

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

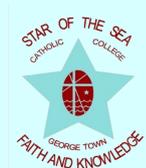
## Newsletter

31st August 2021

### From the Principal

Culture does not  
make people. People  
make culture. -  
Chimamanda Ngozi  
Adichie

Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.



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#### ***The culture of our school is something we need to continually work on.***

I have been doing a lot of travelling recently and to keep from losing focus I listen to podcasts. The one I have been listening to at the moment is *Nice White Parents*. It tells the story of a public school in New York, USA, and how white parents have affected it's progress throughout its history, whether or not they have children who attend the school.

The first episode of the podcast starts with the school low on numbers. White parents are reluctant to send their children to the school, probably because its students are predominantly "black or brown." However, one white parent decides to organise other white parents and they all decide to send their children to the school with the promise of a French program, something that the current parents of children at the school have no say in and don't particularly want. All of a sudden, there is an influx of white children at the school, and this causes a dramatic shift in culture.

School culture is sometimes hard to pinpoint but is one of the most important things for a school to work on. Culture is most simply defined as "the way we do things around here." When new students come to Star of the Sea, especially when they come from other schools, they have to try to adapt to our culture, "the way we do things." For some students, the adaptation is easy, but for others it is a big struggle.

Sometimes new students want to try to change the culture of the school to suit them. This is usually shown out in their behaviour, either in class or in the playground. Unfortunately for these students, it almost always ends badly as the culture is too big to shift and most of the other students are happy with the culture of the school. These students either have a miserable time at Star of the Sea or they leave the school and look for somewhere else which suits their idea of how the culture should be.

Sometimes the culture of the school has to shift. "The way we do things around here" may have been okay 10 or 20 years ago, but it is not okay now. These shifts often correspond to shifts in culture in the society. In the last 10 years we have seen big shifts of attitudes towards First Nations people and towards sexual harassment. These shifts have been for the better and we will hopefully continue to see improvements in these areas.

The culture of our school is something we need to continually work on. If we fail to reflect on our culture and make sure that it is a healthy one, the school can become an unenjoyable place very quickly. If we want to have a welcoming culture, we need to make sure we are doing things that ensure people feel welcome at our school. We need to make sure we aren't seen as some sort of "elitist" school, but instead a place where all in the community are welcome.

The Star of the Sea Catholic community has a welcoming and positive culture at the moment, but that doesn't mean we sit back and do nothing. God calls all of us to ensure that our community is a *sacramental* community, that is, a community which is a sign of God's love and mercy here in George Town.

**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.*

## Year 1/2 Book Week Library Excursion

The Year 1/2 class took a Book Week trip to the library. They played at the park, read some fabulous books and took part in some super fun activities.



### Stars of the Week - 26th August 2021

Kinder	Chad Jenkins	For always being a great listener and working hard in all Kinder activities.
Prep/1	Dyson Bromley	For his fantastic work on addition and amazing recall of his friends of 10 and doubles facts.
Grade 1/2	Brock Holden	For his consistent effort in learning his sounds.
Grade 3/4	Ruby McDonald	For her consistent effort in all learning areas. Well done Ruby.
Grade 5/6A	Shiloh Leslie	For the focus and determination she placed on improving her knowledge in Science.
Grade 5/6B	Ruby Gower	For her enthusiasm towards improving her creative writing skills.

## 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 **Wednesday 1st September**

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.--

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## 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*



## 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 are 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 check 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.
- Please check in using the Check In Tas app if entering any buildings.

## Welcome

This week we welcome Mrs Michelle Hamburg to our staff. Mrs Hamburg will be taking over Mrs Honeychurch's Grade 5/6 class for the remainder of the year whilst Mrs Honeychurch is on maternity leave. We hope she enjoys her time here.

## Good Luck Mrs Honeychurch

Mrs Honeychurch finishes this week as she looks forward to a new arrival. We wish Mrs Honeychurch and Toby well in this exciting time in their lives.

## Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10s are on work experience this week. We wish them well and thank the businesses which are taking on the students and Mr Cook for all of his organisation.

## Father's Day Breakfast

This Thursday morning will see our Father's Day breakfast from 7:30am in the Hall. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, could you please do so by tomorrow morning, or else there may not be enough food for everyone!

## Staff Movements

Mr Chapman was away yesterday and this morning, but should be back in for the rest of the week.  
Mrs Briscoe finishes her leave this week and should be back next Monday.  
Some of our secondary staff are out for Moderation meetings this week.

## Presentation Day

Next Thursday 9th September some of our Grade 6 students will be joined by students from Sacred Heart and St Finn Barr's as we host a day where the schools come together and explore their common bond - all three schools are Presentation schools. The day will involve the students finding out about Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. This is the first time we have held this event, and if it goes well we are looking at making it an annual event.

## Secondary Winter Sport

This week sees the first week of finals for some of our secondary Winter Sport teams. We wish them well as they strive for a place in next week's Grand Finals.

## 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)).

## Before school duties

Over the past few weeks we have noticed that some students are arriving at school very early. Please note that the school's official duty of care doesn't start until 8:30am. This means that if students are arriving before 8:30am there will be no supervision for them. Teachers are also not required to open their classrooms until 8:30am. If there is a need to drop off a child early, it is best that they are dropped off at school as close to 8:30am as possible. If this causes problems, please feel free to talk to Mr Taylor about it as we might be able to work out a solution.

## George Town Football Club

On Friday night Axle Sturzaker was invited to the NTJFA Presentation Night. Axle polled 13 votes for the Under 12 Division 2 competition and came 10th overall. Well done to Axle on a great individual effort.

## College Statement of Fees

Dear Parents, with the introduction of the Compass Portal, we are moving forward with paperless accounts and statements which now will be emailed to parents as of next month.

We ask that parents please log in to your Compass App, check that your email address is correct, and/or update it through the Compass App if necessary. If you are unable to access your Compass App, please contact the College office.

### NHSSA Wednesday & Thursday Sport Roster for this week.

**Wednesday:** Soccer @ Birch Avenue - Hockey @ St. Leonards - Netball finished for the season

**Thursday:** Netball @ Hoblers Bridge - Soccer @ Birch Avenue - Hockey - No game

**Weather cancellations will be posted on Compass and our Facebook page**

## Shout Out - Term 3, Week 6, 2021

Luis Lee	Quietly packing up.
Finley Upston	Great listening at assembly.
Jackson Smith	Beautiful handwriting.
William Power	Quiet attentive behaviour.
Thomas Smith	Being helpful.
Lachlan Crick	Speaking well in assembly.
Ether Daire	Sitting quietly during assembly.
Dyson Bromley	Super quick answers with double dominoes.
Ruby Gower	Helping clean up after assembly.
Charlotte Judd	Packing up quickly and quietly.
Jai Jacobs	Engaged learner.
Brock Holden	Working hard on his hand writing.
Rilee Brown	Super quick answers with double dominoes.
Arthur Millen	Working Hard on his hand writing.
Wyatt Parkes	Trying his best with his writing.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Trying her best with her writing.
Bronte Heppel	Packing up quickly and quietly.
Danica Sweet	Great music lesson.
Ruby Davidson	Excellent behaviour in assembly.
Miley MacFarlane	Such a great actress.
Bernard Moore	Always does his best in drama.
Alby Hawkins	A beautifully detailed aboriginal colouring.
Vanessa Linley	Fantastic weekend writing all by herself.
Brock Holden	Beautiful handwriting.
Rilee Brown	A great music lesson.
Maddison Hyland	Helping in our P/1 class.
Evie King	Beautiful handwriting.
Seth Sturzaker	Engaged in his learning.
Lindsie Barrett	Extra writing with her weekend handwriting.
Chantz Brown	An excellent discussions about honey.
Evie King	Excellent behaviour in assembly.
Ashton Ratcliffe	Being responsible and safe when taking a younger student across the road.
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Indiana Cartwright	Helping in our P/1 class.
Darcie Power	Great listening at assembly.

You are a Star

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

**This weeks Shout Out winners are:**

**Archie Parker** for excellent sound work.

**Sophia Giles** for knowing all her sounds.

### Term 3

**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 3/4 excursion to Bass and Flinders

On Monday the Year 3-4 class went to the Bass and Flinders Centre to learn more about the explorers George Bass and Matthew Flinders.

While we were there we also had the chance to see many wooden boats. We were able to hop on board one of the biggest boats called the Norfolk and were able to see what it looked like in the cabins.

We also got to hear the story of Trim the cat, who was born on board the boat HMS Reliance and belonged to Matthew Flinders.

We learned that Matthew Flinders was the first explorer to refer to our country as Australia.

We all enjoyed our visit.



## Run from the Sun visit Secondary students

Yesterday secondary students had a visit from Ken Harriss and Di Mason from "Run from the Sun". They talked about Skin Cancer awareness and the importance of protection and prevention.

