

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

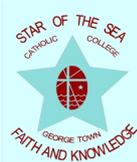
## Newsletter

15th September 2020

**The dumbest thing I ever purchased was a 2020 planner.**

**- Anonymous**

**Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion**



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### From the Principal

Last Friday the Archbishop of Hobart, Julian Porteus, paid a visit to the school, and throughout the weekend he visited different Catholic organisations in George Town, as well as celebrating each of the masses.

At the Sunday Mass the Archbishop spoke about Catholic schools and the reasons why parents choose to send their child to a Catholic school, even if they are not Catholic or have no religion. He gave the example of a small Catholic school in Tasmania which educates over half the town's student population.

The Archbishop suggested that parents and carers choose to send their child to a Catholic school not only for the culture, but also because they are wanting their children to grow up with certain values which Catholic schools promote.

The reality is in Tasmania that

the vast majority of students who attend Catholic schools are not actually Catholic. Yet despite this Catholic schools still teach Religious Education, still pray regularly, still attend Masses and other liturgical celebrations. Why? Perhaps this is where the values that people are seeking are seen most clearly.

As we reflect on our time of being isolated due to COVID-19 we have all probably started to discover what is important in our lives. When people talk about the things that they have missed most it is usually social aspects of our lives, being with other people whether they be friends or family. And perhaps we also saw that what we appreciated the most was the compassion shown by others. It may have been a phone call to check-in and see how we were going, or people delivering groceries for those in home quarantine, or helping with children while they were

learning at home.

At Star of the Sea Catholic College we promote the Presentation values of *compassion, hospitality and attentiveness*. I suspect it is these values and the way we display them that attracts parents and carers to Star of the Sea, just as they found these values important during their time of isolation.

So as we keep moving forward in 2020, ready to take on whatever it may throw at us next, what is important for us as a school community or students, staff and parents is that we keep revisiting these values, keep reminding ourselves of their importance, and keep looking for ways to live them out. Because in the end it is what people appreciate the most.

**Mr Richard Chapman  
Principal**

Wednesday 16th September	9.00am –10.30am SetUp for Success Prep & Yr 5/6 class Tree Planting 9/10 Winter Sport 1.30pm-3.00pm Little Stars program for 2021 enrolled Kinders
Thursday 17th September	Year 7/8 Winter Sport Country Gold Primary Assembly 2.10pm in Primary Gallery (last for Term 3)
Friday 18th September	Country Gold
Monday 21st September	Boys Club 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

## Season of Creation



Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness

Hospitality

This week celebrates the Outback.

Those of us that have spent any time in Outback Australia resonate with its almost infinite expansiveness, its vibrant sunsets, its long searing summers, its huge and isolated spaces between towns and properties.

A place of mystery evoking wonder.

A place of extremes and vulnerability.

Our outback is also the site of mining giants, employing 'fly in, fly out' workers, required to reside in sometimes soulless facilities for weeks at a time, and whose relational lives can tend to be fractured.

The outback is more, as we know. A map of the lands of First Nations peoples very quickly reveals that it is not just name or a description. Every part of it is home, where people are intimately connected to place, language, totems, watercourses, food sources and plants for healing. It is Country – source of identity – a gift to tend responsibly and sustainably.

We name it also our 'Centre'. Perhaps in accepting the invitation to befriend our expansive and complex Outback we can also find our hearth and home.

May the Spirit of healing and mercy renew past travesties and guide present choices to enable the flourishing of all creation and peoples in our unique Australian Outback

*Extract from Erica Marshall - Liturgy Ritual Prayer 2020*

### **We Pray for...**

We keep in our prayers Sr Julianne Mary Tapping PBVM, who died on August 16th. Sr Julianne was a Presentation Sister who spent some time teaching 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.*

### **Social Media Use**

Last week we posted on Compass a warning that, due to some graphic content which was doing the rounds on social media, that parents should strictly monitor their children's social media use. This warning is still in effect and is especially relevant for users of Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok and Snapchat. Because of this social media has been blocked through the school's network until further notice. Should your children see this content we would encourage parents to have the first conversation with their children. If you feel support is still needed, please feel free to contact the school.

Messenger has also been disabled so please do not use this for communication with the office. You are able to use your Compass App to access attendance to mark your child as absent if required, or phone the office on 6382 1242 and leave a message if your call is out of office hours.

### **End of Term Assembly**

Next Friday 25th September we will be holding our End of Term Assembly, which will be a chance to celebrate our student's achievements this term, as well as celebrate our first uninterrupted term for the year! The assembly will be held at 10am in the church and parents and carers are welcome with COVID-safe measures applying (including signing-in at the church and social distancing). *There will be no Primary Assembly this week.*

### **Country Gold**

The Country Gold tournament will be held this week at various venues around Launceston. We wish our students who are competing well as they represent the TPSSA in the tournament. Emma Thomas, Axle Sturzaker and Blake Miller will be playing soccer while Charlotte Power will be part of the netball team.

### **Tree Planting**

On Wednesday our Preps and 5/6 class will be planting trees which is an initiative of Bell Bay Aluminium.

### **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. Here is our fortnightly reminder of what they are:

- 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.
- Should you wish to contact your child's teacher but are reluctant to come into the school, you can contact them through phone or email.

If you have any questions, please contact the College office.

### **Social Justice Statement**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement by visiting the website [socialjustice.catholic.org.au/](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/).

## 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.



## Summer Uniform

Due to the warmer weather students may transition into their summer uniform over the next 2 weeks of term. The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday 2.00pm till 4.00pm for your uniform requirements. Maroon socks are now available from the Uniform Shop for \$8.50 a pair. The Uniform Shop operates during term time only.

## Term dates

Term 3 ends on Friday 25th September. Term 4 will start on Monday 12th October. The College office will also be closed during the holidays and reopen on Monday 12th October.

## Apple for a Teacher

Congratulations to Mrs Claire Honeychurch and Ms Kerrin Edwards who have been nominated for the Chilli FM Apple for the Teacher Awards. Please go to the Chilli FM website for more details on how to place your vote. You can vote until Wednesday 23 September. Winner announced Thursday 24 September

## St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers

St Vincent de Paul is calling out for volunteers to help with their weekly soup and sandwich meal that operates out of the Star of the Sea kitchen and hall. If you are interested please contact Paul Thomas on 0417 565 793.

## School Photos

We are hoping that school photos will be available before the end of term. We will notify parents through Compass when they arrive to allow parents the opportunity to collect them before we send them home with students.

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Mass Time Changes

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass starts at 5.00pm - Sunday Morning Mass starts at 11.00am



Parents and carers

are invited to our

End of Term Assembly

Friday 25th September

10am in the church

to celebrate student's achievements this term

COVID-safe measures will apply  
(including signing-in at the church and social distancing)

## Shout Out Term 3, Week 8, 2020

Josh McConnell  
Brooke Baillie  
Blake Miller  
Malakai Hyland  
Billy Power  
Ruby Davidson  
Jack Lindfors  
Brooke Baillie  
Chantz Brown  
Thomas Lowe  
Brooke Baillie  
Brooke Baillie  
William Power  
Thomas Smith  
Hazel Provis  
Grace Mahnken  
Matilda Trotter  
Maddison Hyland  
Ryder Hawkins  
Macey Crick  
Jackson Smith  
Thomas Smith  
Thomas Lowe  
Declan Anelzark  
Dyson Bromley  
Evie King  
Emma Thomas  
Belynda Hyland  
Erin Vanderzwan  
Lucinda Hockey  
Joshua Chapman  
Chelsie Jenkins  
Arthur Millen  
Ether Daire  
Savannah Grimsey-Gray  
Jessie Anelzark  
Darcie Power  
Darcie Power  
Rilee Brown  
Kobi Barrenger  
Declan Anelzark  
Evie King  
Ashton Ratcliffe  
Oscar Smith  
Jackson Smith  
Axle Sturzaker  
Evie King  
Arthur Millen  
Rilee Brown  
Thomas Singline  
Thomas Singline  
Finley Upston  
Macey Crick  
Thomas Singline  
Macey Crick

Playing safely at lunch.  
Asking clever questions.  
Playing safely at lunch.  
Fantastic umbrella painting.  
Helping other students.  
Being a focused learner.  
Co-operatively during a science experiment.  
Amazing journal writing.  
Great group work with your class mates .  
Supporting his soccer team mate.  
Excellent work working out addition problems.  
Writing the date on her work all by herself  
Demonstrating leadership.  
Having a go at independent writing.  
Playing beautifully with her friends.  
Excellent homework  
Helping a kinder across the road to sick bay in her lunchtime.  
Excellent homework  
Doing great research about Australian money  
Very neat handwriting.  
For working hard with his maths  
Best handwriting all year!  
Playing safely at lunch.  
Working hard to finish his work  
Completing a tricky Alphabet puzzle  
Fantastic Journal writing  
Offering to clean up after art lessons and doing a fantastic job.  
Helping a Kinder Kid go across to the sickbay in her lunchtime  
Offering to clean up after art lessons and doing a fantastic job.  
Helping the classroom teacher.  
Playing safely at lunch  
Reminding people to push there chair in  
Being ready quickly.  
Being a great friend by playing with someone who was alone  
Being a focused learner.  
Helping the classroom teacher  
Completing a tricky Alphabet puzzle  
Being ready quickly.  
Excellent handwriting.  
Playing safely at lunch  
Being a focused learner.  
Very neat handwriting.  
Being a fabulous worker  
Being an excellent worker.  
Being a focused Learner  
Playing safely at lunch  
Putting together a tricky puzzle.  
Excellent Handwriting  
Excellent work on her Hagley Farm recount.  
Clever questioning  
Writing the date cleverly on his work  
Very neat handwriting.  
Fantastic journal  
Completing a tricky alphabet puzzle.  
Putting together a tricky puzzle.

**PBS Focus:** We are respectful when we allow others to join in with our game.



*You are a Star*

## Secondary Students Congratulations Cards

Term 3 Week 8 winners:

**Ashton Harrison & Alex Rigby Smith**  
(Both students choose canteen vouchers)

**Well done!!**



