

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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"God does not always take us where we want to go, but He always leads us where we need to be."
- Martha Finley

**Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion**



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From the Principal

We have around about 7 weeks of school left for the year and, although it seems like a lot has happened during the year, it also feels like the year has flown by.

Sure, there were certainly times when days seemed to drag, especially during the lockdown earlier in the year. But it also seems like that it was only yesterday that the pandemic really started to appear in the news and have an effect on Australia, even though that was way back in March.

No doubt the next seven weeks will fly by too, and we'll be well into the period of preparing for Christmas before we know it. The challenge for us all will be to approach the next seven weeks mindfully so that we can see God in what happens.

People in spiritual leadership talk a bit about the difference between what's going on, and what's really going on. If we were to discuss what's going on in the world at the moment, we would say that people are living and dying, wars are being fought, people are going about

their business just trying to get along each day. But as far as what's really going on, God is acting in the world and in the people in the world to bring the world to fullness.

That means that we need to be prepared to stop every once in a while to see how God is acting and where things are heading. Last week I spoke of our staff looking back at significant events in the school and using these events to interpret where God is leading us. But it is also something we can do with our own lives. If we were each to stop and reflect back on the significant events in our lives, positive or negative, where would it show that God is leading us?

When we look at the year's events so far, we might be surprised about what we see. A virus begins overseas and before long it is affecting most of the world. The countries that seem to have handled the pandemic well are those who put an emphasis on everyone having access to good health care and whose citizens recognize that

they have a civic responsibility towards each other and cannot just be looking after themselves. Supermarkets had enough stock when citizens only took what they needed. The environment became healthier when we stopped pumping fossil fuels into the atmosphere.

It would be fair to say that God is telling us, through the events of this pandemic, that when we look after each other and look after our environment, we can usually survive most things that life throws at us. However, when our attitude towards life is more about my personal needs and wants, things don't go as well.

The message is the same for our Star of the Sea Catholic community. When we look after each other and respect our environment, things tend to go well. May we all use the next 7 weeks as an opportunity to not only see where God is leading us, but follow that path.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Wednesday 4th November

Star Athletics Carnival (Years 3 - 10)
9.00am - 10.30am SetUp for Success
1.30pm - 2.00pm Little Stars (for enrolled 2021 Kinders)

Thursday 5th November

2.10pm Primary Assembly

Tuesday 10th November

Grade 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday 11th November

11:30am Remembrance Day Service

Star of the Sea Catholic College acknowledges the Leterremairer people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.



Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

Religious Education and Faith Development

Are You a Saint?



"I am not a saint unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying".

Nelson Mandela

The first of November is All Saints Day in the Christian calendar and it is a time to remember with gratitude all those people whose goodness has inspired us in our beliefs and encouraged us to act with courage.

The saints who we honour on All Saints Day were real people, just like us. Not all of them lived perfect lives. They struggled with the same decisions and difficulties we face every day, but they were people who persevered and never gave up. People of integrity, their lives beckon us to try our best and to reach our potential and to live better.

Saints, however, are not only those men and women who have been canonised by the church but all people who reflect the goodness of God. Our Pope Francis said, *"to be a saint is not a privilege for the few but a vocation for everyone."* What Francis is telling us that we are called beyond ourselves to use our strengths and gifts to make the world a better place through service, creativity and leadership.

Sister Wendy Beckett, a British nun who for many years worked on the BBC as an art historian critic summed up what it means to be a saint with these words:

"You are not a saint because you keep the rules and are blameless; you are a saint if you live in the real world, going out and loving the real people God has put into your life."

So, you see we are surrounded by many saints in our community.

Stars of the Week - 29th October 2020

Kinder	Chase Davis	For being a great listener at mat times.
Prep	Malakai Hyland	For his wonderful detailed drawings especially his book week picture.
Grade 1	Declan Anlezark	For fantastic spelling. Well done Declan.
Grade 2/3	Karol Aziz	For her consistent effort across all subject areas. Keep up the great work.
Grade 4/5	Leo Linley	for an excellent understanding of mathematical concepts.
Grade 5/6	Ruby Gower	for her enthusiasm and attention to detail in her drawing for National Water Week.

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.



Athletics Carnival

The Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival for Grades 3-10 will be held tomorrow at St Leonard's Athletics Track. Details and an event timetable were posted last week on Compass. Parents and carers are welcome to attend but will need to follow COVID-19 regulations.

Grade 7 2021 Orientation Day

Next Tuesday 10th November will see our Grade 7 Orientation Day. On this day, all of the students who will be in Grade 7 in 2021 at Star of the Sea will attend school for the day in the secondary campus. It will be a great opportunity for the students to get to know their teachers and each other.

Primary Class Structure 2021

We have looked at our class structure for next year and have created appropriate classes that take into account the size of the class and the Australian Curriculum levels. Our classes for next year, and their teachers, are as follows:

Kinder - Mrs Trudy Hoffmann

Prep/1 - Ms Kerrin Edwards (3 days) and TBA (2 days)

Grade 1/2 - Mrs Louise Sikkens

Grade 3/4 - Mrs Suzi Romein

Grade 5/6 - Mrs Claire Honeychurch

Grade 5/6 - Mrs Lynelle Davis

To create these classes, next year's Grade 1s and next year's Grade 5 and 6s will be split up. Details of which class each student is in will be given to parents later in the term.

Welcome

Welcome to Niklaus (Prep), Demetrius (Grade1), Kate (Year 7) and Toby (Year 2) and their families to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Cyber Safety Talks

On Thursday morning Constable Annabel Shegog from Launceston Police came and spoke with our secondary students about being safe while using social media. We discussed the importance of being aware. Make sure what you share is **Appropriate** and that you know **Who** you are sending it to. Ensure that it is always **Accurate** and **Respectful** and that you are aware of the **Environment** you post from. If parents wish to continue the conversations at home we would encourage that you visit the "Think U Know" website. <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

TPSSA Swimming Carnival

The TPSSA Swimming Carnival has been cancelled for 2020.

Year 3-10 Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 4th November.

Prep to Year 2 Parents are advised that the College canteen will not be open on this day.

Grade 7/8 Boys Basketball

On just their second outing, the foundation Grade 7/8 boys basketball team had a win last week against Brooks High School.

Congratulations to all concerned for a fantastic effort.



Shout Out Term 4, Week 3, 2020

Rilee Brown	For picking up someone else's apple for the bin.
Jaxsyn Pollock	Excellent organisation during drama.
Chants Brown	Staying focused throughout library time.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Being safe at music.
Thomas Smith	Fabulous reading.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Returning safely to class after recess.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Coming straight to class after lunch.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Following the teachers instructions.
Lucinda Hockey	Writing up shout outs.
Rilee Brown	For being a kind and caring class member.
Luis Lee	Letting his teacher know when something unsafe was happening.
Alyssia Sky	Excellent organisation during drama.
Karol Aziz	Lining up at the end of recess.
Thomas Smith	Trying hard with his handwriting.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	His amazing letter 'z' painting.
Elijah Parker	Lining up on time at the end of recess.
Allira-Grayce Harris	For lining up at the end of recess.
Lachlan Crick	Excellent organisation during Drama.
Dyson Bromley	Fantastic Reading.
Scarlett Baillie	Lining up at the end of recess.
Ashton Meessen	Excellent spelling.
Dyson Bromley	Writing lots of sentences in his week end writing.
Lucinda Hockey	Excellent organisation during Drama.
Allira-Grayce Harris	Excellent effort in a spelling activity.
Jade Jenkins	Excellent effort in spelling activity.
Scarlett Baillie	Excellent effort in spelling activity.
Rilee Brown	Looking after an upset classmate.
Ether Daire	For looking after someone who was upset.
Erin Vanderzwan	Staying back to tidy up paint mess.
Alby Hawkins	For keeping the class tidy without being asked.
Maverick Watson I	Lining up on time at the end of recess.
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	For excellent organisation during drama.
Shekinah MacFarlane	Staying back to tidy up paint mess.
Jack Lindfors	For writing up shout outs.

Shout Out winners

Kobi Barrenger for making mature decisions during lunch. (*Game for the class*)

Chantz Brown for being a hard working student. (*\$2 canteen voucher*)

You are a Star

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



German News

Last Friday Franzl celebrated her 8th birthday with the Preps. (For those who don't know, Franzl is a duck that originally comes from the Berlin Zoo but now lives in a letterbox with her frog friend, Felix, and together they help the Preps and Grade 1s learn German - trust me, it all makes sense). We had a little party for Franzl with some Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte (Black Forest cherry cake) and we also made cards for her. Alles Gute zum Geburtstag Franzl!

