

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

10th March 2021

From the Principal

This, too, shall pass.

The timing of the Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival, which we held yesterday, will probably stick in my head for a couple of years because for me it marks the beginning of the mayhem that COVID-19 played on schools last year. It was the night before our 2020 swimming carnival that the Premier announced that schools should refrain from holding such events, so we cancelled ours on the morning it was due to occur.

A lot has happened since then. The world has changed and how we go about things has also changed. When we get a cold we wonder if we should go and get tested, just to make sure. We keep our distance from others, we're not sure whether to shake hands or not.

And while it was the top of many people's list last year of things to worry about, it probably isn't high up in the list for many people at the moment. We have found other things to worry about, to concentrate on, to give our attention to. COVID probably just sits in the back of people's minds, hovering around like a fly that doesn't seem to be able to land.

If this tells us anything it tells us that life goes on. Despite all of the effort we put into worrying about one thing or another in our lives, that thing usually passes and we find something else to worry about. We worry about our children at various times during their schooling, but problems pass and we wonder what all of the worry was about. We worry about events in the world, but again, the events pass and we find something else to turn our attention to.

There is the old saying, attributed to many but apparently originally from the Middle East, "This, too, shall pass." It reminds us that most, if not all of our troubles, eventually pass, sometimes with our assistance, oftentimes without. We just have to be patient and be curious, letting the universe unfold as God intends it and marvelling at how life goes on despite everything that presents itself as an obstacle.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community we have, as part of our Vision Statement, that we want to *embrace the future as people of hope*. To do so we sometimes need to look at the bigger picture and, rather than focussing on what is troubling us now, instead focussing on the future - what things will look like in 5, 10 or 20 years from now. Hope comes from looking to the future, not dwelling on our present worries.

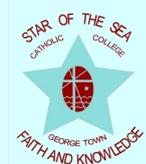
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Principal



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**Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.**



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality

This year marks the 150th anniversary since the declaration of St Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, so Pope Francis has marked this year as the Year of Saint Joseph.

Pope Francis describes Joseph as beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting and creatively courageous.



Joseph worked as a carpenter. There are no recorded words that Joseph spoke, so he is thought of as a quiet man of justice who listened to the word of God spoken to him by an angel on two occasions. He stood by Mary and Jesus and acted to protect them.

Our Church is undergoing a process of renewal, asking the question, 'What is God asking of the Church of Australia at this time?' As we grapple with the answers, we can reflect on life changing question Joseph had to answer when faced with Mary's pregnancy. He was left with choosing to follow his own path or the path God asked of him. His decision helped shape the path to human salvation.

Our Year 10 students will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph with a class Mass on Friday, 19th March.



Money Line Challenge

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Please support Project Compassion

Please keep collecting your small change to support the Interhouse Money line on Tuesday 30th March

Stars of the Week - 4th March 2021

Kinder	Mia Syms	For clever counting and number recognition.
Prep/1	Darcie Power	For very clever sentence writing with her spelling words.
Grade 1/2	Ashton Ratcliffe	For an excellent attitude towards his learning.
Grade 3/4	Miley MacFarlane	For her kindness and support towards others who are in need.
Grade 5/6A	Isaac Leslie	For being a helpful and considerate member of our class.
Grade 5/6B	Leo Linley	Excellent attitude to learning across all subject areas. Keep up the great work!

Progress Reports and Welcome Afternoon

Progress reports are on track and should be going home with students on Friday afternoon.

Should you wish to discuss anything from the Progress Reports, or just want to meet your child's teacher and see how they are going, then come along to our Welcome Afternoon on Tuesday 16th March from 3:20pm to 5:00pm in the Hall. It will be an informal event with teachers available for families to come and chat to throughout the afternoon.

We especially welcome new families to the College. Tea and coffee and a little bit of afternoon tea will be available.

College Counsellor

This week we welcome our new College Counsellor, Emma Swanson. Emma will work with our students three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) and we look forward to having her around the school.

We take this opportunity to thank Annemarie Sims who filled in for us at the beginning of the year.

If you would like to refer your child to the College Counsellor, please contact Mrs McGillivray here at the school.

Real Talk

Next Monday and Tuesday our secondary students will be fortunate enough to be involved in some seminars from a group called *Real Talk*. The group will cover topics like Brave and Beautiful for the Year 9 and 10 girls, Stronger for the Year 9 and 10 boys, and Junior Love and Life for the Year 7s and 8s. Further information will be released via Compass before the end of this week.

Cybersafety

A representative from the police will address the Grades 5, 6 and 7s next Tuesday around the topic of Cybersafety.

There are also eSafety seminars available online through the eSafety Commissioner. Go to www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars to find out more.

2020 Yearbook

Our 2020 Yearbook has arrived and we hope to get it home to families before the end of the week. The 2020 Yearbook will be different to previous years due to the interrupted year. It has been put together as a reminder of the year, but will not contain grade level reports and photos of each student, but instead cover some of the notable events throughout 2020. We thank Mrs Wood for her photos that are used extensively throughout the book.

Camps

Our Year 9 Camp will be held next Wednesday to Friday, followed by our Year 8 Camp on Wednesday to Friday the following week. We thank Mr Cook for all of his organisation and hard work to get the camps up and running early in the year, and to all the staff who are attending.

Normally we only hold Year 8 and Year 10 camps, but the Year 9s will attend camp this year to make up for missing out last year.

Checking In at Primary Assemblies

From this week it will be possible for parents to check in to Primary assemblies using the *Check in Tas App*. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play store or Apple App store. If you don't have the app, you can still sign in manually.

Grievance Policy

Sometimes things don't go how we would like them to and we may not know who to speak to in order to address the problem. With this in mind, Catholic Education Tasmania has a Grievance Policy to help members of the community navigate the system when things go wrong. The policy, along with other CET policies, can be found at catholic.tas.edu.au/policies. As a general rule of thumb, it is best that complaints are dealt with closest to the source of the complaint, but the policy gives steps should that not be possible and comfortable.

Staff Movements

This Friday Mrs Kathryn Condric will be taking leave until Wednesday 28th April (Term 2). Payments for fees/camp etc, can still be made either by direct debit or through the College front Office. For any other information please contact the front office.

Mandy Jones from Scared Heart Finance will be working in the Finance office at Star on Fridays.

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



Clean Up Australia Day- with Hayley Blyth



Last Thursday we had Clean Up Australia Day.

The school was separated into their House colour groups, in primary and secondary, working together to pick up as much rubbish as they could.

Regina primary cleaned up around the secondary area, Regina secondary cleaned up around the Pool and Gordon square.

Primary Presentation cleaned up around the Church, Presentation secondary cleaned up around the waterfront and plastic park.

Primary Nagle cleaned up the primary area boundaries and Nagle secondary cleaned around South and Franklin Street.



When we had finished, the House groups met on the primary basketball court and all the rubbish bags were laid out. Mr Chapman looked at all the rubbish and decided what House had the most rubbish.

The winning House in first place was Regina with 300 points, in second place was Nagle with 200 points and Presentation in third place with 100 points.

We had a competition for 50 points for the House with the most people in House colour clothes.

The House with the most people in house colour clothes was Presentation now with a total of 150 points.



2021 Year 3-10 Swimming Carnival (full report next week)



2021 Calendar - Term 1

Wednesday 10th March	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 11th March	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
Friday 12th March	Prep—Year 10 Progress Report home
Wednesday 17-19th March	Year 9 Camp
Wednesday 17th March	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
Thursday 18th March	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
Wednesday 24th - 26th March	Year 8 Camp
Wednesday 24th March	SetUp for Success 9.00-10.30am
	Year 7 & 10 Immunisation (Year 8 date to be confirmed)
Thursday 25th March	Primary Assembly 2.10pm
Friday 26th March	TPSSA Athletics Carnival
Monday 29th March	NHSSA Div 2 Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 30th March	Money Line Caritas fundraiser
Thursday 1st April	Holy Thursday; Term 1 ends; End of Term Assembly

Shout Out Term 1, Week 5, 2021

Archie Parker	Being a great class member.
Demitrius Quilty-Maguire	Coming into class sensibly.
Ashton Ratcliffe	Fantastic cooperation.
Demitrius Quilty-Maguire	Excellent lockdown practice.
Luis Lee	Helping clean up.
Damien Milner	Making Mr.S a very happy teacher.
Lindsie Barrett	Completing a tricky puzzle.
Indiana Cartwright	Making Mr.S a very happy teacher.
Ryda Howard	For working very hard during literacy.
Billy Power	Making Mr.S a very happy teacher.
Chantz Brown	Excellent spelling work.
Henry Lindfors	Making Mr.S a very happy teacher.
Lindsie Barrett	For sitting quietly and listening on the mat.
Ashton Meessen	Making Mr.S a very happy teacher.
Evie Evans	Great listening skills in RE Lessons.
Declan Anlezark	Being a great teacher.
Jack Lindfors	For looking after his Grade 2 Buddy.
Isaiah Widdowson	Instant cheerful obedience during lunch time activities.
Henry Lindfors	For demonstrating leadership skills in class today.
Shiloh Leslie	For demonstrating leadership skills in class today.
Rilee Brown	For being a great listener and working so well in Art.
Jai Jacobs	For his concentration and his focus during his maths work.
Bernard Moore	For his knowledge of religious studies.
Maverick Watson	For consistently always putting 100% into his school work daily.
Archie Parker	For excellent spelling work.
Ryder Hawkins	For excellent spelling.
Miley MacFarlane	For helping with literacy when she saw someone needed help.
Macey Crick	For excellent spelling.
Ruby McDonald	For excellent effort in writing activities.
Danica Sweet	For great listening and drawing in Art.
Miley MacFarlane	When she had free time she chose to concentrate on finishing her Rhyme poem
Evie Evans	For lovely art work.
Bronte Heppel	For being a fabulous restler.
Yueni Tan	For great drawing.
Maddison Hyland	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Isaac Leslie	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Jessie Anlezark	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Shiloh Leslie	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Matilda Trotter	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Lillian Hockey	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Chantz Brown	For fantastic number work
Seth Sturzaker	For his great maths.
Maddison Hyland	For telling a duty teacher when something was wrong.
Ryda Howard	For excellent progress in reading.
Maverick Watson	For trying and succeeding with Maths Puzzles.
Seth Sturzaker	For trying and succeeding with a tricky puzzle.
Jai Jacobs	For concentrating very hard while doing maths learning.
Ashton Ratcliffe	For fantastic focus during our maths activity.
Shekinah MacFarlane	For making Mr S a very happy teacher.
Bernard Moore	For being part of a successful think tank.
Carlie Lowe	For being part of a successful think tank.
Scarlett Baillie	For being part of a successful think tank.
Brooke Baillie	For being a fantastic restler.
Rilee Brown	For writing neatly.
Isaac Leslie	For demonstrating leadership skills in class today
Shekinah MacFarlane	For demonstrating leadership skills in class today

You are a Star

PBS Focus: SAFE

**We are safe
when we
are sitting
down to
eat our
Recess and
Lunch**



Well done!

This weeks winners are:

Karol Aziz for already completing her home reading - Game for the class

Chelsie Jenkins for excellent sharing of ideas in science - Pick from the prize box.