

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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With the help of
God we can do a
great deal.
- Nano Nagle

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal



The grave of Nano Nagle

Nano Nagle's grave lies at Nano Nagle Place, in Cork in Ireland. Like the graves of many holy people, her body has been moved from its original resting place and her coffin (which you can touch, if you want) now lies in view with an original gravestone placed over the top. If there was ever any doubt about the importance of Nano Nagle (she was once voted the greatest Irish person of all time in an Irish newspaper poll), the size of the gravestone removes those doubts.

Part of the inscription reads that Nano's *"life and fortune were always devoted to the service of God & of the poor: whose piety, humility and self-denial made the most salutary impressions on an admiring Public & whose charity & zeal were most singularly & successfully exerted for more than thirty years*

in the instruction of multitudes of poor children, rearing them true servants of God & useful members of society."

When we read this we think about the work of the Presentation Sisters here in George Town, and the work of the school as it currently stands. Many years have passed since the death of Nano, but the work that she stood for still continues on today. Even today, *in the spirit of Nano Nagle* (as our Vision statement proclaims) we still have staff and families who exert in the instruction of children, hoping to make them useful members of society.

But we need to keep reflecting on what a useful member of society is. It can be dangerous for us to think that someone is only useful to society if they have a job and buy stuff - that is, keep the economy going. If we think of our children like that, then it is likely that they will only see their worth in what they buy.

Instead, we need to think of useful members of society as people who contribute to society through their service to others. Nano Nagle wasn't voted the greatest Irish person of all time because she owned a whole lot of stuff. In fact her money was *devoted to the service of God and the poor*. Her example remains important to us because it gives us an idea about how to really be a useful member of society - when we are people of service.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to educate students about what being useful members of society really means. We need to have children leave the school with a desire to serve others, not to make a fortune for themselves. We can do this by not only looking to the example of people like Nano, but by modelling service to others ourselves. On our Presentation Feast Day this Friday we celebrate, but we also remember to serve through giving something to the Vinnies Christmas Hampers.

The gravestone concludes by saying that when she died, Nano was *envied by many & regretted by all*. Certainly the regrets were from the untimely death of someone who had served her community so well, but I dare say the envy was from the life Nano lived. She was someone who had given fully of herself and used her talents and gifts to help others. May the way we live our lives in service of others also cause envy by those who see us!

Mr Richard Chapman, Principal

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

Star of the Sea Christmas Hampers 2020

We are making Christmas hampers for needy families.

On College Feast Day, **Friday 20th November** we are asking

all students to come dressed in plain clothes and bring a non-perishable item for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.



All our hampers will go to needy people in George Town.

Below is a list of suggestions of items that would go well in a hamper.

Tinned Salmon	Tinned Corn	Tinned Beans	Christmas Bon Bons
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Peas	Fruit Mince Pies
Tinned Ham	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Beetroot	Christmas Cakes
Milo	Jelly Crystals	Pasta Sauce	Christmas Pudding
Fruit Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti	Long-life Custard
Sparkling Apple Juice	Gravy Mix	Deb Dried Potato	Tinned Shortbread
Soft Drink	Breakfast Cereal	Rice Crackers	Box of Chocolates
Water Cordial	Jam & Honey	Sweet Biscuits	Christmas Stockings
Coffee	Wrapping Paper	Savoury Biscuits	Bag of Lollies
Serviettes	Grocery Cards	Potato Chips	Popcorn

College Feast Day Mass

Friday 20th November at 9.30am.

All are welcome!

Wednesday 18th November	9.00am –10.30am SetUp for Success 1.30pm-2.00pm Little Stars (for enrolled 2021 Kinders)
Thursday 19th November	NHSSA Athletics Carnival 2.10pm Primary Assembly
Friday 20th November	Presentation Feast Day
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th November	K-1 Learn to Swim

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.



NHSSA Athletics

This Thursday sees a number of our secondary students participating in the NHSSA Division 3 Athletic Carnival. We wish them all the best for the day! The students who remain at school will have a not-so-normal day and some classes may be combined.

Learn To Swim

Next week our Lower Primary students will participate in their Learn to Swim program. This will take place at the George Town pool over the course of the week.

Identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Over the next few years we hope to build a greater understanding within our school community of Tasmanian Aboriginal culture and history. With this in mind we would love to have a greater understanding of which students or families identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Our school has a responsibility of helping these students connect to their culture and also a responsibility to ensure they are progressing through school at the same rate (or better) as everyone else.

When students are enrolled their parents or carers have the option of having their children identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. If you would like your children to identify but think you may have not already done so, please feel free to contact the College office.

Presentation Feast Day

Friday 20th November we will celebrate our Presentation Feast Day where we remember Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters and give thanks for all they have done. More information on page 2.

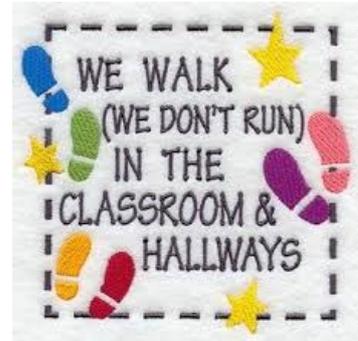
- Students may wear casual clothes if they bring in an item of non-perishable food for the Vinnies Christmas Hampers.
- We will have a whole-school Mass at 9:30am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.
- We will have an early lunch where different types of food will be available for minimal cost. The canteen will also be available for lunch orders.
- During lunch we will have activities set up for students to get involved in.
- We will finish the day with the College Production of *A Christmas Carol*. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 regulations, parents and carers will be unable to attend. We hope to record the production and make it available through our Facebook page.
- Friday is not a Kinder day, but Kinder parents and carers are welcome to bring in their children for all or part of the day.

Shout Out Term 4, Week 5, 2020

Scarlett Baillie	Her dedication to her work and completing her work.
Lucinda Hockey	Writing shout outs.
Daniel McConnell	His great work and his engaged learning.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Helping to clean up our classroom.
Ryda Howard	Being focused and continuing to try his hardest.
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Ruby McDonald	Her focus while she was writing and concentrating.
Allira-Grayce Harris	For her great work and completing her task.
Jade Jenkins	For her great colouring in and amazing focus.
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Rilee Brown	Sitting down at eating time.
Sabian Hawes	An excellent effort on spelling activity.
Billy Power	Looking after a Grade 1 student.
Jack Lindfors	Writing shout outs.
Tobias Jones	Being super helpful and safe when cleaning up.
Ruby McDonald	Excellent participation at firehouse visit.
Jackson Smith	Listening carefully during the excursion.
Huntar Carnie	Fantastic reading.
Grace Mahnken	Assisting the teacher.
Thomas Smith	His awesome math work.
Stephen Gerges	Happily sharing building blocks with others.
Miley MacFarlane	Helping clean up.

You are a Star

PBS Focus - We are safe when we walk inside and on the concrete areas.



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Thank you to everyone who supported us!

