

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

15th December 2020

Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.

- John Lennon

Attentiveness
Hospitality
and
Compassion



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From the Principal

And so another school year comes to an end.

It may not have been the sort of year that many of us expected. Like most years we probably entered it with high hopes and expectations. Back at the start of the school year there were only hints of what was to come, with news reports of a new virus coming out of a province in China. But within a couple of months we were asking parents to keep their children at home if they could, we could no longer travel interstate, the football season was on hold and we were all keeping our distance from each other wherever we went. Within a very short space of time, all of our dreams and hopes and plans for the year were thrown out the window.

And although many of us might be wishing that the year was over and we can start again next year, it would be wrong to say it has been a wasted year. Because for many people this year has been one of extraordinary growth. Many of us have grown both professionally and personally over the past year. Many of us have developed new skills, we have learnt how to work from home, we have learnt how we respond in times of uncertainty (for better or for worse), and some of us may have also learnt how to slow down. Hopefully, many of us also learnt how to let go.

Because although we like to think we are in control, we're not really. All we are really doing each day is responding to the situations we find ourselves in. We are not really in control of those situations, we are just responding to them in a way which makes us think we will be in control. Recognising this gives us a great sense of freedom. Most of our lives we spend trapped in the idea that we have to be in control of everything in our lives, and we can become very anxious over this. But we don't actually have to be in control of anything.

Life's not about being in control. That takes a lot of energy and our seeking of control very rarely gets us anywhere. Instead, we need to give up our sense of control and be happy just to enjoy the ride that life offers. There will be good times and bad times, as there is in anyone's life. But we just have to be patient in knowing that everything will turn out well in the end.

Our Vision statement (one of those things we were really going to promote this year before a global pandemic got in the way of our promotion) states that we look to "embrace the future as people of hope." One of the things about being people of hope is that, assuming that we are working towards good outcomes, things will generally turn out okay in the end. We just need to be patient and to take the chance to grow and to learn in the meantime.

We are not quite at the end of our global pandemic. Maybe this time next year it will be nothing more than a paragraph in history books. In the meantime, as the Star of the Sea Catholic community, let's take the opportunity to keep on growing and keep on learning.

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

Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen.

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Christmas & New Year Mass Times **George Town - Star of the Sea Church**

Sunday 20th December

Reconciliation from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Christmas Mass at 9.30pm

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day

Christmas Mass at 10.00am

Friday 1st January - New Year's Day

Mass at 10.00am

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, bookings for Christmas Masses will be required.

Please visit

<https://george-town-christmas.eventbrite.com.au>

to book.

If you have any issues accessing the internet, please contact Father Bala.

Staff Movements

The following staff are finishing their time at Star of the Sea Catholic College this year:

Mrs Sandy Siebert - Mrs Siebert has worked for the College for the last 25 years. She will be fondly remembered for her tireless service to our school and for always being ready to go the extra mile to make things happen. Mrs Siebert always did her job with a minimum of fuss and will be greatly missed by students, staff and parents. We wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Rebecca Britton - Mrs Britton has been with us since Term 4 in 2019 and finishes her Music teacher role this year to take up a teaching role at St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School in Smithton. Mrs Britton has been a dedicated teacher during her time here, not only taking the Music classes but also the College choir and helping out with music for College celebrations. We wish her well for her new role!

Mrs Sharon Leslie - Mrs Leslie has been on leave for a year due to moving to Victoria, and she will officially finish her time with Star of the Sea at the end of this year. Many of our students will remember Mrs Leslie as the teacher who was the co-teacher of their class in Prep or Grade 1. She has always been a great supporter of Star of the Sea, whether as a teacher or parent. We wish her all the best in the next stage of her life.

Mr Will Claessens - Mr Claessens was certainly a favourite of many of our students, both Primary and Secondary, in his short time at Star of the Sea. Mr Claessens started his time here by doing one of his university prac placements in a Grade 5/6 class where he entertained the students at lunch with giant soccer games. Since taking on the role of Maths/Science teacher in the secondary area for the second half of the year, he has cemented his popularity through his caring nature and desire to help students learn. We wish him well and know that he has a great career in education ahead of him.

The following staff will join us next year:

Mrs Fiona Harmer - will join us from Victoria to teach Maths and Science in the secondary area.

Mrs Melissa Rogers - will teach Music to our secondary students.

Miss Kelsey Targett - will teach Music to our Primary students. Our current Grade 5/6s will know Miss Targett from her time here on her university prac placement this term.

Many would be aware that our Canteen/Uniform Shop manager position has been advertised and we hope to have it filled before the end of the year.

2021 Starting Dates

- Our College Office will close this Friday at 12pm. It will reopen on Wednesday 27th January at 8:30am, the same day as our staff return.
- Prep to Year 10 students will begin on Monday 1st February. Due to a larger than usual Kinder class, Kinder students will have a staggered start. Mrs Hoffman will inform parents of these details. Please be aware that this starting date is different to the Department of Education schools (Port Dalrymple and South George Town) as Star of the Sea Catholic College will have a 3 week holiday over the Easter break.
- The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 21st January and Friday 22nd January 2021 @ 10.00am - 2.00pm and also Thursday 28th January 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- A letter will be sent home on Compass towards the beginning of the 2021 school year regarding book pack pick up times and other useful information.

2020 End of Year Assembly

Our 2020 End of Year Assembly and Awards Presentation will be held on Thursday 17th December (the last day of school) at 11:40am in the church. Parents are welcome to attend.

Reports

Reports will be made available to parents via Compass tomorrow.

Star of the Sea Catholic College
Invites you to our
Kinder to Year 9
End of Year Prayer Service
and
Awards Presentation
Thursday 17th December
11.40am



2020
George Town
Christmas Parade

Term Dates 2021

Term One **Start** Monday 1st February 2021
 Finish Thursday 1st April 2021

This includes an Easter break from Friday 2nd April 2021 - Tuesday 6th April 2021, and Term One break from Wednesday 7th April 2021 - Friday 23rd April 2021.

Term Two **Start** Monday 26th April 2021
 Finish Friday 2nd July 2021

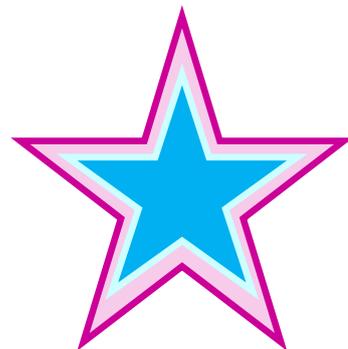
Term Three **Start** Monday 19th July 2021
 Finish Friday 24th September 2021

Term Four **Start** Monday 11th October 2021
 Finish Thursday 16th December 2021



Shout Out Term 4, Week 9 2020

Chase Davis	Making sure his friends are always being.
Sabian Hawes	Always working hard in Digi-tech .
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Listening to all instructions well done!
Jennifer Munro	Always working hard in Digi-tech.
Brooke Baillie	Always working hard.
Tobias Jones	Being a respectful student in Digi-tech.
Luis Lee	Joining in at mat times.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Having a go in music.
Emma Thomas	Always working hard in Digi-tech.
Mia Baker	Using good manners.
Brock Holden	Packing up the head phones.
Danica Sweet	Joining in with all activities with enthusiasm.
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William Singline	Great work with numbers to 10.
Lindsie Barrett	Saying thankyou.
Lucinda Hockey	Always lending a helping hand.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Sitting down at eating time.
Evie King	Being a great friend.
Bernard Moore	Being a respectful student in Digi-tech.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Listening well at assembly.
Malakai Hyland	Great mat learning.
Rilee Brown	Listening well at assembly.
Stephen Gerges	Using good manners.
Scarlett Baillie	Always working hard in Digi-tech.
Mia Baker	Being a good friend.
Ether Daire	Walking quietly.
Rilee Brown	Being a good friend.
Charlotte Judd	Listening well at the library.
Alby Hawkins	Using good manners.



You're a Star!

PBS Focus

Being respectful and safe for the last few days of school.

Shout Out winners

Macey Crick for an amazing drawing of how the birds got feathers.

(A pick from the prize box)

Jack Lindfors for cleaning up after others.

(10min extra recess for the class)

Stars of the Week - 10th December 2020

Kinder	Kirra-Lyla Harris	For being a friend to all of her classmates.
Prep	Evie King	For beautiful neat handwriting.
Grade 1	Jackson Smith	For working hard and completing activities to the best of his abilities.
Grade 2/3	Ruby McDonald	For achieving an excellent result in her Chance assessment. Well done!
Grade 4/5	Lucinda Hockey	For excellent leadership skills.
Grade 5/6	Thomas Lowe	For being focused on completing his school work to the best

Reading cushions for Prep Class



On Monday 7th December Louise Mooney visited the Prep Class to present them with 18 fantastic reading cushions which she had made, together with 18 copies of the book

Playgroup @ Star and Little Stars 2020 Christmas Party



Year 10 Awards 2020

Star of the Sea Award - **Daniel Thomas**



Dux (Sponsored by *TasElectrical Services*) - **Briannah Burton**



Subject Awards:

Music - **Bronte Miller**

Drama - **Daniel Thomas & Brayden Ford**

Humanities - **Amber Youl**

Maths/Science - **Rustam Imran**



Soroptimist International of George Town, Edna Gaetani Memorial Award - **Leah King**

RSL Bursary - **Bronte Miller**

ADF Long Tan - **Daniel Thomas**

Rotary Bursary - **Brayden Ford**

Lions Club - **Angus Lindfors & Harry Long**

Peter Gutwein Award - **Amber Youl**



College Captains

Daniel Thomas and Angus Lindfors

House & Sporting Captains

Leah King, Briannah Burton, Belinda Coghill, Bronte Miller & Brayden Ford



We are grateful to those who have made donations towards the awards this year.
We thank them for recognising that excellence in effort and achievement should be acknowledged.

Associates of Presentation Sisters, Northern Tasmania

Bell Bay Aluminium

Catholic Women's League of George Town

Country Women's Association

Dalrymple Rugby Club

George Town Chamber of Commerce

George Town Council

George Town Medical Centre

George Town and District Historical Society

Ivan Dean MLC

Lions Club of George Town

Michael Ferguson MP

The Hon Peter Gutwein

Sarah Courtney MP

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Tasmanian Electrical Services

We also thank the various organizations for their
generous Bursary donations.

Australian Defence Force

George Town RSL Sub Branch

Rotary Club of George Town

Soroptimist International of George Town

