

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

18th August 2020

If you want to improve, you must be content to be thought foolish and stupid.

- Epictetus

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal

I recently read an excerpt from a book called *Leading from an Emerging Future* and it spoke about the need for us to move from an *ego-system awareness* towards an *eco-system awareness*. An *ego-system awareness* is where we care about the well-being of ourselves, whilst an *eco-system awareness* is where we care about the well-being of all, including ourselves.

We probably don't have to look too far these days to find examples of both, sometimes within the same context.

Recently in Melbourne we hear of people refusing to wear masks when out in public, talking about their rights. They are approaching the pandemic from an *ego-system awareness*. At the same time we have many people wearing masks, following the requirements set by the Government, obeying the curfew times. They approach things from an *eco-system awareness*, where they think about the well-being of all, not just themselves.

Schools are places where there is often a fine line between having *ego-* and *eco-system awareness*. As a Catholic school we recognise the importance of each individual, but at the same time we recognise we are part of a community and the things we do need to be for the benefit of all, not just individuals.

When students in the secondary area of Star of the Sea are asked to leave class because of their behaviour, they have to fill out a reflection sheet. One of the questions on the sheet asks them who has been affected by what they have done, and how have these people been affected. It can be a difficult question for the students to respond to, because their first instinct is to just name up the teacher. But when challenged, the students start to realise that their behaviour can affect the rest of the class, and then it affects the other staff who have to deal with the situation because it takes up their time, and in taking up the time of the staff it affects the rest of the school because the staff spend

time dealing with an individual rather than being able to support other classes, and on and on it goes. We are trying to get the student to realise that their behaviour in an individual class can end up having an effect on the whole school. We are hopefully moving them from an *ego-system awareness* to an *eco-system awareness*.

It's an awareness that we have to practise as adults. Quite often our response to something is "how does this affect me?" But we need to shift our thinking to "how does this affect the well-being of everyone, including myself?" We look to Venerable Nano Nagle who certainly had an *eco-system awareness*. Her life wasn't about herself, but it was about what she could do for the well-being of others, whether they be children, the elderly or the poor and sick. As members of the Star of the Sea Catholic community, may we all work on shifting our awareness so we can truly live as "Presentation people."

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Wednesday 19th August	9.00am –10.30am SetUp for Success 9/10 Winter Sport
Thursday 20th August	Year 7/8 Winter Sport 2.10pm Primary Assembly
Friday 21st August	TPSSA Sport @ Beaconsfield
Monday 24th August	MJR Visit Year 5 & 6 Prep Excursion

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

Faith and Covid 19

The coronavirus continues to stir up anxiety, confusion, and major inconveniences. It is a situation in which we can easily overreact or underreact. How does our faith tradition guide and comfort us during this difficult time?

A good starting point is the most repeated phrase in the Scriptures, "Do not be afraid!" God probably sends this message frequently because fear is a big part of human nature. Fear can alert us to danger in our lives, but fear can also lead us astray, to selfish responses. The consistent message is that we need to trust God, who will provide enough for everyone. The problem comes when people begin to take more than they need.

Fear of coronavirus has caused some to stockpile and hoard unreasonable amounts of hygiene product, against the recommendations of leaders. This has made health care workers vulnerable without really making the buyers safer.

Scripture and the social teachings of the church remind us to protect and give priority to those who are most vulnerable and at risk. Community is essential to us as Christians.

Our call to community includes our neighbourhood community. How do we literally love our neighbour? One way is to regularly check on your neighbours, who may be vulnerable and offer to deliver groceries or other items. We can also be positive, calming influences on social media and spread "good news" rather than rumours.

"Don't be afraid, just believe". (Mark 5: 36).

From Liturgy Ritual Prayer August 2020

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

Stars of the Week - 13th August 2020

Kinder	Kirra-Lyla Harris	For always trying to do her best.
Prep	Huntar Carnie	For always being enthusiastic about learning and for making pleasing progress with his reading and writing.
Grade 1	Ashton Ratcliffe	For always completing his work to the best of his ability.
Grade 2/3	Ryda Howard	For trying his best to stay on task and his positive attitude towards tasks even when they seem hard.
Grade 4/5	Shiloh Leslie	For her excellent attitude to learning.
Grade 5/6	Tylar Berne	For always showing kindness to others, especially those in need of a friend.

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.



COVID-19 Restrictions

We thank all of our families for the way they have followed the COVID-19 restrictions that have been placed upon schools. However it is always good to keep reminding ourselves of what they are. With this in mind:

- Students should not come to school if sick (especially with cold or flu symptoms), and parents and carers are also asked not to come on to the property if sick.
- If waiting for your child outside the buildings, please maintain social distance from others.
- If attending Primary assembly, please sign in and use hand sanitizer. We will space the chairs out.
- If you have any questions, please contact the College office.

Meeting of Principals

Last week the principals of the three George Town schools met at Star of the Sea over morning tea. The schools always aim to have a good working relationship with each other and these semi-regular meetings help to build that relationship. The principals are often in contact with each other throughout the year as they seek to support all students in the George Town municipality.

Reminder of Student-Free Days

A reminder for parents and carers that there are two student-free days occurring soon. **Friday 28th August** is our Staff Spirituality Day, while **Monday 31st August** will be a holiday for staff and students in lieu of the Launceston Show Day holiday. The College office will be closed on both of these days.

Academic Competitions

Over the next 3 weeks, some of our students will be participating in Science, English and Maths competitions. We wish them luck and thank Mrs Tame for her organisation of these.

Enrolments

We continue to take enrolments for 2021, and we have begun our interview process for these. If you have a child you would like to enrol in our school, or know of someone who does, please contact the College office for an enrolment form, or download one from our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council

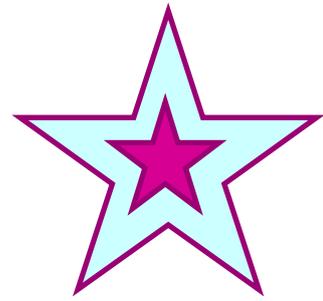
As part of the TCSPC's commitment to assisting Catholic Education in Tasmania (particularly in regards to Parent Engagement), we have arranged for two free 45 minute online information sessions (both sessions are identical) on **NAPLAN & MySchool**. The sessions are to be held on **Tuesday 1 September at 7pm, and Thursday 10 September at 7pm**.

The sessions are to be facilitated by ACARA* CEO David de Carvalho, who coincidentally has had direct past involvement within Catholic Education as a member of the NCEC. The purpose of the sessions is to help grow parents' understanding of Naplan in particular, given it receives so much coverage in the press, on television, and online.

More information will be provided through Compass.

Shout Out Term 3, Week 4, 2020

Darcie Power	Very neat writing
Tommy Smith	Very neat writing
Macey Crick	Quiet working
Luis Lee	Listening well on the mat
Leo Batte	Playing well with his classmates
Brooke Baillie	Great attention in German
Malakai Hyland	Joining in all class activities
Darcie Power	Beautiful handwriting
Wyatt Parks	Trying so hard to stay inside the lines when colouring
Macey Crick	Great attention in German
Ether Daire	Remembering all of the actions to the song
Brooke Baillie	Very neat handwriting
Darcie Power	Quiet working
Damien Milner	Excellent work in Literacy
Chantz Brown	Listening so well during PE
Temprance Mather	Big singing during assembly practice
Huntar Carnie	Taking his time with his handwriting
Henry Pride	Participating positively in every song and activity today for music
Hazel-Mae Provis	Very neat handwriting
Hazel-Mae Provis	Singing and participating in music
Malakai Hyland	Joining in at prayer time
Hazel-Mae Provis	Trying so hard to remember her part for assembly
William Singline	Being a fantastic listener at mat time
Declan Anlezark	Singing and participating in our songs today
Rilee Brown	Very neat handwriting
Brock Holden	Settling straight away after lunch
Thomas Smith	Settling straight away after lunch
Mia Barker	Giving Charlotte her turn with the pink triangle
Yueni Tan	Great number work
Vanessa Linley	Wiping the wet floor so no one would slip over
Chelsie Jenkins	Being the first person on the mat for music
Stephen Gerges	Saying please and thankyou
Daniel McConnell	Holding the door open for his class as we walk across to music
Danica Sweet	Helping her injured friend
Rilee Brown	Picking up rubbish without being told to
Arthur Millen	Great fast work
Charlotte Judd	Cleaning up puzzles
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Cleaning up puzzles
Macey Crick	Great reading
Thomas Smith	Great reading
Rilee Brown	Great reading
Malakai Hyland	Quiet working



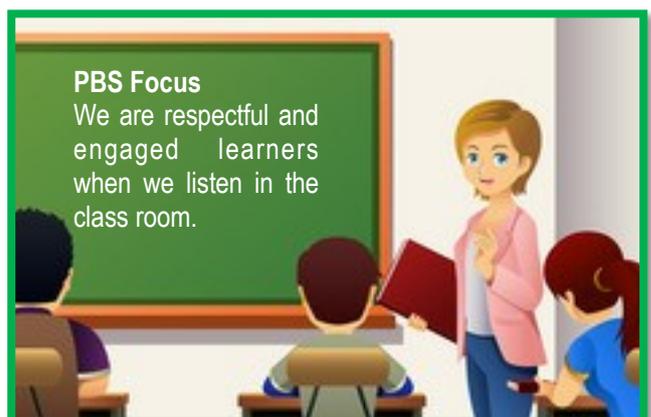
Well done!

You are a Star

This weeks winners are:

Macey Crick - Beautiful hand writing
(Lunch with Mr Taylor)

Arthur Millen - Great sounding out
(10 minutes extra recess for the whole class)



Secondary Students Congratulations Cards

Term 3 Week 4 winners:

Areesha Imran & Ashton Harrison
(both students choose canteen vouchers)

Well done!!

