

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

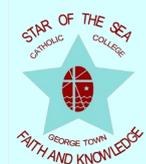
16th June 2021

### From the Principal

When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.

- Chinese proverb

Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.



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Last week I woke up to find our trampoline on top of our washing line. With the strong winds we had early in the week, the wind had got under the trampoline, freeing it from the sandbags that were supposed to hold it down, and blowing it into the washing line. Usually the wind comes from the north in George Town, so our backyard is protected from the worst of it. However, what made last week different is that the wind was coming from the south.

Much is written about the wind in literature and the arts. Those of you who know Mary Poppins will know she arrives when the wind is from the east, and leaves again when the wind changes direction. The wind blew Dorothy all the way from Kansas to the land of Oz. For Bob Dylan, the answers to most things were to be found blowin' in the wind. If you have ever seen the movie *Castaway* you will know that Tom Hanks' character planned his escape from the island for when the wind changed direction.

Changing winds often mean changes in lives. Changing winds bring surprises to people's lives. It leads them down paths they didn't expect to go. It introduces new people and situations into their lives. Sometimes these changes can be initially challenging, but it often leads to growth of the people involved.

Of course one of the classic Bible stories involving wind is when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles as they heard the sound of a violent wind (Acts 2). It certainly changed their lives. They went from people afraid to people who were prepared to die for their faith.

Each time I encounter strong winds in George Town (which is pretty regularly) I am reminded of the need to be open to change, to be open to new people and new situations. Without change our lives can become pretty stale, and we often don't know what we are missing out on. To be able to grow into the people God calls us to be, we need to allow the "winds of change" to blow through us and lead us in different directions.

Last year, when doing an activity called a History Line with our teachers, we discovered the importance of change over the course of Star of the Sea's history.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community, it is important we continue to allow the "winds of change" to blow through the school, to allow ourselves to be open to different ideas and perspectives. Only then can we truly grow into the people God is calling us to be.

Mr Richard Chapman  
Principal



*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

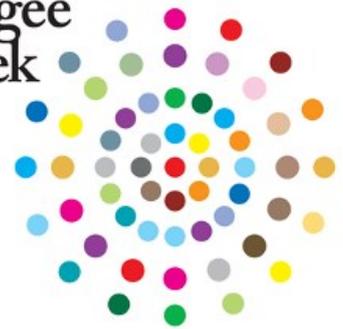
Heart  
Spirituality  
Attentiveness



Hospitality  
Compassion

World refugee week beginning on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, is a unique opportunity to celebrate the rich contributions refugee communities make to Australian life. The challenges and the circumstances which bring refugees to our shores are never pleasant. No one wants to leave their home and friends, but some people need to leave their homes and are unable or unwilling to return to their country of nationality because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution.

Refugee  
Week



Once here, these people face many challenges. The first big barrier is language. Anyone who is learning a second language can appreciate the difficulties of communicating in language not their own. Then there is the culture shock, financial difficulties, finding accommodation, housing and employment.

Many refugees go on to make great contributions to Australian society and you may even know the names of some well know refugees such as Ahn Do (artist and comedian), Majak Daw (AFL) and Doctor Karl Kruszelniski (radio DJ and scientist).

Our Presentation Sisters no longer work in our school but many of them live in communities where they assist refugee women and migrants to learn new skills and navigate the day- to-day activities needed to provide for their families. These sisters are following in the steps of Nano through their welcoming hearts and hospitality which unites people and gives them a sense of belonging; something we all yearn for. The theme for Refuge week is unity and as Presentation people we can be part of this by always being a welcoming and safe community.

*Lord Jesus,  
give us more of your compassion for their plight,  
soften our hearts to their situation,  
and help us follow your lead in seeking justice  
and mercy on their behalf.*

*We pray for an end to the wars, poverty  
and human rights abuses that drive desperate  
people to become refugees in the first place.*

## Stars of the Week - 10th June 2021

Kinder	Isabel Walker	For her amazing drawings and beautiful art work.
Prep/1	Rilee Brown	For always taking care of others.
Grade 1/2	Huntar Carnie	For his kindness towards others.
Grade 3/4	Scarlett Baillie	For great focus and determination with literacy tasks.
Grade 5/6A	William Power	For working well during Math lessons and offering to assist other students when they need help.
Grade 5/6B	Maddison McDonald	For having a fantastic attitude even when tasks appear difficult at first.

## 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*



## Check In Tas App

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

## 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.

## 2022 Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Kinder and Year 7 for 2022. If you would like your child to attend Star of the Sea in 2022, or know of someone who would like their child to attend, enrolment forms are available at our office and through our website ([www.starsea.tas.edu.au](http://www.starsea.tas.edu.au)).

## Sisters of the Immaculata

The Sisters of the Immaculata will be visiting our school next Monday and Wednesday. The response from the students has always been positive in the past to their visits, and we are sure this time will be no exception.

## Are You on Compass?

We are currently in the process of writing our mid-year reports, and these will be released on Compass before the end of this term. So, if you are not on Compass, now is the time to get on! Please contact the College office if you need assistance.

## School Photos

School Photos will be taken next Tuesday. Please take time to read information about these in this newsletter.

## School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Ordering and payment are now online with no envelopes or money to change hands.

A flyer was sent home last week and placed on Compass, which has instructions on it on how to order online. The flyer will have one access key which can be used to order individual photos and family photos. Split families and new students can use this code also.

Once ordered, parents will receive an email confirming their order, so all orders and payments are traceable.

**All INDIVIDUAL orders must be in by 4.30pm Friday, 2nd July.**

**All FAMILY orders must be in by 4.30pm on Monday, 21st June.**

If parents cannot order online, they can ask a friend or family.

**For our photographers' safety please do not send your child to school for a photo if sick. The photographer can refuse to photograph a sick child.**

## School Photos Day

Who: The whole school.

When: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Where: At Star of the Sea Catholic College

What time: The Year 10 photo will be taken first at about 8:50am. This will be followed by the rest of the Secondary students, then the Primary students. We hope to be finished not long after recess.

What to wear: Full College Winter uniform (only Kinders to wear PE uniform). For consistency, photos will be taken with students wearing either College blazer or College jumper. Long hair should be tied back.



# ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year. We are now also offering green screen online.

**THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE**

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backgrounds to choose from.



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## Shout Out Term 2, Week 7, 2021

Hazel-Mae Provis	Playing nicely with Prep/1 at lunch.
Shiloh Leslie	Great focus with class work.
Jaxon Hillard	Tidying the Classroom.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Making good choices.
Maddi Sturzaker	Engaged in story time.
Ruby Davidson	Excellent news writing.
Mia Syms	Engaged in story time.
Finley Upston	Packing up quickly.
Ryda Howard	For working hard in maths.
Evie Evans	Great handwriting.
Enoch Daire	Engaged in story time.
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	Great behaviour at assembly.
Rilee Brown	Excellent writing.
Hazel-Mae Provis	Walking safely to the bus stop.
Bienvinido Bennett	Engaged in story time.
Marli Leslie	Engaged in story time.
Lachlan Smith	Engaged in story time.
Ryda Howard	Sounding out words in a story and having a go.
Amelie Olivera	Engaged in story time.

You are a Star



**PBS Focus is Safe:** We are safe when we use the furniture in the classroom appropriately.

**This weeks Shout Out winners are:**

**Jaxson Hillard** for tidying the classroom

*Choose a game for the class.*

**Evie King** for beautiful handwriting

*Movie afternoon for the class.*

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2021

**Nikiah Edwards**

**Nicholas Brown**

**Well done!**

## Term 2 Calendar

**Tuesday 22nd June** - School Photo Day

**Friday 25th June** - TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1

**Tuesday 29th June** - Pyjama Day

**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:** Soccer @ NTCA - Netball @ Hoblers - Hockey bye, school based training  
**Thursday:** Netball @ Hoblers - Hockey @ St Leonards - Soccer bye, school based training  
**Weather cancellations will be posted on Compass and our Facebook page**

### Year 7 Assembly

We spoke in assembly about forgiveness being good for the forgiver. We found a YouTube clip that explained the detrimental effects that anger can have on your mental health and that anger is a secondary emotion that can be controlled. When we let that anger control us it can turn into a grudge which is unhealthy for us. When we forgive someone we let that anger go which helps keep us happier and more positive.

We also presented some information regarding recycling at school and the positive impact it will have on our environment.

The Year 7's did a fantastic job of presenting their first Secondary Assembly. *Mrs Mac*



### From the Student Leaders - Pyjama Day

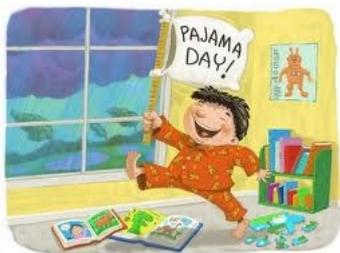
On Tuesday 29th June both Primary and Secondary students will have the opportunity to participate in Pyjama Day.

Students can dress in appropriate pyjamas for the day and bring along a gold coin donation.

All funds raised will be donated to Vinnies CEO Winter Sleepout.

The idea of the Sleepout is for leaders in the community to experience aspects of homelessness by sleeping without shelter, as well as raising funds for Vinnies to help their work with the homeless.

We encourage everyone to get involved for this great cause.



### Catholic Education Transportation Survey

We want to know how to improve student transport.

Please take five minutes to let us know what you think about how students get to and from school.

The review will also be looking at the attitudes families and students have towards bus transportation and reasons why they may or may not use bus transportation.

The survey closes Friday 2 July 2021.

**Student Travel - Student Survey** - links to be sent via Compass

**Student Travel - Parent Survey** - links to be sent via Compass