

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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If you truly love nature you will find beauty everywhere. - Vincent van Gogh.

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal

As the world slows down due to various lockdowns, it also gives us the chance to slow down and start to look around us at the beauty of the world.

Last Wednesday I received lots of photos from staff at our school showing what their backyards and front driveways looked like with a covering of snow. Some of these staff couldn't get their cars out of the driveway as it was too slippery. At first I thought that it was all very inconvenient that our staff wouldn't be able to turn up to school on time. But then I looked at the pictures properly, and at other ones throughout the day, and realised how beautiful everything looked covered in snow.

We have heard lots of reports over the period of lockdowns from around the world about how the lockdowns have helped the environment. With less car traffic

the amount of smog has decreased and all of a sudden people can see parts of nature they couldn't see before. With less cruise ships heading into ports, aquatic animals have had the chance to journey into places they haven't been for years. As humans, we have the chance to see the beauty of nature once again.

But often we walk past nature's beauty every day without recognising it. I wonder how many times some of us have walked along the Cove but not stopped to look and marvel at how beautiful it is. I wonder how many sunsets we have missed out on seeing, or how many times we have walked through the trees but not stopped to listen to the many different types of birds that inhabit them.

I have said before that the idea of God creating COVID-19 as

some form of punishment is a load of baloney. However God does invite us to be in the present moment each day. God invites us to not worry about the past or the future, but to be in the present. During this time of life slowing down, we have that opportunity to live in the present a bit easier, and it is an opportunity that we should all take up.

Within our Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to teach our children to recognise the beauty of nature so they can play a part in looking after it. If we do not feel our environment is beautiful we will be less interested in making sure it remains like that. To do this, we need to recognise the beauty in nature ourselves and take some time to appreciate the wonder of God's creation.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Wednesday 12th August	9.00am –10.30am SetUp for Success 9/10 Winter Sport
Thursday 13th August	Year 7/8 Winter Sport 2.10pm Primary Assembly
Friday 14th August	9.30am Mass for the Feast of the Assumption
Tuesday 18th	School Photo Day

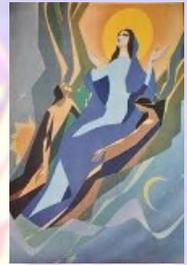
Advance notice: A reminder to our parents that Friday 28th August and Monday 31st August will be student-free days for Star of the Sea. See overleaf for more details.

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

Feast of the Assumption

This week is the feast of The Assumption, where we commemorate the glorification of Mary and acknowledge and celebrate Mary's place as the first disciple in God's Kingdom. Mary, who was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus the Christ, said "yes" to all that God promised.



Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

When we celebrate 'The Assumption of Mary' we are also celebrating God's entry into our human lives. Mary was blessed among women. In her acceptance of God's will, Mary changed the face of human history. If God worked through Mary to express such great and saving love, then God can continue to work through us in the same way.

Mary was receptive to God and others, and self-giving in her everyday life. Nano Nagle had the same listening heart that urged her on to educate the poor and attend to the needs of the sick and elderly. Like Mary, we too can work towards developing the qualities of openness, self-giving and intuitive listening. In this way we can bring God's healing presence to the lives of others, especially in these times when people are feeling vulnerable and down, and our world is in need of some healing.

Stars of the Week - 6th August 2020

Kinder	Danica Sweet	For sharing so many interesting facts during discussions.
Prep	Thomas Smith	For his fantastic monster painting.
Grade 1	Oscar Smith	For persevering with all tasks even when they seem hard.
Grade 2/3	Jade Jenkins	For her kind and caring attitude towards her peers.
Grade 4/5	Jaxsyn Pollock	For his positive attitude towards his work.
Grade 5/6	Henry Lindfors	For his positive attitude towards becoming an independent mathematics learner.

SetUp for Success

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.



School Photos

School photos will take place next Tuesday. All students are expected to wear winter uniform with either a blazer or a jumper (except for Kinders who wear their PE uniform as per usual).

By now all families should have received information regarding how to order photos online (this has occurred partly due to COVID-19 restrictions as the photo company is trying to avoid handling money, etc). If you have any questions about the ordering process, please contact the office. All family photos MUST be ordered by Monday 10th August or else they will not be able to be taken.

The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm - 4.00pm for all your uniform needs.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Our students will be attending a Mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Friday at 9:30am. It will be the first time in a while we have been able to gather as a whole school and we are looking forward to it.

Upcoming Long Weekend

A reminder to our parents that Friday 28th August and Monday 31st August will be student-free days for Star of the Sea. On the Friday our staff will be involved in a Spirituality Day, whilst we will use the Monday as our holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day. The office will not be open on either day.

Prep Snowman

Our Prep class enjoyed making a snowman on Wednesday after the overnight blizzard.



Shout Out Term 3, Week 3, 2020

Macey Crick	Great work in German.
Jessie Anlezark	Being kind to others.
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Luis Lee	Trying hard to always do their work.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Super neat colouring.
Darcie Power	Beautiful handwriting.
Leo Linley	Being kind to others.
Chantz Brown	Being kind to others.
Leo Linley	Excellent maths answers.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Working hard with Mrs Baker.
Vanessa Linley	Doing her best in all she does.
William Singline	Carefully packing up big blocks.
Stephen Gerges	Packing up the sandpit.
Darcie Power	Her encouraging and kind words toward others.
Wyatt Parkes	Great Listening.
Maddison Hyland	Excellent reading.
Stephen Gerges	Remembering to say 'thank you' and 'please'.
Charlotte Judd	Being helpful and picking up things off the floor so people don't trip.
Jack Lindfors	Beautiful manners.
Luis Lee	Fantastic listening.
Allira-Grace Harris	Knowing all her numbers in German.
Chase Davis	Packing up the outside toys.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Super tidy colouring.
Mia Baker	Being a fantastic listener.
Ashton Ratcliffe	Cleaning up the classroom without being asked.
William Singline	Packing up the sandpit.
Danica Sweet	Contributing to discussion.
Chelsie Jenkins	Good participation in German.
Lindsie Barrett	Packing up her own bag.
Arthur Millen	Great sounding out.
Mia Barker	Clever thinking when playing our number game.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	Being kind to others.
Archie Parker	Being kind to others.
Mia Barker	Being kind to her classmates.
Oscar Smith	Good participation in German.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	Participating well in German.
Thomas Smith	Picking up rubbish.
Leo Linley	Supporting the class.
Oscar Smith	Picking up rubbish.
Jackson Smith	Sitting on mat quickly.
Jaxsyn Pollock	Excellent reading.
Alby Hawkins	Being super helpful inside and outside at pack up time.
Matilda Trotter	Excellent maths work.
Shiloh Leslie	Excellent maths work.
Stephen Gerges	Putting the bikes away.
Wyatt Parkes	Trying hard to always do his work.
Lachlan Crick	Excellent decision making.
Ashton Ratcliffe	Sitting on mat quickly.
Matilda Trotter	Helping others.
Isaiah Widdowson	Excellent maths work.
Leo Linley	Excellent maths work.
Leo Batte	Asking great questions.
Isaac Leslie	Excellent maths work.
Jaxsyn Pollock	Asking interesting questions.
Chase Davis	Looking out for his classmates.
Yueni Tan	Learning many new English words.
Maddison Hyland	Typing hard in maths.

You are a Star

Well done!

PBS Focus - Safe

We are safe when we use the school equipment properly.



This weeks winners are:

Stephen Gerges - Packing up the sandpit
(Lunch with Mr Taylor)

Leo Linley - Supporting the class
(Pick from the prize box)

Maddison Hyland - Typing hard in maths
(Pick from the prize box)

Jaxsyn Pollock - Asking interesting questions
(10 min extra recess for the class)