

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

11th May 2021

From the Principal

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I often get asked the question how it is living in a small town when you're the principal of the school. "Don't you always see parents and students down the street?"

The simple answer is, yes, I do often see parents and students down the street. Just going to the supermarket will almost guarantee that I will come across people I know, usually connected to the school. If I go out for dinner I will probably be served by a student. If I go to watch a local sporting event in town I will know either parents or students, or even staff, who are participating in it. I even have people come up and talk to me who know who I am, but I don't know who they are. It is only later on that I will work out their connection to the school.

Some people find this side of the job difficult. They would prefer to separate their work life and their personal life. And I can certainly appreciate why those choices are made.

When I moved to George Town with my family we did so quite consciously. We knew that living in the same town would mean seeing the school community on a regular basis outside of school time. But we did so with the knowledge that by living in the same town as we worked would also mean we would come to a better understanding of the people we worked with and the families we served.

Because in the end, people usually just want to be understood. It is all very well standing at a distance and making comments about people and the way they live their lives, but it is not helpful in any way. It would be the same as sitting at the football as a spectator and telling the players how they could improve without seeing what is happening at training or without hearing what instructions the coach is giving. It may make us feel like we know all about what is going on, but we don't really, because we have no understanding of the people out on the ground.

The difficult part about living in the same town where you are principal is not being served by students at the local shops. The difficult part is when families are finding things difficult, when they are experiencing pain in their life. And it is difficult because you share in that pain. When someone suffers a bump at the football, it is entertainment. We don't really share in the pain. But when you know the people involved, you share in their pain, just like you might share in the pain of relations or close friends having a hard time.

But that's what community is. Community, and compassion, is sharing in pain so that the burden is lightened, even if by just a little. As part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community, let's be open to sharing the burden of others so they can travel a little more lightly through life.

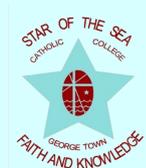
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No one is useless
in this world who
lightens the
burdens of
another.

- Charles Dickens

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Religious Education and Faith Development

International Families Day



'Other things may change us, but we start and end with family.' Anthony Brandt

The family unit began with the first humans and though there are many different types of families, all families are equally important today as they were then. Our most formative years are spent with our families and those people are likely to make up the most important people in our lives. The United Nations believed families important enough to celebrate them through International Families Day which is observed every year on 15th May.

As we celebrate International Families Day this week, we ask God to bless our families with his love, protect them and give them strength to overcome any difficulties that may come their way.

Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival

Last Friday our Year 10 students attended the Catholic Youth Festival at St Brendan Shaw Catholic College in Devonport. It was a great day. Our students spent time speaking with Father Rob Galea and Sisters Mary Emmanuel and Gemma from the Immaculata as well as participating in range of workshops, music and talks.



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

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*



Kinder and Year 7 Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kinder and Year 7 for 2022, and our Kinder 2022 Information Evening is on **tonight** (Tuesday) at 7:00pm in the Primary Gallery. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling children at Star of the Sea for 2022, enrolment forms can be picked up at the office or from our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Check In Tas App

From now on we will be only signing parents, carers and visitors into school events (like assemblies) using the Check In Tas app. If you haven't already got it we would encourage you to download it onto your phone. For those who don't own a phone we will be providing an opportunity to check in using the app from an iPad.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN begins this week for students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. Although it provides some useful data, it is also not something the school places too much emphasis on. If any students are worried you can reassure them that NAPLAN will have no bearing on their reports or any potential future employment. NAPLAN just helps schools and Governments collect some data about how things are going.

Pentecost Mass

The Catholic Parish will be celebrating Pentecost Mass on Sunday 23rd May at 11am in the church, followed by a shared lunch in the Hall. All are welcome. You can bring a casserole or dessert to share, or just turn up and be part of the community.

Arriving to School Early

Our teachers start their supervision of students at 8:30am each day, both in the primary and the secondary area. Students who arrive before this time are encouraged to wait in the secondary play area (for secondary students) or in the area outside the Grade 1/2 classroom (for the Primary students). Students will only be let in earlier than 8:30am if there is inclement weather.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Axle and Keegan who represented Tamar in the TPSSA State Athletics last Friday. A wonderful effort to make the Tamar team and compete in the 100m finals.

Mother's Day Stall

A big thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Munro who organised and ran our Mother's Day Stall last week. We also thank everyone who donated towards the stall. We managed to sell almost every item!.

House T-Shirts

Our College leaders are promoting house t-shirts as a way of increasing house spirit at carnivals and other house-based activities. It is a great initiative and a letter will be sent home on Compass this week with further details.

Colour Run

Our College Cross Country and Colour Run is on next Tuesday 18th May. It should be a great day. Students are asked to wear a white t-shirt, preferably one that doesn't need to be kept white for any reason. Well done to all of the students who have participated in the fundraising so far.

Secondary Winter Sport

Our secondary students have started their Winter Sport roster (a little earlier than expected) with some sports starting last week. The students will be competing in soccer, netball and hockey. We wish them well and thank the coaches for helping out, and especially Mr Cook for organising the teams.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to the parents who are already supporting breakfast club. Breakfast Club runs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am in the Hall.

If there are any other parents or family members who would like to help on Mondays or Tuesdays please let our Deputy Principal Damien Taylor know. All helpers should have a current Working With Vulnerable People Card.

Speak Up Stay Chatty

Last Friday afternoon Rachael and Kylie ran a session with the Grade 9 students about "Speak Up Stay Chatty." We talked out mental health issues and where to find and access help if we are not feeling ok. We listened to the emotional story about Mitch's brother Ty. Mitch shares his personal story of loss to encourage others to speak up and seek help when they have issues or go through difficult times. It was a great opportunity for our Grade 9 students to talk about their own mental health and learn ways to support themselves and each other. Thanks to Mrs McGillivray for organising this wonderful opportunity.

Grade 5/6 Basketball

Last term the YMCA ran a few basketball training sessions at South George Town Primary School for some of our Grade 5/6 students. This term after being put into two teams they have started a mini tournament playing games against teams from South George Town and Port Dalrymple on Friday afternoons. Last week was Round 2 and the students showed great sportsmanship and resilience throughout their games. They will participate in one more round this week followed by the finals. We wish all the best to our Grade 5/6 students over the next couple of weeks and thank the YMCA for organising this great opportunity.

Term 2 Calendar

Friday 14th May - National Walk to School Safely Day

Tuesday 18th May - School Fun Run

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

NHSSA Wednesday & Thursday Sport Roster for this week.

Wednesday: Hockey at St. Leonards, Soccer & Netball at King Meadows

Thursday: Soccer & Netball at King Meadows. (Scottsdale is unable to play hockey this week, so the team will have a training day school)



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

at Windmill Point (Pirate Park) on the Esplanade

7:30AM | FRIDAY MAY 14

BBQ cooked breakfast supplied.
Bacon and Egg Rolls (Gluten free available on request with RSVP), fruit and juice.

Following the breakfast we will all Walk Safely along the waterfront to school.

RSVP
Contact the school office on 6382 1242
Students and parents must sign in on arrival

Notification will be sent out the afternoon prior if weather is not suitable for the event.

RSVP required
for catering

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!!!!FUN RUN NEXT TUESDAY!!!!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year on **Tuesday 18th May!** We're doing it to raise much needed money for a school set of Mountain Bikes to make use of the trails being developed in the region. We started this mission in 2020 and have raised half of the money necessary. The colour run will also be the school Cross Country where students will compete to earn points for their house while having fun in an electric environment.

About the Day

The Crazy Colour Day is all about Fun! It will be a huge colourful mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend on the day and cheer the other kids on! Students will be required to bring their own white tee shirt on the day and ideally wear older shorts that can be coloured (not school shorts).

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to schoolfunrun.com.au and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form! We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social media.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of \$120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than door knocking and you don't have to worry about handling money! To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at schoolfunrun.com.au and share your online fundraising link.

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the Crazy Colour Day. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me on the details below. I can't wait to see you at our event!

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact your school's coordinator if this isn't possible.

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **4th June** and the **11th June**. Simply visit schoolfunrun.com.au to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the School Fun-Run team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

More information is to come but for now, thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Oliver Cook
Secondary HPE Coordinator