

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

4th May 2021

From the Principal

All of our children and the students at Star of the Sea are wonderful already.

I was made aware of a quote recently which went something like; "If you have come to fix things, you see the world as broken. If you have come to heal, you see the world as sick. But if you have come to serve, you see the world as whole."

I often talk about the idea of Star of the Sea serving the people of George Town and surrounds. I use that word "serve" quite deliberately. Because we don't set out to "fix" students. I often see advertisements from other schools who make various promises to help students grow into all sorts of wonderful adults. I suspect many Catholic schools use similar phrases, or have in the past. But if we start making these promises then we start assuming that our students aren't wonderful already. We assume our students are broken and it is up to us as a school to *fix* them.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Whether we care to admit it or not, all of our children and the students at Star of the Sea are wonderful already. We often forget that as we spend a lot of time pointing out their mistakes, whether they be our own children or others. And while correction is needed so our students get a good idea of what is acceptable and what isn't, their mistakes don't make them any less wonderful.

Because if we want to argue that our children aren't wonderful, then we also have to argue that God made a mistake with them. And we have to argue that God made that mistake so that we could fix his mistake. None of this makes a lot of sense.

I have recently been watching a TV show called *There She Goes* which follows the life of a learning disabled girl. The program shows the struggles of the parents as they try to come to terms with the fact that their daughter is not like the children of their friends and family. They also have the struggle of others not accepting their daughter and feeling unwelcome in different environments. But the joy of the program comes when they also realise just how wonderful their daughter is and that it is not her that needs *fixing*, but the attitudes of everyone else.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to keep reminding ourselves of just how wonderful our students are, that they are already whole, that they don't need *fixing*, and that we are always ready to serve them and their families.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



How cool is it that the same God, who created mountains, and oceans, and galaxies, looked at you and thought the world needed one of you too?

- Unknown

*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.

Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion



This Sunday we celebrate all our mothers and motherhood. We pay tribute to all women who play a maternal and motherly role, and we give thanks to God for the unique way in which our mother's care for us and nurture us. We also acknowledge all those who are without mothers – either through death or distance.

We hold all mothers in our hearts and may God who is our mother and life bless all mothers. May He bless them with joy and spirit, honouring them for their unconditional love. Happy Mother's Day to all the special women in our lives!

An Invitation to Celebrate You!

We want to celebrate you! We invite all our mums and those who are like mums to our students, to join us on Thursday 6th May for a prayer celebration, assembly and afternoon tea, commencing at 1.30pm in the church.



Star of the Sea Catholic College Invites you to our Mother's Day Celebration and Afternoon Tea

When: Thursday May 6th

*What: Prayer Service in the Church
followed by Afternoon Tea*

Time: 1.30pm

RSVP Wednesday May 5th

There will be _____ adults attending the Mother's Day Celebration and Afternoon Tea.

Special Dietary requirements? _____

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*



CheckIn Tas App

From now on we will be only signing parents, carers and visitors into school events (like assemblies) using the CheckIn 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.

COVID-19 Restrictions

We thank all of our families for the way they have followed the COVID-19 restrictions that have been placed upon schools. Every few weeks we will put a reminder of these restrictions in our newsletter, assuming there are no significant changes. Here is this week's:

- Students should not come to school if sick (especially with cold or flu symptoms), and parents and carers are also asked not to come on to the property if sick.
- If waiting for your child outside the buildings or dropping off your children, please maintain social distance from others. Only stay as long as you need to in classrooms.
- If attending Primary assembly, please sign in and use hand sanitizer. We will space the chairs out.
- Should you wish to contact your child's teacher but are reluctant to come into the school, you can contact them through phone or email.
- If you have any questions, please contact the College office.

Mother's Day Stall and Prayer

A reminder that this Thursday we will be having our Mother's Day stall and liturgy. Students are encouraged to bring along some money for the stall to buy something for their mother. Prices will range from 50 cents to \$5. Our prayer starts at 1:30pm in the church and will be followed by an afternoon tea.

Staff Movements

Mrs McGillivray and Mrs Walters will be away this week. Their classes and duties will be covered by relief teachers.

Mrs Kathryn Condric returned from leave late last week and is now available for any conversations or concerns about fees.

Catholic Youth Festival and Speak Up Stay Chatty

This Friday sees our Year 10s travelling to Devonport to participate in the Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival. On the same day our Year 9s will participate in a workshop run by Speak Up Stay Chatty who work "to promote positive mental health and prevent suicide by reducing stigma and encouraging people to seek help."

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing begins next week for our Grade 3s, 5s, 7s and 9s and will be mostly done online. Information has already gone home to parents and carers about this. As a school, while we make sure our students complete the testing as expected, we keep it pretty "low key" so that students aren't too concerned about it.

2022 Enrolments and Kinder Information Evening

We are now accepting enrolments for Year 7 and Kinder for 2022. Enrolment forms can be picked up at the office or downloaded from our website (starsea.tas.edu.au).

Our Kinder 2022 Information Evening will be held next Tuesday 11th May at 7:00pm in the Primary campus. Parents and carers are welcome to either bring their children along or come without their children. It will be a chance for those who haven't had children at Star of the Sea before to find out about Kindergarten and have a look at the Kinder room. To be eligible for Kindergarten, children need to be turning 5 in 2022.

If you know of anyone who would like their child to attend Star of the Sea, please pass on this information.

We Keep in Our Prayers

Sister Joseph McVilly passed away peacefully on Monday 26 April 2021 at Rosary Gardens Nursing Home.

Sister Joseph had over 65 years of active service in Catholic Education working all over the state and in many Catholic schools, and spent some time in George Town.

We join the Presentation Sisters and family and friends in praying for the repose of Sr Joseph's soul.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Walk Safely to School Day

Next Friday 14th May is Walk Safely to School Day and Mr Taylor and a few of the staff are organising this year's event. It will begin down at Windmill Point (Pirate Park) with a free breakfast. From there the group will walk to school along the waterfront. Parents are most welcome to join us. See the flyer on this week's newsletter and RSVP to the office.

Winter Uniform

We have moved into the colder months and an expectation of the College is that students are wearing winter uniform. A letter was sent to parents last week via Compass and is also attached here. We hope to have everyone in winter uniform next week. A reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm.

Congratulations

Axle Sturzaker and Keegan Leslie who will be representing the TPSSA in the State Athletics Carnival this Friday at St Leonards. We wish them all the best.

Term 2 Calendar

Wednesday 5th May - 9/10 Winter Sports commences

Thursday 6th May - 7/8 Winter Sports commences

Mother's Day Stall; 1.30pm Mother's Day Prayer Service and Afternoon Tea (no Primary Assembly)

Tuesday 11th May - Kinder 2022 Information Evening @7.00pm; NAPLAN testing begins

Friday 14th May - National Walk to School Safety 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

Shout Out Term 2, Week 1, 2021

Elijah Parker	Being a good friend and helping others.
Evie Evans	Excellent Maths work.
Oliver Smith	Working well during HaSS.
Mia Baker	Being a clever writer.
Jackson Summers	Great packing up.
Isabelle Saunders	Helping to pack up the playground.
Lillian Hockey	Working well during HaSS.
Shekinah Macfarlane	Working well during HaSS.
Elijah Parker	Being a fantastic student.
Brock Holden	Being an amazing helper in Science.
Elijah Bromley	Great packing up.
Shiloh Leslie	Working well during HaSS.
Matilda Trotter	Working well during HaSS.
Marli Leslie	Helping her classmates pack up their equipment.
Evie King	Excellent effort in Science lesson on floating.
Ether Dare	Excellent effort in Science lesson on floating.
Shiloh Leslie	Working to produce an excellent piece of art work.
Isabelle Walker	Helping her classmates pack up their equipment.
Elijah Parker	Cleaning up a milkshake disaster when it wasn't his mess.
Oscar Millen	Sharing great information about Anzac Day.
Danica Sweet	Picking up rubbish around our school.

Well done!

You are a Star

PBS Focus:

We are safe and respectful when we follow instructions given by teachers when playing in the yard



This weeks winners are:

Elijah Bromley for great Packing up

Outdoor game for the class

Isabelle Walker for helping her classmates pack up their equipment

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2021



Term 2 Week 1 winners:

Madison Milner & Maddison Westergreen
(Both students choose \$10 canteen vouchers)



Prep/1 learn about ANZACS

Our Prep/1 class recently walked to the cenotaph as part of their learning about the ANZACS.



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Dear Parents and Carers.

The weather is getting colder, and we have now moved into the time for our students to be wearing winter uniform.

Star of the Sea Catholic College has a winter uniform so that students can keep warm on cold, wet, and windy days in George Town.

- The girls winter uniform consists of a skirt, stockings, shirt and jumper or blazer.
- The boys winter uniform consists of long pants, a shirt and jumper or blazer.

We appreciate that some of our boys have difficulty wearing long pants due to sensory or other issues. If there is a legitimate reason as to why a male student cannot wear long pants, a note can be provided to the class teacher by the parent or carer of the student explaining why. In these cases, the student will be able to wear shorts.

- Black jackets, including the new school jackets (when they arrive), can be worn coming to and from school and at recess and lunch for extra warmth outside. They shouldn't be worn in the classrooms and students will be asked to remove them if they are. Other non-uniform items should not be worn to and from school or at school.
- The PE uniform for winter allows the students to wear either black shorts or trackpants, the school polo top and the school rugby top for extra warmth.

We would hope that all students come dressed appropriately for cold days.

We hope that all our students are in the correct winter uniform by **Monday 10th May**. Secondary students who are not in the correct uniform by then and have not got a note from home will receive a Uniform Infringement which will lead to a lunchtime detention.

The Uniform Shop is open Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm.

If you have any concerns about your child's wearing of the uniform, including being able to purchase it, please feel free to contact me here at the College.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'R Chapman'.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal
30th April 2021

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NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY NETBALL, HOCKEY & SOCCER TEAMS 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 students will be participating in the Northern High School Sports Winter roster competition. The current timetable has been adjusted to support our involvement in the roster. This time will now become the allotted Physical Education time for Years 7-10. Years 9 and 10 will participate on Wednesdays, while Years 7 and 8 will participate on Thursdays.

Students will be assessed against the Australian Curriculum through game sense knowledge, skills and modified movement, building relationships and teamwork, understanding movement and learning through movement and functional movement.

The competition will begin Wednesday 5th May and Thursday 6th May and will run through until September, with games being played at various schools for Netball, St. Leonards for Hockey and various soccer venues around Launceston for Soccer.

The Association charges a registration fee of \$23 per player; transport, venue hire, equipment & insurance bring the individual cost to \$30.

In support of families, we are covering the remaining \$30 per player out of the College HPE budget

Please take note all students playing Soccer **MUST** wear soccer/football boots and shin pads. This is a NHSSA directive and is non-negotiable. If there is an issue with acquiring boots, please feel free to contact me to look at possible alternatives.

Please also note Hockey players **MUST** wear both a mouth guard and shin pads. HPE department have mouth guards for sale for \$2.

Travel to and from venue will be by hired bus.

If students lose, misplace or unduly damage uniforms, a replacement fee of \$35 will be charged.

COVID-19 – Please be aware Covid restrictions are still in place in line with government guidelines. On entering a school to watch a game, you must register your details with the check in Tas App.

Because this is part of the HPE curriculum, no permission note is required from parents or carers.

Regards,

Oliver Cook
HPE Coordinator



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.



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1800 FUN RUN (286 796)
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The fundraising group at Windmill Point Ltd
July to Sept 2022

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