no surprise that there is great concern about the mental health of Australians during this pandemic as we isolate ourselves and lose our connections to the things that keep us motivated.

During our time of *Learning at Home* (in case you have forgotten, that's what we were doing this time last term!) Star of the Sea put a higher priority on students and families maintaining a connection with the school than we did on actual learning. We knew that not participating in full learning for a few weeks would only have short term issues, but losing connections can lead to long term problems for students and families. And we will continue to place emphasis on connections in the time ahead.

While this may be difficult, as what we did to build connections in the past is not always possible now, we will

look at ways that we can still maintain those connections. We cannot just cancel things because "they are too hard to run, now." We have to look at ways that we can run things differently.

So if one of the key connection points in your life is the school, fear not! We will do our best to provide opportunities for you to maintain that connection. So come along to Primary Assemblies, keep in contact with your child's teachers, keep up to date with what the Parents and Friends are doing (or join it if you can), pop in and say hello when you can (while keeping your distance!).

Because in the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we look after each other, and the best way we can do that is by keeping in contact with all of our community.

**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



**A friend loves at all times.” (Proverbs 17:17)**

Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality

International Friendship Day was first proposed in 2011 by the United Nations to encourage friendship between people, countries, cultures and individuals and to inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. The date set aside is the 30<sup>th</sup> July.

This year, with all the disruptions to our lives through Covid19, it more important than ever to stay connected with friends. So many people are suffering the effects of isolation across the country and the extended hand of friendship is a much-needed gesture of support. This Thursday let your friends know they are important. Reach out to a friend via social media, a text or a phone call.

As Christians, our model of friendship is Jesus because he loved without limits and he makes it possible for us to grow in our friendship with God our Father.

Jesus said: “I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.” (John 15:15)

*Lord God, I pray for the grace to be a good friend.  
May I be a gentle presence in the life of my friends ever willing to listen,  
to forgive and to extend hospitality.*

Our major events for Term 3 are as follows:

**Tuesday 11th August - Parent – Carer meetings**  
**Friday 14th August - Mass for Feast of the Assumption**  
**Tuesday 18th August - School Photos**  
**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.

## SetUp for Success

SetUp is back and lots of families are happy about that judging by the big turn-out last week. SetUp, our free Early Learning program for 0-5 year olds, is held every Wednesday during term time from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Kinder room. We ask that only one adult attends with each child (to help with social distancing), that children bring a drink bottle and maybe a piece of fruit, and that you don't attend if you or your child has cold or flu like symptoms. Feel free to ring the office for more information.



## Welcome

We welcome Maddison and Hayli (Grade 7) and their families to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

## Mid Year Progress Statements

There will be no mid-year reports this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic which led to learning at home. Instead, a progress statement will be made available **this Friday via Compass**. The statements will only be printed out if a request is made to the College Office. Please keep an eye on Compass notifications later this week to find out how to access the statements.

## Parent-Carer-Teacher Evening

Parents and carers will have an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers on **Tuesday 11th August** from 3:15pm to 6:00pm. Information regarding how to book a time will be included in the Compass post regarding Progress Statements which will come out later this week. If you or one of the teachers are unavailable on this evening there will be opportunities to connect with teachers on other days and times.

## Prayers and Thoughts

We keep in our prayers and thoughts the family of Lina Coogan who died last week. Lina spent some time as a cleaner at Star of the Sea Catholic College.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## Prayers for a Speedy Recovery

We keep in our prayers Mrs Stewart, who was involved in an accident last week and will be off school for this week. We pray for a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming her back to school.

## Book Week

Last week we advertised that we would be celebrating Book Week in August. However the national date for this has changed. We will now be celebrating it in October (17th to 23rd), so you have extra time to get those costumes ready!

## Winter Sports Update

As many parents and carers would already know:

- Our Grade 4, 5 and 6s started their TPSSA Winter Sport roster last week and will participate every second week (weather permitting). Some of our students will try out for the Country Gold teams at this Thursday's trials.
- Our Grade 9s and 10s will begin their NHSSA Winter Sport roster this Wednesday and compete each week for most of this term.
- Our Grade 7s and 8s will begin their NHSSA Winter Sport roster this Thursday and compete each week for most of this term.

We wish all of our competing students well.

## COVID-19 Update

**Can I attend Primary Assemblies?** Yes. You just need to sign in so you can be traced should there be any sort of outbreak, and we'll ask you to sit at a good distance from other adults.

**When should I or my child stay away from school?** If you or your child are sick, especially with cold and flu symptoms, then you should stay away from school and don't even enter school grounds.

**If I wait for my child after school, where should I wait?** If you wait for your child in the Primary area either wait outside the classrooms (for Kinder to Grade 1) or outside the building (for Grades 2 to 6). Please don't wait inside the Primary Gallery. If others are waiting too, please social distance by staying 1.5m away from others.

**Can my child still get a lunch order?** Certainly! Our canteen has excellent hygiene practices.

**Is the College Office still open?** Yes. It is open between 8:30am and 3:30pm from Mondays to Fridays. We only ask that you **don't** call into the Office if you are sick.

**What other ways can I get in contact?** You are still able to ring the College Office during opening hours (Ph: 6382 1242), email via Compass, or email teachers if you want to ask a question.

## Immunisation Year 7

Year 7 Gardasil immunisation will be on Wednesday July 29 for those students who have returned their form.

## School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. This year ordering and payment options have changed. All ordering will now be online with no envelopes or money to change hands.

A flyer will be sent home this week which have instructions on it on how to order online.

Once ordered, parents will receive an email confirming their order, so all orders and payments are traceable. Each student is to receive one of DL flyers that you have received with one access key. This access key is the same for all students.

This one access key can be used to order for individual photos and family photos. Split families and new students can use this code also.

- ALL orders must be in by **4pm Monday, 17th August.**
- For family photos, it is imperative that parents need to order by **4pm on Monday, 17th August.**

Family Orders will not be allowed after this time. This enables us to produce a family report for you in the morning so you will know which families need photos.

If parents cannot order online, they can ask a friend or family member for assistance.

## ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year

### THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping

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## Primary House Captains

Last Thursday at our first full assembly since before Covid-19 restrictions we announced and congratulated our newly appointed Grade 6 House Captains.

- ◆ Nagle House Captain for Term 3 is Joshua McConnell.
- ◆ Presentation House Captain for Term 3 is Blake Miller.
- ◆ Regina House Captain for Term 3 is Belynda Hyland.

We wish these students all the best as they show leadership by encouraging others to get the best out of themselves.

We also announced captains and vice captains for our Winter Sports teams:

- ◆ Soccer 1: Captain - Kobi Barrenger, Vice Captain - Blake Miller
- ◆ Soccer 2: Captain - Joshua McConnell, Vice Captain - Tylar Berne
- ◆ Netball 1: Captain - Sianna Brunacci, Vice Captain - Erin Vanderzwan
- ◆ Netball 2: Captain - Belynda Hyland, Vice Captain - Chloe Gofton

Well done to all these students and all the best with the rest of you Winter Sports Roster.



Last week in Kinder we did .....

