

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

24th August 2021

From the Principal

How do we avoid joining teams that lead us to seeing others as less than human?

It's difficult when you feel like you're supporting the wrong team, or that the team you are supporting loses. It's hard enough when your work colleagues stir you up on a Monday morning after the football team you follow has lost...again. But there are some other events in our lives that also lead us to believe our team has lost.

Many of us would have watched with disappointment and sadness when we saw the news reports of the Taliban taking control of Afghanistan after the US troops and their allies had withdrawn. Whether we believe war is necessary or not, it is difficult to watch all of the gains that the country had made with regards to democracy and freedom seemingly swept away in a matter of days. It is the equivalent to watching our team lose, and no matter how much spin politicians put on it, we start to question whether it was all worth it.

Unfortunately we like to put ourselves and others onto "teams" in other parts of our lives as well. Are we on the team that says vaccinations are safe and effective, or are we on the "anti-vax" team? Are we on the team that says one political party has the answers, or are we on the other party's team? Are we on the team that says there should be a cable car running up kunanyi/Mount Wellington, or are we on the team that says there shouldn't? Are we on the team that supports Catholic education, or are we on the team that doesn't?

Of course all of these teams are ones we make up in our own minds. And the problem with them is that they force people into one group or another. There is no in-between. But our world is very complex and volatile, and there isn't really much black-and-white left in the world. But we all crave certainty, so we join these "teams" as a way of getting that. But as soon as we align ourselves to one "team" or another, we will eventually become disappointed. Not only that, we will see the people on the other "team" as less than human. We call them "stupid" or "ignorant" because they don't agree with us.

So how do we avoid joining teams that lead us to seeing others as less than human?

The first thing is to be clear about why we support one thing or another. I supported allied troops in Afghanistan as I believe that all women and girls around the world should have freedom and equal rights to men. However, I had to balance that belief with my uneasiness of this freedom being brought about by warfare. In the end, I wasn't on a team for or against the Taliban. I don't know any of them personally. But what has happened in Afghanistan this week has not changed my belief about women and girls having freedom and access to education and work. That still remains.

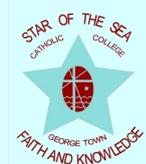
The Star of the Sea Catholic community is not a "team." It is not a case of being for or against us. And we have a responsibility to teach our students not about which "teams" they should join in life, but what values are important that allow the growth and flourishing of not only themselves, but of all in their community.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



If you don't stick to your values when they're being tested, they're not values; they're hobbies. - Jon Stewart

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Social Justice Sunday - 29th August

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Every year the Bishops put out a statement to encourage parishes, schools, and communities to be places of welcome and inclusion and to inspire all people to respond to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged.

This year the theme is 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'. It reflects on the sacramentality of all creation; its wonder and beauty and the need for a conversion and change of life. Pope Francis is calling us all to take up to take up a seven-year journey towards sustainability guided by the seven Laudato Si Goals.

These Goals ask us:

1. Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the earth?
2. Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the poor?
3. Am I considering and acting on ecological economics?
4. How am I fairing with adopting a simpler lifestyle?
5. Am I educating myself and others towards integral ecology to further my awareness and action?
6. How am I faring in developing ecological spirituality?
7. Am I engaging in and participating in community action for care of creation?

(Catholic Earthcare)

As a Presentation School our global Presentation community already embraces these goals in their own action for justice through the International Presentation Association. As Presentation People we share the charism of Nano Nagle. In their statement (2017 IPA Assembly) on who they are as a Presentation community the Sisters write:

"We reach out in faith, in a spirit of hospitality, compassion and simplicity to all of creation.

The cry of the Earth and People made poor call us to continue the mission of Jesus to bring forth a sustainable society founded on respect for Earth, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace."

As a Presentation family we are called to consider these goals in our families and community and work towards achieving them in the ways we choose to live our lives.

Stars of the Week - 19th August 2021

Kinder	Lucas Vincent	For his wonderful imaginative play.
Prep/1	Stephen Gerges	For becoming such a focussed learner and always trying his best in all areas.
Grade 1/2	Evie King	For her consistent effort in all academic areas.
Grade 3/4	Zayden Kerr	For always completing his tasks to the best of his ability. Well done Zayden.
Grade 5/6A	Shekinah MacFarlane	For he wonderful leadership skills and her willingness to extend out of her comfort zone.
Grade 5/6B	Charlotte Power	Super speed and accuracy in her timetables!

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*



Welcome

We welcome Mrs Christina Jahn who will be joining us for the next four weeks. Mrs Jahn is a prac teacher from UTas. She will mainly be working with Mr Goodall for secondary HASS and Mr Chapman for Primary German (where she will be known as Frau Jahn!). We hope her time here is enjoyable.

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).

Staff Movements

Mrs Honeychurch will start her maternity leave in two weeks. We are pleased to announce that she will be replaced by Mrs Michelle Hamburg for the remainder of the year. Mrs Hamburg has a lot of experience teaching in the Northern Territory, especially in the Grade 5/6 area. Mrs Hamburg will join us next week for a transition so the class can get to know her.

Mrs Briscoe is on leave for the next two weeks. Mr Donnelly will take most of her classes.

Mr Chapman is out for quite a few meetings this week and is only at school for small amounts of time. Mr Taylor will take on his responsibilities in his absence.

Music Excursion

The Year 9/10 Music class and 8X Music class will be travelling to Launceston on Friday to watch Scotch Oakburn College's performance of *Shrek*. We thank Dr Rogers for organising this.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our Father's Day Breakfast will be held next Thursday 2nd September. Please RSVP to the office via the note on this newsletter or by ringing the school. It is a great chance for fathers and father-figures to share breakfast with their children.

MYP Surveys

Thank you to everyone who participated in our survey for our Validation process. The surveys are now closed and we look forward to seeing the results from staff, students and parents and carers.

Grade 5/6 Winter Sport

Last week the Grade 5/6 Students travelled to Beaconsfield to participate in their fourth winter sports day for the year. They were able to play a few games of hockey, soccer and netball before the rain settled in and put a halt to the day. The students will be participating in their fifth and last day of winter sports on Friday September 3rd at South George Town Primary School.

Uniform

On Thursday at our Primary Assembly Mr Taylor spoke with all of the students about wearing the correct uniform. It has been a big focus in the Secondary area of the school and will now become a focus in the Primary area. It is important students are wearing the correct uniform on the correct days.

PE uniforms should only be worn on PE days and other non school uniform items such as different jumpers or socks require a note from parents if students are unable to wear the correct uniform.

Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you are having any trouble accessing the correct uniform for your child. Teachers will be keeping a close eye on uniforms over the next couple of weeks.

Secondary Survey

Over the next two weeks Mr Taylor will be visiting each of the Secondary classrooms to conduct a survey. The purpose of this survey is to find out from the students some of the challenges that they may be facing on a regular basis at school. This is a great opportunity for the students to anonymously inform the leadership of school about problems that may be affecting them or others that often goes unnoticed. We will be able to use the data from these surveys to have discussions with certain students, put supports in place where needed and generally get a feel for how everyone is travelling.

Secondary Detentions

Most of you would be aware that in the Secondary area of the school we currently use lunchtime detentions for uniform infringements, chewing gum infringements, being late to class and inappropriate behaviours that require a detention.

For the remainder of the year we are going to use these detentions for students who are refusing to complete classroom activities set during class times. We hope that this is something that is used infrequently, but will work as an encouragement for students who are reluctant to complete set tasks in the classroom.

NHSSA Wednesday & Thursday Sport Roster for this week.

Wednesday: Soccer @ Scotch - Netball - BYE - Hockey @ St. Leonards

Thursday: Netball @ Hoblers Bridge - Soccer @ Scotch - Hockey - BYE

Weather cancellations will be posted on Compass and our Facebook page



Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 2nd September,

7:30am to 8:30am.

Fathers and father-figures are welcome to come to school and enjoy bacon, sausages, eggs, beans and toast. with the students, as well as a chance for a play before work!

For catering purposes please RSVP by Tuesday 31st August.

_____ will attend the Father's Day breakfast with my child/ren _____

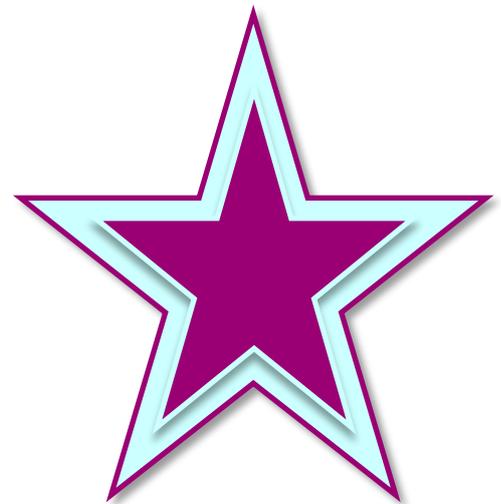
We will be there about (please circle) **7.30am** **7.45am** **8.00am** **8.15am**

Can you please cater for the following dietary requirement/s.--

Shout Out - Term 3, Week 5, 2021

Jai Jacobs	Great focus during phonics work.
Ryda Howard	Remembering to walk safely inside the classroom.
Archie Parker	Excellent reading.
Keegan Leslie	Always doing his best work.
Connor Judd	Remembering to walk safely in the classroom.
Miley MacFarlane	Always being a great friend.
Seth Sturzaker	Great focus with phonics.
Bradley Maney	Working well during class.
Danica Sweet	Reading a tricky book.
Yueni Tan	Reading a tricky book.
Scarlett Baillie	For fabulous focus with all class tasks.
Dyson Bromley	Quick thinking in Maths.
Stephen Gerges	Reading a tricky book.
Chantz Brown	Excellent reading.
Carlie Lowe	Always producing great work.
Daniel McConnell	Always displaying great manners.
Rilee Brown	Trying hard to make her writing neater.
Mia Syms	Listening well in library lesson.
Bernard Moore	Displaying great understanding in our History unit.
Maverick Watson	Great focus with all tasks.
Karol Gerges	Always displaying great manners.
Toby Jones	Focus with all classwork.
Michael Laughren	Reading a tricky book.
Maddison Hyland	Being respectful during assembly.
Enoch Daire	Listening well in library lesson.
Niklaus QM	Quick thinking in Maths.
Rosemary Laughren	Helping others in her class.
Ruby McDonald	Great Maths work.
Lindsie Barrett	Being a helpful member of P/1.
Zayden Kerr	Working so hard in all areas.
Grace Mahnken	Being a self directed learning focused student.
Leo Linley	Being a self directed learning focused learner.
Ashton Ratcliffe	For remembering his German Lesson.
Darcie Power	Great behaviour at assembly.
Chase Davis	Reading a tricky book.
Chad Jenkins	Sitting and listening well in assembly.
Chase Davis	Being a helpful member of P/1.

You are a Star



PBS Focus: We are respectful and safe when we sit down to eat our recess and lunch.

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2021

Luke Chapman

Taylor Thomson-Strain

Well done!

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Ashton Ratcliffe for remembering his German lesson. 30min free time.

Niklaus Quilty-Maguire for quick thinking in maths. Lunch with Mr Taylor

Term 3

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

Year 5/6 Art

In Art this term, Year 5/6 students have been making colourful puppets using one sheet of A2 paper. First the required shapes were cut, then decorated with oil pastels and an ink wash before being constructed into puppets using adhesive tape. The end results are amazing and all the students should be proud of their handy work.



BOOK WEEK





