

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

30th March 2021

From the Principal

Who rises from the dead after being stuck in a tomb for a couple of days?

We have started our journey into Holy Week, the most important time on the Christian calendar, a time when we remember the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Last Sunday was Palm Sunday when we remembered the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. However it all goes sour for him as the week progresses. Thursday is Holy Thursday where we remember the Last Supper of Jesus and his subsequent arrest. Friday, of course, is Good Friday, when we remember the suffering and death on the cross of Jesus. But it all ends well on Sunday which is Easter Sunday, a time of celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

For those who are a bit sceptical of Christianity, the idea of Jesus rising from the dead is usually the part of the story which presents an obstacle. After all, who rises from the dead after being stuck in a tomb for a couple of days? It sounds ridiculous!

Or does it? Maybe we need to reflect on a couple of points before we jump to conclusions.

The first point is this - Jesus didn't come back from the dead to live the same life he was living. He wasn't "resuscitated" like someone who has drowned or has had a heart attack. Instead, he was raised to *new life*. His life after resurrection didn't quite resemble his life beforehand. That's why those who were close to him struggled to recognise him. John's gospel tells us that Mary Magdalene thought he was a gardener when she encountered him after the resurrection, whilst in Luke's gospel two of Jesus' disciples walked to Emmaus talking to Jesus without recognising who it was they were talking to! The resurrection of Jesus was a resurrection into a life much fuller and deeper than his life before.

Secondly, if we bother to look around, we see this cycle of life, death and resurrection all around us. Gardeners will know what I refer to, as they see various plants die off over the autumn only to come back again in the spring in a new and richer way. Similarly, our own lives are full of this cycle. Parts of our life "die off" so that we can move into a new and more fuller life. Our childhood and teenage years "die off" so we can enter into a more fuller life as an adult. For some of us, our single and childless lives "die off" so we can enter into a more fuller life as a partner and parent. For others the "death" of a job we held can lead us into a more fuller life in another career as we learn new skills and meet new people.

Now this is not some sort of "proof" that the resurrection occurred. In the end you will only believe the resurrection occurred if you have had a personal encounter with the risen Jesus - that is, you can see Jesus acting in your life and the lives of those around you. But we remember as the Star of the Sea Catholic community that we are constantly called to live a "new life," one where we become more and more the people who God calls us to be.



Mr Richard Chapman
Principal

Our Lord has written
the promise of
resurrection, not in
books alone, but in
every leaf in
springtime. -

Martin Luther King Jr.

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Holy Week and Easter

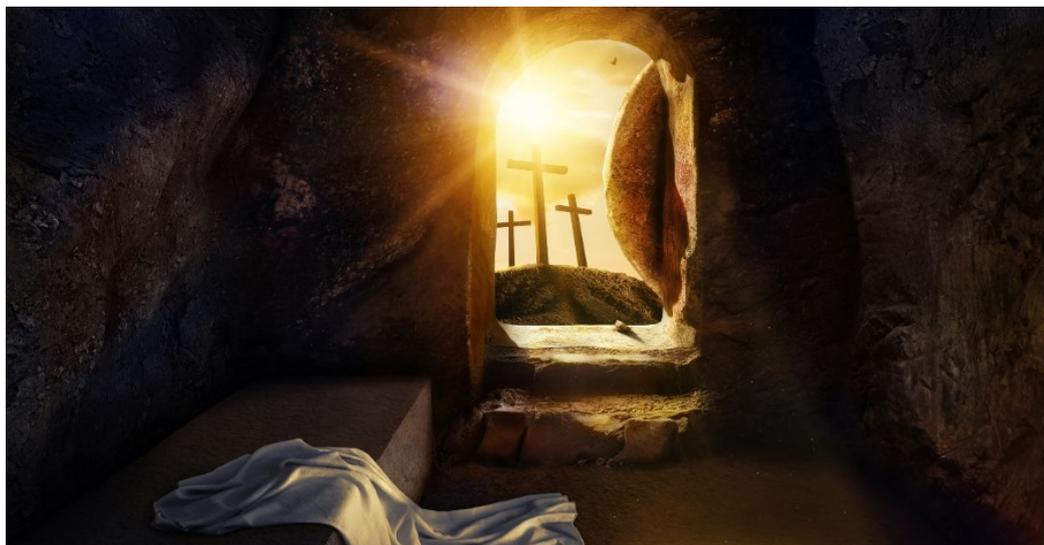
Holy Week is by tradition the week that follows Jesus Triumphant entry into Jerusalem through to his death on the cross. During that week the scriptures show Jesus amongst the people ministering to them. He teaches them, he heals them, and he prays. He spends time with friends humbly washing their feet and sharing a last meal. During the Last Supper, Jesus gifts himself in love to all humanity when he shares the bread and wine, a sign that through this sharing we become one in him.

Jesus also gives us a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John13:34). Jesus models for us self-giving and this is an invitation for us to do likewise; to walk through life with the attitude of Jesus.

In his impending death he is betrayed, denied by some of his friends and handed over to the Roman authorities because he was threat to existing power structures. Jesus is put on trial, flogged, abused and suffered a horrendous death on the Cross. Only a few friends and his Mother remained with him at the cross.

But this is not the end of the story. Through his death and resurrection Jesus poured himself out in love for all humanity and we receive the gift of Easter life. We are loved and God proves this love through Jesus.

To all our families, Jesus is the saviour and redeemer. May his blessings be with you at Easter and always.



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 25th March 2021

Kinder	Dante Saunders	For being a kind and caring friend.
Prep/1	Charlotte Judd	For very clever patterning work in maths.
Grade 1/2	Zoe Gillies	For working hard and completing all her tasks.
Grade 3/4	Bernard Moore	For his continued effort and focus with all literacy tasks.
Grade 5/6A	Henry Lindfors	For working diligently in class and volunteering for extra duties.
Grade 5/6B	Jaxsyn Pollock	For an excellent attitude to improving his bicycle riding skills even when it was hard.

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. 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*



Happy Easter

We wish the entire Star of the Sea Catholic community a happy and holy Easter.

Our office closes at 3:30pm this Thursday 1st April and reopens at 8:30am on the first day of Term 2 - Monday 26th April (note that this is different to the Government schools).

Reconciliation

Congratulations to Billy Power, Charlotte Power and Jennifer Munro who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday afternoon. They stay in our prayers as they continue their preparation for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



Year 8 Camp

Our Year 8s had a very eventful camp last week on the East Coast, with the weather being just one of the challenges! However, they all worked through the difficulties well and returned safely with plenty of stories to tell. We thank Mr Cook for his organization of the camp, and Mrs Harmer, Ms Kathy Baker and Mr Alec Daniels for attending the camp with Mr Cook and the Year 8s.

TPSSA Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the primary students who represented our College well last Friday at the TPSSA Athletics Carnival at St Leonards. There were some great performances on the day. A special congratulations to Axle Sturzaker who won the ANZAC Medal for being the fastest Grade 6 boy over 100m on the day.

NHSSA Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of the secondary students who competed in the NHSSA Swimming Carnival yesterday in Launceston. Again, all students represented the school well against much bigger schools.

Staff Movements

Mr Gary Goodall will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 2. Mrs Parish will take his classes over this time. Mr Gary Davis will be on leave for the whole of Term 2. His replacement will be announced at the beginning of next term.

End of Term Assembly

Our End of Term Assembly will be held this Thursday at 10am in the Church. Parents and families are welcome to attend but, due to COVID restrictions, will need to sit in a separate part of the church. Please do not attend if you are sick.

Primary Assembly

Due to our End of Term Assembly there will be NO Primary Assembly this week.

School Jackets

Orders for school jackets must be in by Thursday morning. If you haven't ordered one and would like one, please contact the College office as soon as possible.

Term 2 Calendar

We have dared to dream and have attached our proposed Term 2 calendar on this newsletter. As always, things can change quickly and with little notice, but these are the dates which we will work towards.

School Developments

The more eagle-eyed families may have spotted a big hole in the Primary oval where our shed once stood. This has been prepared over the weekend so a slab can be laid next week and, the week after, our shed will be constructed.

Easter Candle Decorating

Families are invited to come along to the hall tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon between 3pm and 4pm to decorate their own Easter (Paschal) Candle. This event is run by the Parish so requires adult supervision for children.

2021 Calendar - Term 1

Thursday 1st April

Holy Thursday; Term 1 ends; End of Term Assembly

2021 Calendar Term 2

Sunday 25th April -	ANZAC Day
Monday 26th April -	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 27th April -	ANZAC Day prayer
Thursday 6th May -	Mother's Day Stall; Mother's Day Prayer
Tuesday 11th May -	Kinder 2022 Information Evening; NAPLAN testing begins
Friday 14th May -	National Walk to School Safely Day
Wednesday 19th May -	9/10 Winter Sport commences
Thursday 20th May -	7/8 Winter Sport commences
Friday 21st May -	Star of the Sea Cross Country (Colour Run)
Tuesday 1st June -	Inter High Cross Country
Thursday 3rd June -	TPSSA Cross Country Carnival
Monday 7th June -	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tuesday 22nd June -	School Photo Day
Friday 25th June -	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
Friday 2nd July -	End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students
Sunday 4th - Saturday 11th July -	NAIDOC Week

Money Line

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the money line today. The winner will be announced at the End of Term Assembly.



Wednesday 31st March
3.00—4.00pm
in the Star of the Sea Hall
Adult supervision is required

Invitation to Families
Come along and decorate your own
family Easter (Paschal) candle



Shout Out Term 1, Week 8, 2021

Joshua Chapman	Borrowing a book during library.
Isaac Leslie	Excellent work during maths.
Jarod Fisher	Great reading and borrowing
Jack Lindfors	Borrowing a book.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Amazing reading!
Leo Linley	Awesome job in library.
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	Awesome book borrowing.
Evie Evans	Great handwriting.
Jaxsyn Pollock	Taking a library book out.
Brooke Baillie	Great handwriting.
Malakai Hyland	Doing his best with a spelling activity.
Toby Jones	Working hard with his poetry.
Ruby Gower	Picking a book you will enjoy.
Finley Upston	Working out what '0' means in 10,20,30,40 etc.
Lindsie Barrett	Great handwriting.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Participating in all class activities.
Daniel McConnell	Excellent science work.
Rilee Brown	Great handwriting.
Oscar Millen	Being the first sitting on the floor for a story.
Danica Sweet	Doing a great job while cleaning up.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	Picking up rubbish around our school.

You are a Star

PBS FOCUS: Respect

We are respectful towards each other when we use kind words.

This weeks winners are:

Brock Holden for knowing that our National Anthem had changed. Outdoor game for class

Allira-Grayce Harris for her bravery for jumping in the deep end of the pool for the first time. \$2 Canteen Voucher

Well done!

Year 8Y Assembly - Respect

Last Friday's assembly that was hosted by 8Y and the following is a transcript of what Hayley Ford read for our wellbeing segment.

RESPECT - When deciding on a wellbeing topic for today's assembly our class discussed many current issues in society, including the high rates of depression and anxiety plus the Brittany Higgins story that has been dominating the media lately. We tried to think of one thing that would make a difference and came up with the word 'Respect'.

What is it? Respect is a way of treating or thinking about something or someone.

If there was more respect, this world would be a far better place.

We all want it, we all need it.

Respect can't be bought or sold and best of all it's free!

Respect is a two-way street so if you want to be respected then show respect.





Year
8
Camp



TPSSA Carnival



Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching, and this year our Mother's Day stall will be held on **Thursday 6th May**.

The stall will provide an opportunity for our Kinder to Year 10 students to purchase gifts for their mothers, grandmothers and other important women in their lives. Items will range in price from 50c to \$5.

We would be grateful for any gifts you may be able to donate to the stall such as:

- Any suitable store bought items
- Handmade items
- Cellophane, gift bags, ribbon etc
- Cash which the Parents and Friends Group can use to purchase items for the stall
- Glass jars

Items can be donated at the office any time between now and the end of Term 1.

Thank you for your support.



Holy Week Masses and Celebrations **George Town**

Holy Thursday:	<i>Thursday 1st April:</i> Mass of the Lord's Supper	6.30pm
Good Friday:	<i>Friday 2nd April:</i> Stations of the Cross Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	9.30am 3.00pm
Holy Saturday:	<i>Saturday 3rd April:</i> Reconciliation / Confessions Easter Vigil Mass	10.30am — 11.30am 6.30pm
Easter Sunday:	<i>Sunday 4th April:</i> Easter Day Mass	11.00am