

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

16th February 2021

### From the Principal

***During the season of Lent we are called upon to change our ways.***

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday which sees the beginning of the season of Lent in the Catholic Church. Lent runs right up until Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the risen Jesus.

I remember that, almost twelve months ago, I was sitting on my couch at home watching the Good Friday service on TV, beamed live from a cathedral in Sydney. It was, of course, a time of lockdown and we weren't allowed to celebrate as a community.

One year on and the world is a different place and many of us have changed the way we see the world, or at least how we interact within it. We've become wary of standing too close to others in the supermarket, coughing into our elbow is now automatic, and we tend to use five different brands of hand sanitizer each time we are out shopping.

Lent is a good time to reflect upon this because, during the season of Lent, we are called upon to change our ways. Lent is a time for us to consider the parts of our lives that are unhealthy and seek ways that we can either prune them or change them. The time of "fasting" during Lent is not just for us to "give up chocolate" as we did when we were young, it is a time for us to refrain from the things that are not healthy or helpful. For some of us it may be a case of trying our best not to gossip about others. For others it might be a case of recognising when we are self-centred and doing our best to give our attention to others at these times.

Whatever we choose to mend in our lives, Lent is most especially a time to take stock of our relationship with God. This can be difficult as some of us will have what we consider to be a good relationship with God, while others would say they have little or no relationship. We all have to find ways that we interact with the spiritual. It may be going out in nature and listening to the sounds that are usually drowned out by modern society. It might be taking time each day to stop and sit silently and do nothing. It may be taking time to direct our thoughts to those who are less well off, the sick and the dying. Or it might be finding ways that we can give to charities quietly without making a big fuss of it.

Within the Star of the Sea Catholic community we are called to use Lent as a time to change our ways. At our Ash Wednesday service tomorrow the students will be invited to "be more" rather than looking to "have more." Being more means we need to get rid of some of the "stuff" that fills our lives and instead fill our lives with the things which bring truth, hope and beauty. May we all use Lent as a time to do exactly that.

**Mr Richard Chapman**  
**Principal**

O Lord, make this  
Lenten season  
different from the  
other ones. Let me  
find you again.  
Amen.  
- Henri Nouwen

*Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.*



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

## From Our Vision and Mission Statement

### Our Mission

**As people who are attentive we will strive to:**

- Promote life-long learning and support each student to reach their full potential
- Promote and live the values of our Presentation charism
- Work in partnership with parents in the education and socialisation of students
- Be a community who hold prayer at the heart of celebrations and daily life

### Ash Wednesday

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday and the school will be holding two services at 12pm - one for the Prep-2 students in the Primary Gallery and one for the Year 3-10 students in the Church. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**Because Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting in the Catholic Church, as per usual there will be no meat products available at the canteen tomorrow.**

### Signing In and Out from the College

Some of our parents may have come across our *Kiosk* in the office, which is basically just an iPad on a small stand. The purpose of the *Kiosk* is for staff and parents to be able to sign in and out at our school and for parents to be able to sign students out if they leave early. It replaces our written registers which used to do the same job, it links to Compass (our Student Management System) and we use it to keep track of who is on the property should there be a fire alarm or some other need for an evacuation.

Please note that:

*Students cannot sign themselves in and out. Only people on our contact list for each student can do this.*

So when a parent or carer comes to the school to sign a student out because they are sick or need to leave early, they do so by using *Kiosk* at the front office. If a parent or carer cannot make it into the school but would like their child to walk somewhere from the school, the office can be contacted and there is a possibility for the school to sign the student out on the parent's behalf, but this usually needs approval from someone in our College Leadership Team. However, primary students always need to be signed out by a parent or carer.

It is preferable that all students come to the office if they need to sign in late.

### Compass

Are you using Compass? Compass is our Student Management System and is also our main way of communicating with parents and carers. Among other things:

- Compass is how we send out information to families, including this newsletter
- Compass is what families need to use to access their child's academic report
- Compass allows families to contact the office when their child is sick or absent for other reasons
- Should Tasmania need to go into lockdown again, Compass is what we use for *Learning at Home*.

If you are not on Compass it is time to get on as soon as possible. It is simple to use and allows you to keep up to date with what is happening at our school. All families have been sent information within the last 12 months about how to log in to Compass. If you have lost yours, please feel free to contact the College office who will assist you in logging in.

## SetUp for Success

Our Early Learning program, **SetUp for Success** (simply known as *SetUp*) runs every Wednesday from 9:00am to 10:30am in the Kinder room starting tomorrow! Mrs Trudy Hoffman runs the program, which is a free Early Learning program for children aged 0-5 and their families. We ask families not to attend SetUp if they or their children are ill.

Our SetUp for Success Facebook page is now up and running.

To receive posts from this page please use the following:

1. *log into our Facebook page (Star of the Sea Catholic College)*
2. *find a recent SetUp post*
3. *click on the icon and it will take you straight to the SetUp page*
4. *once there, like it and you will then receive all Setup posts*



## Vision and Strategy

As the saying goes, if everyone doesn't know your strategy, you don't have a strategy. With this in mind, today's newsletter includes a copy of our **Strategic Priorities for 2021-2023**.

The **2021-2023 Strategic Priorities** were developed towards the end of last year after consultation with staff, students and parents. When we talk about Priorities we are really saying that these are the things we will spend our time and money on in the coming 3 years, usually because we either believe they are important and we want to do more of them, or that they are important and we feel we aren't doing them well enough! That doesn't mean everything will be worked on at once; it's a three year plan.

We invite families to take time to have a read of these documents. They will hopefully provide a greater understanding of why we choose to do the things we do!

## Emergency Practice

Within the next few weeks we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school going into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognised the worth to test this process.

We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as able.

If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

## Quotes from the College Captain's Address at the Induction of College Leaders

"Thank you to the leaders who came before us, that allowed us guidance and inspiration on how to take on this role to our greatest capacity."

*"We will always be there if you need help, we will be supportive and have a caring attitude towards all students."*

*"We will always make sure students feel welcome and comfortable throughout the year because that matters most to us."*

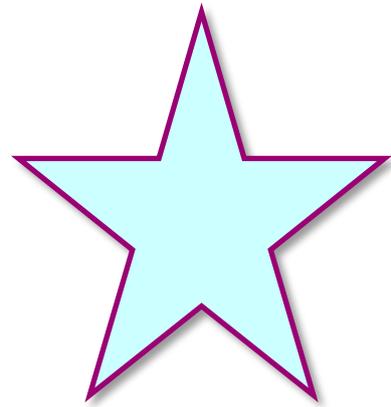
*"So let's make this year one that counts. We're going to work as hard as we can to make this year count. So my only hope is that you all try to do the best you can."*



## Shout Out Term 1, Week 2, 2021

Ashton Meessen	Working well during literacy.
Chelsie Jenkins	Excellent sharing of ideas in science.
Elijah Parker	Being an extremely helpful student.
Stephen Gerges	Packing away books so neatly.
Ryda Howard	Great start in Grade 3.
Carlie Lowe	A great start to Grade 4.
Brock Holden	Excellent sharing of ideas in science.
Lillian Hockey	Trying hard with her maths.
Shekinah Macfarlane	Trying hard with her maths.
Brock Holden	helping in the classroom.
Ruby Davidson	Amazing ideas in science.
Daniel McConnell	For a great start to Grade 3.
Seth Sturzaker	A great start to Grade 4.
Oscar Smith	Excellent effort in science.
Maverick Watson	A great start to Grade 4.
Ruby McDonald	A great start to Grade 3.
Chantz Brown	An excellent start to Grade 2.
Maddison Hyland	Excellent focus in maths.
Maddison Hyland	Trying hard during maths.
Miley Macfarlane	A great start to Grade 4.
Scarlett Baillie	A great start to Grade 3.
Declan Anlezark	Helping in the classroom.
Declan Anlezark	Working quietly to complete health task.
Elijah Parker	being an extremely helpful student.
Bernard Moore	A great start to Grade 4.
Rilee Brown	Sitting and listening beautifully.
Ryda Howard	Great start in Grade 3.
Karol Aziz	A great start to Grade 4.
Lachlan Crick	Working well during Literacy.
Ruby Davidson	Being a good friend.
Lillian Hockey	Helping clean up after lunch.
Keegan Leslie	For a great start in Grade 4.
Chantz Brown	Listening and participating in health lessons.
Jai Jacobs	A great start in Grade 4.
Ryda Howard	Completing his work and great listening.
Isaac Leslie	Helping clean up after lunch.
Demitrius Quilty Maguire	Doing well in health lessons.
Thomas Singline	Great effort in science.
Connor Judd	For a great start in Grade 4.
Thomas Singline	Participating well in health lessons.
Savannah Grimsey Grey	Being very focused during our maths activity.
Ether Daire	Excellent sharing of ideas in science.
Ruby Gower	Helping younger students.
Ryder Hawkins	Working quietly to complete health task.
Indiana Cartwright	Excellent focus in maths.
Allira-Grayce Harris	For a great start in Grade 3.
Evie Evans	Sitting and listening attentively.
Jarod Fisher	Being respectful during music lessons.
Henry Lindfors	Saying sorry.
Chantz Brown	Fantastic listening at news time.

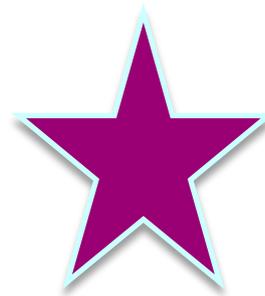
You are a Star



Well done!

## Shout Out Term 1, Week 2, 2021 *continued*

Brook Holden	Knowing that our National Anthem had changed.
Sabian Hawes	A great start to Grade 3.
Charlotte Power	Demonstrating a respectful attitude in music.
Jai Jacobs	For completing his work and trying very hard.
Lucinda Hockey	Being respectful in music lessons.
Isabelle Anlezark	Demonstrating respectful learning in music.
Sarah Summers	Demonstrating respectful learning in music.
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	Remaining focused during music lessons.
Leo Linley	Being respectful in music lessons.
Danica Sweet	Listening so well and working quietly.
Maddison McDonald	Being respectful in music lessons.



### This weeks winners are:

<b>Rilee Brown</b>	Sitting and listening beautifully - <b>Game for the Class</b>
<b>Declan Anlezark</b>	Helping in the classroom - <b>\$2 Canteen Voucher</b>

**WELL DONE !**

### Stars of the Week - 11th February 2021

Kinder	Chad Jenkins	For making a wonderful start to Kinder.
Prep/1	Luis Lee	For being a fantastic listener and for making a settled start to his Prep year.
Grade 1/2	Declan Anlezark	For showing excellent leadership skills when helping others.
Grade 3/4	Ryda Howard	For amazing focus and determination in all learning areas.
Grade 5/6A	Maddison Hyland	For her focus and determination towards her school work.
Grade 5/6B	Sarah Summers	For settling in to her new school 'Star of the Sea' with a smile and full of enthusiasm.

### 2021 Calendar - Term 1

<b>Wednesday 17th February</b>	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am Ash Wednesday (12pm School Service) (No meat products sold at the Canteen)
<b>Thursday 18th February</b>	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
<b>Wednesday 24th February</b>	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
<b>Thursday 25th February</b>	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
<b>Wednesday 3rd March</b>	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
<b>Thursday 4th March</b>	Clean Up Australia Day Primary Assembly 2.10pm
<b>Monday 8th March</b>	Eight Hours Day public holiday
<b>Tuesday 9th March</b>	Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival (Grades 3-10)
<b>Wednesday 10th March</b>	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
<b>Thursday 11th March</b>	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
<b>Wednesday 17-19th March</b>	Year 9 Camp
<b>Wednesday 17th March</b>	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
<b>Thursday 18th March</b>	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
<b>Wednesday 24th - 26th March</b>	Year 8 Camp
<b>Wednesday 24th March</b>	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
<b>Thursday 25th March</b>	Primary Assembly 2.10pm Year 7-8-10 Immunisation
<b>Friday 26th March</b>	TPSSA Athletics Carnival
<b>Monday 29th March</b>	NHSSA Div 2 Swimming Carnival
<b>Tuesday 30th March</b>	Money Line Caritas fundraiser
<b>Thursday 1st April</b>	Holy Thursday; Term 1 ends; End of Term Assembly

## Congratulations

At our Primary Assembly last week we announced two Grade 6 Captains for each of our House Groups. During the first week of school the students in both Grade 5/6 classes did some reflecting about what makes a good leader. They thought about a person that they know of who is a great leader and listed the qualities of that person. We discussed that being a leader isn't always about being the best or the most popular. It's about how well you can get the most out of everyone else. Well done to these students who were selected to be our Primary Leaders for 2021.

Presentation House - Isaiah Widdowson and Lillian Hockey  
Nagle House - Jack Lindfors and Ruby Gower  
Regina House - Axle Sturzaker and Isabelle Anlezark



## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021-2023

### Make Disciples of All

*We will strive to:*

Provide opportunities for our students to be involved in outreach to the community (AC)

Work with all of our community to build positive relationships with each other

Provide opportunities for the formation of staff, students and parents (AC)

### Excel in Learning for All

*We will strive to:*

Provide opportunities for our students to be involved in active learning, both onsite and offsite

Provide a range of different learning and teaching approaches for our students

Seek ways to be more collaborative as teachers, both within Star of the Sea and with other schools

### Nurture Leadership for All

*We will strive to:*

Seek ways to strengthen student leadership across the school, with an emphasis on the role of student leaders to be a way of consultation and increasing school spirit

Focus our staff professional learning on behaviour management, students with special needs and pedagogy

Seek opportunities for the formation of student leaders (AC)

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education

*We will strive to:*

Improve the school community's knowledge of Tasmanian Aboriginal history and culture through our *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Plan*

### Sustainability

*We will strive to:*

Create a culture of sustainability within our school community