

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20th July 2021

From the Principal

What if all of this uncertainty in our lives is inviting us to take the opportunity to be something more?

There is the famous quote that, "in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes." This seems to be still true today! Just when we think the whole COVID pandemic is easing off in Australia and vaccinations start to be rolled out, we suddenly have an outbreak like that in Sydney and, all of a sudden, we seem to be back where we started over 12 months ago.

The past year has certainly given us a lot to reflect about what it means to live in uncertain times. Living in Australia, a first world country where most of us have access to shelter, food and good medical care, we were used to living with some degree of certainty. We would book our plane flights to go on holidays somewhere and be fairly sure the planes would take off and reach their destination. Now if we decide to book a plane flight we are unsure whether we will be able to get to the place we are going to, whether we will be able to get back into the state, and whether or not we will have to go into isolation once we have arrived back home.

Of course, all throughout history people have lived with uncertainty. Whether that was uncertainty about where their next meal would come from, whether they were going to overcome an illness, or uncertainty due to large events like wars and famines and droughts. Even today in Australia, the homeless live uncertain lives, refugees in detention centres live uncertain lives, and even the First Nations people who have been here for 65,000 years live uncertain lives.

In her book *The Other Side of Chaos*, Margaret Silf talks about the idea of how we approach uncertainty in our lives. She likens our lives to eggshells. In times of great uncertainty and transition, it can feel like our eggshells have broken. Usually we think that all we can do now is make an omelette, but what if "the egg hasn't just broken but has *hatched*?" That is, what if all of this uncertainty in our lives is inviting us to take the opportunity to be something more?

This can certainly be difficult to consider, as uncertainty and transition can be very painful. It messes with our minds, our bodies and our spirits. We have to be prepared to let go of trying to be in control and instead let God take over. Rather than being anxious of what the day may bring, we need to be curious of what the day may bring and be open to whatever happens.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community, as we pass through uncertain times in the world around us, let us be role models to our children in the way we handle them. Let us be models of curiosity and be prepared to let go of control. In this way our children will learn from us how to approach things in their own lives as they grow up and navigate the complex world around them.

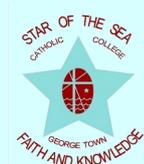
Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



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Benjamin Franklin

*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.

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Welcome

We welcome Isabella (Grade 6), Zayden (Grade 4), Rosemary (Grade 4) and Michael (Prep) and their families to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

Two of our staff were in Victoria over the holidays so have been required to stay at home for the first two days of term. They should return tomorrow.

Mrs Stewart is currently held up interstate. Relief teachers will fill her role until we have more information regarding when she is able to return.

With Mrs Lundie moving to full time work in another school, our Primary students won't be studying music for the second half of the year. Instead Mrs Kerry Gaye will take them for Drama every Thursday.

Mrs Radford is on leave this term, and Miss Louise is on leave until the end of the year. Mr Gary Davis will return from his leave for three days per week.

We welcome Mr Mitch Clifford to our staff. Mr Clifford will be working a couple of days each week this term as one of our valued Teacher Assistants.

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.

Our automatic sanitizer in the Primary Gallery seems to have broken down. There should always be sanitizer available on the table inside the door. If there isn't any, please inform the office, and in the meantime we shall try to get our automatic sanitizer fixed.

Check In Tas App

As communicated recently, from today onwards all adults who enter a building at Star of the Sea Catholic College will be required to check in using the Check In Tas app. This applies to parents and carers entering classrooms or the buildings when picking up or dropping off their children. You are not required to check in if waiting outside the school buildings. Our staff are required to check in once a day as well. Students are exempt. If you haven't already got the app 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 for Primary assemblies. For all other times it must be done at the College office.

We Keep in Our Prayers

We keep in our prayers the family of Luigi Gaetani, who died during the holidays. Luigi was one of the original group who built Star of the Sea, and he and his family were always strong supporters of our school.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SetUp for Success

Our Early Learning program, **SetUp for Success** (simply known as *SetUp*) runs every Wednesday (School Terms) 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).

Parent-Carer-Teacher Interviews

Details will go out this week regarding next Tuesday's Parent-Carer-Teacher Interviews. As not all of our staff are available on Tuesdays (and neither are our parents and carers!), we always invite parents and carers to ring the College office should they want to set up an alternative time to meet with a teacher during the year. Parents are also welcome to email the College Office at sots.reception@catholic.tas.edu.au if you prefer.

MYP Corp Surveys

Later this year our school will go through a Validation process. This is essentially a time when a panel of educators from outside the school collect data, have conversations with the school community, and report back to the school on how we are going and suggest areas of development.

As part of this process, staff, students and parents and carers will be surveyed to gain feedback on how they think Star of the Sea is going. A note went out on Compass last term regarding this, and no doubt emails started appearing in parent's and carer's inboxes. Whilst the survey is not compulsory (you will have to UNSUBSCRIBE if you want to stop receiving the emails) it would be great if as many families as possible filled in the survey to give us a good idea as to how we are going and areas of improvement.

School Photos

School photos will be arriving later this week and we will let parents know via Compass when they will be going home with students.

NHSSA Wednesday & Thursday Sport Roster for this week.

Wednesday: Soccer: BYE (school based training) - Hockey: Will in fact play at St. Leonards although it says BYE
Netball: Hoblers Bridge

Thursday: Soccer: Birch Av - Netball: Hoblers - Hockey: St. Leonards

Weather cancellations will be posted on Compass and our Facebook page

Term 3

Wednesday 21st July - Year 8 Reflection Day

Friday 13th August - Staff Spirituality Day (Student Free Day)

Monday 16th August - Holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day

Tuesday 17th August - English Competition

Tuesday 24th August - Book Week Parade

Wednesday 25th August - Science Competition

Wednesday 1st September - 5/6 Black Box Virtual Tour

Thursday 2nd September - Maths Competition.— Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th September - Country Gold

Thursday 23rd September - Girls Football Gala Day

Friday 24th September - Term 3 ends

Term 2 Awards

Cross Country Champions

Grade 3	Sabian Hawes	Allira Grayce Harris
Grade 4	Bradley Maney	Imogen Ackerly
Grade 5	William Power	Grace Mahnken
Grade 6	Axle Sturzaker	Sarah Summers
Grade 7	Caeden McCutcheon	Rasia Russack
Grade 8	Ashton Harrison	Nikiah Edwards
Grade 9	Ezra Wighton	Brianna Taber
Grade 10	Nickolas Brown	Amber Webb

Application to Learning

Kinder	Mia Syms
Prep	Chase Davis
Grade 1	Evie Evans
Grade 2	Chantz Brown
Grade 3	Sabian Hawes
Grade 4	Miley MacFarlane
Grade 5	Ashton Meessen
Grade 6	Ruby Gower

Merit Awards

Grade 7

Rasia Russack - consistent effort and application
 Blake Miller - consistent effort and application
 Lisa Kamal - consistent effort and application
 Caeden McCutcheon - consistent effort and application

Grade 8

Samuel Boyd - effort and application in Humanities
 Maddison Westergreen - improvement in application
 Tempress Tunks - effort and application
 Luke Chapman - improvement in application
 Nikiah Edwards - consistent effort and application
 Robert Tame - consistent effort and application

Grade 9

Jessica Boyd - effort and application in all areas
 Ella Erb - consistent effort and application
 Keegan Jacobs - consistent effort and application
 Hayden Simmons - consistent effort and application
 Damien Thomas - consistent effort in Mathematics

Grade 10

Jakira Pollock – for representing the College at the Mock United Nations
 Ella Vanderzwan – for representing the College at the Mock United Nations
 Azalea Lewis – for consistent application

End of Term Shout Outs (Primary) and Congratulations (Secondary) winners

The winners of the end of term:

Shout Outs:

Tommy Smith, Lindsie Barrett, Victor Hugo, Isaiah Widdowson and Ashton Meessen

Congratulations:
Olivia Hockey and Karlee Wayne





STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE
Kinder – Year 10 PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Tuesday 27th July

Please complete the form below and return it to the College as soon as possible.

NAME OF STUDENT/S and GRADE: _____

Please write the name of the student/s next to the name of the staff member/s you wish to speak to.

Teacher	Name of Student/s	Time (Office Use)	Teacher	Name of Student/s	Time (Office Use)
Mrs Denise Armstrong			Mrs Trudy Hoffman		
Ms Rose Briscoe			Mrs Melissa McGillivray		
Mr Oliver Cook			Ms Kerrin Edwards		
Mr Richard Chapman			Miss Melitta O'Toole		
Mrs Lynelle Davis			Mrs Suzi Romein		
Mr Craig Duncan			Mrs Louise Sikkens		
Mr Gary Goodall			Mrs Karen Tame		
Mrs Claire Honeychurch			Mr Damien Taylor		
Mrs Fiona Harmer			Mrs Sally Walters		

Mrs Anna Broughton, Mrs Chris Jones, Mrs Melissa Rogers and Mrs Karen Stewart will not be available on Tuesday 27th. If you would like an appointment at another time, please contact the College Office.

Please select your preferred time slots with 1 being the most preferred. Interviews will last a maximum of 10 minutes. All attempts will be made to give you your main preferred time.

Tuesday 27th July

3:15pm - 4:30pm

4:30pm - 5:30pm

5:30pm - 6:30pm

6:30pm - 7:00pm

Signature of parent: _____