

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

4th August 2020

### From the Principal

Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind. - Bruce Lee

Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion



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I recently read an article that suggested the reason that some companies survive and others don't is that the ones that survive are nimble and flexible enough to change with the times. And when I think back just over my lifetime, I figure that this idea is probably true. Things have moved rapidly over the past couple of decades and this has led to some businesses thriving and others dying, and those that have thrived have managed to change with the times.

And we might think back to the good ol' days when life was simpler and businesses were run by families and not corporations, and we might wish that life was like that again, but the reality is that many of those businesses that have now died weren't able to adapt to the changing times.

Even during this time of COVID-19 lockdowns we see some businesses being able to adapt and adapt quickly, whilst others have struggled to do so. Those businesses that have managed to move online, or have been able to use Zoom, or have been able to move to take-away and

home delivery are the ones that have come out on the other side.

At a recent secondary assembly I spoke to the students about the fact that the world has changed and it won't return to how it was again. Tens of thousands of people have lost their job and youth unemployment has soared. So our students now have to really concentrate on their studies because it is their education that is going to give them a shot at getting a job in the future.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also challenged us as a Catholic community with regards to how nimble and flexible we can be. The Victorian experience has taught us that we need to be able to seamlessly slip in and out of *Learning at Home*, as we don't know when we will be called upon to do it again. Our teachers need to be flexible with their delivery of the curriculum. Our staff need to be flexible about the ways we maintain connection with families.

And wider than this, our Church needs to be flexible about how it lives out its mission. I recently

read something which suggested that, now restrictions are being lifted, the Church can get back to living its mission. I found this strange because nothing should stop the Church from spreading the Good News. I worry that our Church may not be nimble and flexible enough if it feels a pandemic can stop it.

But in saying that, many parts of the Church have been nimble and flexible in the way they have served people during the pandemic, whether it be through schools, CatholicCare, Vinnies or aged care facilities. Many parishes moved their preaching online during the pandemic and priests came up with ways to maintain contact with their parishioners.

Whatever the case, at Star of the Sea we need to encourage our students, and ourselves, to be nimble and flexible enough so we can change with the times and not only survive but also thrive through anything the future may bring.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
Principal

Wednesday 5th August	9.00am –10.30am SetUp for Success Black Box with Year 4-5-6 9/10 Winter Sport
Thursday 6th August	Year 7/8 Winter Sport 2.10pm Primary Assembly
Friday 7th August	Primary Winter Sport @ Lilydale
Tuesday 11th August	3.15pm-6.00pm Parent/Carer—Teacher Evening

*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

## **Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop**

For centuries the church has confronted the human community with role models of greatness. We call them saints; people so possessed by divine goodness that they give us a glimpse of the face of God in the centre of the human. They give us the taste of the possibilities within ourselves.



This week we celebrate our first canonised saint: St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. In 1886, as a young teacher in South Australia, Mary and her mentor, Fr Julian Tenison Woods, brought their vision of God's love, learning and healing to children and places where it was lacking. Until her death in 1909, Mary knew the joy of nurturing 106 foundations of Sisters of St Joseph across Australia and New Zealand. The work of the Josephites was to respond to local needs and conditions particularly in country Australia.

Despite severe opposition Mary never doubted this calling. As a disciple of Jesus, Mary was fully aware that to bring about God's kingdom meant embracing the Cross in the form of misunderstanding, difficulties and excommunication. Through all this Mary continued to inspire her sisters, empower others and bring hope.

The current pandemic has shifted our current realities and invites us to new ways of responding. St Mary Mackillop was attuned to the realities of her time and acted resolutely. Now it is up to us. What qualities will be necessary to live out a life of integrity and holiness in the twenty-first century?

*From Liturgy Ritual Prayer 2020*



**Southern Cross Care (Tas.) Inc.**

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Dear Children of Star of the Sea Primary

During this difficult time your thoughtfulness has been a ray of light.

On behalf of our organisation, Southern Cross Care, we would like to extend out thanks for the lovely letters and gifts that you made for our residents.

You have enriched the lives of our residents with your kind and thoughtful gestures.

We are grateful for the time and effort you have put in to making these gifts and cards.

It was a great pleasure to be able to give these gifts to our residents and to see the smiles on their faces when they received them. Some of our residents have written thank you cards to the students who sent them letters

On behalf of all those who live at Ainslie I would like to thank you.

Kind Regards

Julie Sutton  
Acting Facility Manager

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Lifestyle and Leisure Officer

A charitable service initiative by the Knights of the Southern Cross

## 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.



## Enrolments

We have now begun our interviews with families of students who are enrolling in Kinder or Grade 7 in 2021. If you are hoping to enrol your child at Star of the Sea next year, or know someone who does, please pick up an enrolment form from the office or our website ([www.starsea.tas.edu.au](http://www.starsea.tas.edu.au)).

## Mass of the Assumption

Our Prep to Grade 10s will be attending a Mass for the Feast of the Assumption next Friday 14th August at 9:30am. The feast day is actually on the Saturday but we will be celebrating it on the Friday.

## Staff Movements

Mrs Stewart is still recovering from an accident and will be out for this week. Mrs Tame is taking some leave and will also be out for most of this week. Their classes will be covered by relief staff.

## Mid-Year Progress Statements and Parent-Carer-Teacher Evening

Last Friday we released our Mid-Year Progress Statements on Compass. If you were unable to access the statement, please contact the College office.

Next Tuesday 11th August we will hold a Parent-Carer-Teacher Evening from 3:15pm to 6:00pm. Please contact the office by either phone or email (or by dropping in) to make an appointment.

## 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.

## Community Report

The 2019 Community Report is now available on our website ([www.starsea.tas.edu.au](http://www.starsea.tas.edu.au)). It has been released a little later than usual as some of the information required for it could not be accessed from outside agencies due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. This year ordering and payment options have changed.

A flyer was sent home last week as all ordering will now be online with no envelopes or money to change hands.

- 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 the school to advise which families need photos.

Parents are reminded that students must be in full winter uniform on Photo Day including either a blazer or jumper. The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm - 4.00pm for all your uniform needs.

## BitLink Workshop

On Wednesday, the Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6 class participated in the first workshop presented by BitLink as part of their Digital Technologies class. James and Aaron from BitLink in Launceston came to Star of The Sea to show the students about coding. Students in these classes have had some experience with coding before with Miss O'Toole and really enjoyed the workshop presented by James and Aaron. Students will have the chance to continue when they return for two more sessions.



## Country Gold Selections

Well done to Emma, Charlotte, Blake and Axle for being selected in the TPSSA Country Gold Rep Sides. Emma, Blake and Axle will be playing soccer and Charlotte is playing netball. All the best.



### Stars of the Week - 30th July 2020

Kinder	Charlotte Judd	For her fantastic drawings and paintings.
Prep	Huntar Carnie	For fantastic writing in his science activity about weather.
Grade 1	Archie Parker	For excellent participation during our Sharing of News Time.
Grade 2/3	Carlie Lowe	For the wonderful stories she has been creating.
Grade 4/5	Jessie Anlezark	For her excellent attitude to learning.
Grade 5/6	Lillian Hockey	For a fantastic effort in trying to improve her Mathematical skills.



## Secondary Students Congratulations Cards

Well done to Term 3 Week 2 winners:  
**Dakota Joslin & Hunta Burton**

