

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

8th June 2021

From the Principal

I realised that I don't have to be perfect. All I have to do is show up and enjoy the messy, imperfect and beautiful journey of my life.
- Kerry Washington

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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I was recently watching a program on the ABC called *Compass*, and this particular episode was about a couple of social media influencers from Byron Bay. Basically they were making a living out of taking photos of their children growing up in Byron Bay, posting these photos to Instagram and writing some comments along with the post for their tens of thousands of followers. One of the things that was discussed in the episode was how much the photos were “curated” - that is, how much each photo was set up and edited so that everyone looked their best.

It got me thinking about how much we “curate” our own lives. I think we all would be guilty of posting photos on social media that make us look good, but we probably “curate” our lives outside of social media, too.

We do this in many ways. One typical way is by not letting on when we have difficulties in our lives. We prefer everyone to think everything is going well and we can handle any problems we may encounter. We try not to let ourselves look “weak.”

Another way we do this is by presenting our family in as positive a way as we can. When people ask how our children are going, we focus on the good things. We don't want others to know our children may be getting into trouble at school or at home.

Of course the difficulty of “curating” our lives is that we end up living a lie. We try so hard to manufacture a life that doesn't really exist, so we end up getting more and more stressed. We try to hide away certain aspects of our life, and we worry greatly that one day these things will be revealed to others and others will see us for who we really are. The anxiety we get is equally around that we might be caught out as liars then it is around that our lives aren't as “perfect” as others.

The social media influencers I saw knew they were presenting a lie, but that was okay for them because in the end they were selling a product, and that product wasn't the life of their family, it was the life of a family based upon their own. It was up to their followers to realise that.

God doesn't want us to be living a lie. God knows that our lives aren't perfect and loves us anyway. And no one really cares that our lives aren't perfect. Most of us are too busy trying to get on with our own lives to be caring about what others are up to.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to remind our children that they don't have to “curate” their lives. They are loved anyway, and they will be respected more through honesty that they ever will through living a lie.

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

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

11th June

The feast of The Sacred Heart of Jesus has a special significance to the Presentation Sisters and our Presentation story. It was the mystery of God's merciful love that drew Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation order to those who were poor and who were made poor by the systems of the day. Nano's devotion to the Sacred Heart was at the heart of her work with the elderly, the poor and those who were deprived of education.

Jesus, who is the expression of God's welcoming heart and God's compassionate love was always central to Nano's life. The desire that came from her heart was stronger than any fears she had of the authorities of her time. She saw in the poor children of Ireland deprived of education and faith, children who were very much loved by God and she welcomed them all into her school rooms. She welcomed all who were deprived of education.

Nano created a spirit of belonging and inclusion. Hospitality was her way of being present and of service. Today, Nano's legacy continues here at Star of the Sea Catholic College where all are welcome in our classrooms to share in learning and faith.

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion



Stars of the Week - 3rd June 2021

Kinder	Jackson Summers	For learning to raise his hand to speak.
Prep/1	Brooke Baillie	For excellent understanding of place value in numbers.
Grade 1/2	Archie Parker	For his focus and determination in completing his written work.
Grade 3/4	Elijah Parker	For consistent effort across all subject areas. Well done Elijah.
Grade 5/6A	Damien Milner	For his focus and determination during Math lessons.
Grade 5/6B	Charlotte Power	For her fantastic improvement in the speed and accuracy of her multiplication facts. Excellent work.

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



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).

Community Report

Each year we are required to produce an Annual Community Report for the previous year. Even though this year's will be light reading due to the cancellation of various events in 2020 because of COVID-19, it can now be found on our website.

We Keep in Our Prayers

We keep in our prayers the family of James Baker who died last Thursday. Mr Baker has many close family connections to the College, to both staff and students, with his children and grandchildren attending Star of the Sea over the past 60 years and his children and grandchildren and other relations working on our staff.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Next Monday June 14th is a public holiday for the Queen's Birthday. The school will be shut on this day.

Staff Movements

Mr Taylor is away this Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for meetings and leave. His PE classes will be taken by another teacher.

Minor Works Update

Our Art Room now has a sink in it, whilst the old bus cage has been removed and framed up. A new slab has been laid to get ready for a new bus cage.

NHSSA Wednesday & Thursday Sport Roster for this week.

Wednesday: Netball @ Hoblers Bridge - Hockey @ St Leonards - Soccer @ NTCA
Thursday: Netball @ Prospect - Soccer @ Prospect - Hockey Bye to remain at school training
Weather cancellations will be posted on Compass on our Facebook page

NHSSA Winter Sport

We are now kicking forward into week 6 of the NHSSA Winter Sport Roster. Unfortunately there are some problems with the website and at this stage we can't access ladders, but our teams are performing well on and off the court/field. The mateship, engagement, participation and game sense knowledge being displayed has far exceeded our coaches expectations. Our teams and our students are an absolute pleasure to work with and represent our school with great pride. Thanks to our Year 9/10 girls supporting our 7/8 netball program and to all the staff and coaches who make winter sport possible, particularly Pip Jacobs whose hockey expertise has been invaluable to our students.

Colour Run Prizes

Thanks so much to all the staff, students and parents who made this once again a terrific success. This year we raised \$3,418.36. We have now made a purchase for ten mountain bikes, ten new helmets and bottle cages to be used in HPE, we hope to see these arrive in August.

Also please be aware parents/students have until the 11th June (this Friday) to order prizes. This is an automated system run by a 3rd party so if prizes are not ordered by midnight 11th June we are unable to order them manually so make sure you get those orders in!

School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 22nd June. As the same as last year, ordering and payment are now online with no envelopes or money to change hands.

A flyer will be sent home this week which have 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. Each student will receive one of DL flyers that you have received with one access key. This access key is the same for all students.

ALL orders must be in by 4pm Monday, 21st June.

Family Orders will not be allowed after the above time. 
This enables us to produce a family report for you in the morning so you will know which families need photos.

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.

ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year

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

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Shout Out Term 2, Week 6, 2021

Connor Judd	Being a very focused learner.
Bronte Heppel	Listening well in Assembly.
Bradley Maney	Being a fantastic maths worker!
Jai Jacobs	Being a great person.
Tobias Jones	Working hard with all literacy activities.
Ruby McDonald	Working hard with reading.
Ashton Meessen	Listening very respectfully at Assembly.
Jai Jacobs	Great focus with all class work.
Ruby McDonald	Working hard with reading.
Lachlan Smith	Beautiful sitting and listening to story.
Archie Parker	Excellent behaviour in Assembly.
Evie King	Excellent spelling.
Hunaisha Ahmed	Excellent spelling.
Jackson Summers	Helping clean up.
Marli Leslie	Helping her friend clean up.
Scarlett Baillie	Working so hard with all literacy activities.
Allira-Grayce Harris	Great focus with class work.
Bradley Maney	Consistent application to all of his work.
Seth Sturzaker	Being a focused learner.
Jarod Fisher	Persistence with his angles work.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	Excellent spelling.
Chase Davis	Great reading with Miss O'Toole!
Chelsie Jenkins	Excellent spelling.

You are a Star



PBS Focus is: We are respectful when we use kind words

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Indiana Cartwright for helping a younger student - **Choose a game for the class.**

Marli Leslie for helping her classmates pack up their equipment - **10 minutes extra recess for the class.**

Term 2 Calendar

Monday 14th 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

TPSSA Cross Country

On Wednesday, 2nd June 2021, students from grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Beaconsfield Primary School and competed in the TPSSA Cross Country. Some comments from the students:

"The cross country was long and difficult, and even though we didn't win, we still had fun and tried our best".

"It was fun running the cross country track through the cow paddocks and the forest. There were a lot of holes in the ground and some of us almost fell into the cow poo."

"The competition was tough, but we met students from other schools that we know and it was enjoyable to run with them."

"It was a great opportunity to represent our school and we were all proud to cheer on the Star of the Sea students".

Congratulations to all students who participated. Special congrats to Axle Sturzaker who came 2nd in his age group.

(Year 3: Allira, Ryda, Sabian; Year 4: Imogen, Keegan, Bradley, Seth, Bernard, Maverick; Year 5: Indiana, Billy, Maddison; Jarod, Lachlan; Year 6: Shiloh, Maddison, Sarah, Axle, Joshua, Isaiah, Macklin)



College Captains Zoom in to Leaders Forum



Azalea Lewis, Ella Vanderzwan and Shauna Thomson Strain

Last Thursday we participated in the Nagle Education Alliance of Australia (NEAA) Leaders Conference through a zoom meeting.

Six other schools around the country were also there, from almost every state (Victorian schools sadly couldn't make it due to lockdown.)

It was an insight into Catholic leadership across the country and how the Presentation Sisters and Nano Nagle still impact our work today.

It was also an exercise in public speaking, connecting with strangers and asking informative and practical questions. As most of the other schools in the meeting had more students, there were different ideas coming from them and more knowledge that we could use from them to gain insight.

The meeting was split up into three sections. We shared what we've done this year as leaders, and asked questions regarding that. Then we gave our advice for future leaders and finished off the meeting with how NEAA could support us and future leaders.

The conference also made us reflect on our own leadership. It was a valuable insight into leadership around the country and showed us how we can improve our leadership.