

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20th October 2020

With the assistance of
God we may do a
great deal.

- Venerable Nano
Nagle

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal

I wonder how Nano Nagle would cope in the time of COVID-19?

Although in one way it is a silly question, as the knowledge of medicine and the living conditions of the Irish in the 1700s is a far cry from our modern lifestyle. But it is also good to be able to reflect upon how the beliefs and values of Nano Nagle might give us guidance to how we should live today.

I think, first of all, that Nano would probably look at the ways the pandemic was affecting the poor, and act upon that first. She would seek out those who were being affected the most by losing their job or losing their income and seek to provide them with the assistance that they needed.

Perhaps after that she would try to keep her schools going through the pandemic. Nano knew that the way to improve the fortunes of the poor students of Cork was through education, so she would look at every way possible to keep the schools open. That's not to say she would go against the government if she was asked to close down and organise learning at home, but Nano would be the sort of person who, if learning at home was going on, would go around to the house of each student and call out from the footpath, asking them how they were going and if they needed help.

Nano would probably find social distancing hard. She was someone who was not too concerned with her own health and often overworked herself, so she would probably go and visit those who were sick with COVID-19 and offer them her assistance and comfort. Then she would get sick herself and her companions would scold her for her reckless ways!

In saying that, Nano would enjoy the time of isolating at home, as it would give her more time for prayer. Nano prayed a lot, often into the late hours of the night, so the time of isolation would be a blessing to her as it would give her an opportunity to pray at more regular hours.

Locked nursing homes would bother her. One of Nano's ministries was to the elderly and infirmed, so not being able to visit them and offer comfort and companionship would be difficult for her to work through.

But she would probably be quite comfortable with being forced to live in the present - to not look forward too far. In that way she could give her attention to those to whom she was ministering, and not be worried about what the future may bring.

So what can we, as part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community, get out of this? Well, we probably shouldn't be reckless with our own health, but it is important we don't forget those most affected by the pandemic. Each of us can play a part in reaching out to others and offering help where it is needed.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Wednesday 21st October	Year 7 Immunisation 9.00am –10.30am SetUp for Success 1.30pm-2.00pm Little Stars (for enrolled 2021 Kinders)
Thursday 22nd October	2.10pm Primary Assembly
Tuesday 27th October	Bravehearts visiting lower Primary students
Thursday 29th October	Cyber Safety Talks for Secondary students

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

Here Am I, Send Me!

Isaiah 6:8

Every year, World Mission Day is recognised in partnership with Christian Churches all over the world. This year the Catholic Church celebrated it on Sunday 18 October. God pours out abundant love on all of us. He has given us a variety of gifts and has called us to use our gifts to generously support others, not to make ourselves look good, but to make the world a better place for all. As Pope Francis says, "We find ourselves when we give ourselves to others."

Nano Nagle, our foundress lived Christ's mission. She lovingly gave her time and resources to improve the lives of all those in her community in County Cork, Ireland, and did it with a joyful and humble heart.

It was such a pleasure this year to see the Nobel Peace prize go to the United Nations World Food Program for their efforts to combat hunger and improve conditions for peace. They were so humble in their acceptance of this honour, yet they are true role models who remind us of our obligation to look out for one another.

The World Food Program plays a key role in making food security an instrument of peace. COVID 19 has contributed to a large increase in the number of victims of hunger in the world, yet, in the face of the pandemic they intensified their efforts.

Thank you to all the people who sent in a food item for the food bin on Friday. "Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving kindness." The Dalai Lama.

Here are some of our students with the food collected today. Thank you for your generosity.



Stars of the Week - 15th October 2020 (last week of Term 3)

Kinder Prep	Yueni Tan Henry Pride	For learning to say lots of new words in English. For being very clever at knowing which alphabet letters make certain sounds.
Grade 1 Grade 2/3 Grade 4/5 Grade 5/6	Ryder Hawkins Scarlett Baillie William Power Kobi Barrenger	For great focus and demonstrated knowledge in our history unit. For her care and support towards others. For being a helpful and supportive class member. For demonstrating great leadership skills during the Tree Planting Excursion by helping students who were stuck in the mud.

SetUp for Success

SetUp, our Early Learning program is for 0-5 year olds and their families. It runs every Wednesday during term time from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Kinder room and is absolutely free. As per usual, please do not attend if you or your child is sick



College Chaplain

With Mr Edwards on leave, Mr Gary Davis will take over the role of College Chaplain. During this time Breakfast Club will operate on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Mrs Kara Long will fill Mr Davis' Teacher Assistant role on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Grandparents Day

With COVID-19 restrictions we felt it was unwise to proceed with our usual Grandparent's Day celebration this term. Instead, keep an eye out for a special message on our Facebook page later this week.

Book Week Celebrations

Today we celebrated Book Week with our Dress Up Parade. On Thursday our Kinders, Preps and Grade 1s will be involved in some Book Week activities at the Hub.

Little Stars

Our Little Stars pre-Kinder transition is well under way every Wednesday afternoon. There are still some spaces available for Kinder 2021, so if you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the College office.

Updated Enrolment Form

Last week a letter went home via Compass regarding the update to the enrolment form. We ask all families to take the time to read the changes which occur in the new form.

Strategic Priorities 2021-2023

In the coming week we will be releasing some surveys to help us decide our Strategic Priorities for the coming 3 years. A parent and carer survey will be released on Compass soon, so please keep an eye out for it. The survey is short and the more responses we receive the better we can discern what our priorities should be.

Student Medical Detail Changes?

Please now consider for your child(ren) if since the last advice to the school:

- medical information has changed and has not yet been advised to the school office
- you previously supplied an epi-pen; other medication; or similar, which may need replenishing or will soon expire.

Welcome

Starting this week we have a UTAS Pre-Service Teacher, Ms Kelsey Targett. Kelsey will work with Mrs Lynelle Davis in the 5/6 class for the next six weeks. We welcome Kelsey to the College community.

Shout Out Term 4, Week 1, 2020

Malakai Hyland	His wonderful map of Australia.
Evie King	Awesome work with the friends of ten.
Rilee Brown	Excellent work with the friends of ten.
Brooke Baillie	Awesome addition work.
Tommy Smith	Using Kelso's choices to solve a small problem.
Emma Thomas	Cleaning up after another student.
Erin Vanderzwan	Cleaning up after another student.
Damien Milner	Always willing to help out.
Ruby McDonald	Helping out with Father's Day breakfast.
Indiana Cartwright	Always doing what the teacher asks with a smile.
Maddison Hyland	Cleaning up our yard before Term 4.
Malakai Hyland	Cleaning up our yard before Term 4.
Luci Hockey	Always helping others in the class.
Kobi Barrenger	Making mature decisions during lunch.
Isaac Leslie	Always willing to help out.
Maddi McDonald	Helping out with Father's Day breakfast.
Ashton Meessen	Moving away safely.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Her beautiful detailed drawings.
Alby Hawkins	Listening well on the mat.
Vanessa Linley	Joining in well during discussions.
Charlotte Judd	Listening well on the mat.
Hunaisha Ahmed	Being really kind to a friend.
Mia Barker	Being attentive during all lessons.
Leo Batte	Being attentive during all lessons.
Luis Lee	Joining in with all class activities.

You are a Star

Shout Out winners

Erin Vanderzwan for cleaning up after another student. *(Pick from the Prize Box)*

Evie King for awesome work with the friends of ten. *(Pick from the prize box)*

PBS Focus - We are safe when we wear our hats in the school yard.



During the school holidays Alyssia Skye was announced as the winner of the George Town Council's Garbage Truck Design Competition, in conjunction with the George Town Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Alyssia!





**Book Week
Book Parade**

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. All welcome

Social distancing applies .

Thank you ITS Timber and Hardware for your excellent service with the supplies for our vege garden at the College.

