

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

12th October 2021

From the Principal

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Recent reports have suggested that a record number of Australians are looking to change their job. Apparently up to 40% are wanting to change their employment, whilst over 20% are actively seeking new work. The suggestion is that, in the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, people are re-assessing their lives and their work-life balance after lockdowns.

40% seems quite high, and whilst I am sure that there are some people in work they would rather not be in but stay in it for an income, we can't help wonder if some of this high percentage is due to people thinking that if they change jobs they will be happier.

Of course this can cause problems, because what happens when a person changes work thinking they will be happier, only to find that they aren't? Many things can affect how happy we are at work. Who we work with, who we work for, whether the job is stimulating and how it affects our lives. But the thing that affects whether or not we are happy at work the most is our own attitude towards it. If we have a negative attitude towards our work, we can guarantee we won't be happy in the job. Conversely, we are more likely to be happy at our work if we approach it in a positive way.

Teachers have a very hard job. I don't know how it rates against other jobs, but teaching is one of the few jobs where each day you enter an environment and interact with between 20 and 100 students over the course of 6 hours, hoping that all of those interactions are positive, but knowing that a lot of the time it will depend upon what each student brings to the table and how they are feeling that day. On top of that, teachers are required to teach these students something, prepare their classes so that they are interesting for the students, organise resources, write reports, correct work, attend meetings, administer basic first aid, organise excursions or events, and manage any issues that arise during the day. It's no wonder that sometimes teachers long to have a job where they are only required to sit in a drive-through of a fast food restaurant and ask "Would you like fries with that?"!

But of course teachers know to come with a positive attitude towards their work (you don't last long in the profession without one), because teachers are aware of the difference that they make in the lives of the students. They don't always see it at the time, but ask any teacher and they will tell you stories of students who have come up to them in the street years later to talk about the impact that the teacher had.

Later this month we will recognise World Teacher's Day. It is a chance for us to be thankful for all of the teachers who work hard every day to make a difference in the lives of the students. We are very lucky to have the great teachers we do here at Star of the Sea. May we take the opportunity to thank them for their positive attitude towards their work and the impact that that attitude has on our young people.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



A teacher affects
eternity; he can never
tell where his
influence stops.
- Henry Adams.

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Friday 29 October 2021

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Term 4

Monday 11th October	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 12th October	Bell Bay Aluminium Tree Planting
Wednesday 13th October	Little Stars begins
Tuesday 19th October	Year 7 2022 Transition morning
Friday 29th October	World Teacher's Day; Athletics Carnival (PM)
Monday 1st November	Recreation Day Holiday
Wednesday 3rd November	3-10 Athletics Carnival (full day)
Friday 5th November	Star of the Sea Validation
Tuesday 9th November	Year 7 2022 Orientation Day
Wednesday 10th November	TPSSA Swimming Carnival
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 19th November	Presentation Feast Day
Monday 29th November	Year 10 Exam week begins
Thursday 9th December	Last Day for Year 10s; Year 10 Presentation Evening
Monday 13th December	Year 10 Leaver's Dinner
Thursday 16th December	Last day for students; End of Year Assembly
Friday 17th December	Last day for staff

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 Vaccinations

The state Government has announced that bookings for COVID vaccinations are now open to 12 to 15 year olds. At this stage there are no plans to have vaccinations here at the College, so we would encourage parents and carers to book vaccinations by ringing the Tasmanian Public Health hotline (1800 671 738) or booking online. Bookings can also be made at the George Town Medical Centre.

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

We welcome Darcy (Year 8), Chase (Grade 4) and Tristan (Grade 1) and their families to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

Mr Duncan is on leave for the first two weeks of this term. His classes will be taken by Ms Gaye.

Mrs Armstrong is on leave this week.

We welcome back Miss Tyeisha Hinds who will be continuing her UTas teacher prac placement with us for the first 4 weeks of this term.

2022 Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for all year levels 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).

Grandparent's Day

We will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Friday 29th October. Grandparents are welcome to join the Primary students in the Church for a prayer at 2:10pm. This will be followed by an afternoon tea in the Hall at 3:00pm. Students whose grandparents are there are welcome to join them after school. Please RSVP using the form on this newsletter.

In Our Prayers

We keep in our prayer the family of Austin Giles, who died towards the end of last term. Austin was a student at Star of the Sea between 2006-2015

*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.
Amen*

Star on TV

No, your eyes do not deceive you. If you look carefully at the new Timberlink ad on TV you will indeed see Star of the Sea students paying a part. Well done to Ella, Damien, Molly and Tyler from Year 9 and Areesha from Year 8 for helping out.

Transition

Our Kinder transition, Little Stars, will begin tomorrow afternoon. It will run on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 3pm. The next morning for Year 7 Transition is next Tuesday 19th October.

RYDA

This Friday our Year 10s will participate in the Rotary Young Driver Awareness program. This program is a community road safety initiative delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and passengers.

Sunsmart Policy

During Terms 1 and 4 it is a requirement for all primary aged students to wear a hat when they are participating in activities outside. There have been plenty of reminders for our students in the lead up to the end of last term and therefore there shouldn't be any excuses for students to not have a hat for times when they are outside. This includes recess and lunch times and when participating in sport. If students do not have a hat during these times they will have to sit in the shade and will not be able to participate. Our uniform shop is available on Thursday afternoons if families need to purchase a new hat. Please be mindful that a note from home doesn't allow a student to just be exempt from wearing a hat when outside. This is a rule put in place to keep students safe and encourage sun safety at school. Secondary students are not required to wear a hat, however they are encouraged to do so. Sunscreen is always available in the school office if they need it.

Music and Drama Room

Our Music and Drama Room has been out of action for two terms, but it is now getting closer to being ready! The roofers have been working on it throughout the holidays and we hope it will be ready in the next couple of weeks.

Information for Parents

A few weeks ago, we announced in the newsletter that accounts would be going electronic and via email. We also asked for parents to check their email address through their Compass App and make any necessary changes.

First accounts have been sent through email. For those parents who do not have an email address, hard copies will be sent via postage.

We ask if you do not receive an account, either by email or postage, please contact the College Finance Office. Please note if accounts are being emailed to one parent this does not take away the joint liability of the other parent.

It will be in your best interest to add your email address in the Compass App.

Enrolment Form updates from CEO

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible educational experience, Catholic Education has continued to monitor and revise the Terms and Conditions which apply in all Catholic Education Commission Tasmania schools. We will therefore be introducing a small number of updates to the Terms and Conditions, which will apply to all current enrolments continued in 2021 as well as to new enrolments from 2022. The updated forms will be sent home via Compass this week, but please contact the College Office if you require a hard copy.

Term 3 Awards

Application to Learning

Kinder	Chad Jenkins
Prep	Stephen Gerges
Grade 1	Evie King
Grade 2	Archie Parker
Grade 3	Scarlett Baillie
Grade 4	Maverick Watson
Grade 5	Jessie Anlezark

Merit Awards

Year 7

Drew Daniels - effort and application
Belynda Hyland - effort and application
Jennifer Munro - effort and application
Austin Evans - effort and application

Year 8

Luke Chapman - effort in English
Miya Webb - effort and application
Hayley Ford - consistent effort
Alex Rigby-Smith - improved application

Year 9

Noah McDowell-Gray - sportsmanship and determination
Ezra Wighton - sportsmanship and determination
Keegan Jacobs - effort and application
Ella Erb - effort and application

Grade 10

Azalea Lewis - effort and application
Jaxen Berne - outstanding presentation skills
Ella Vanderzwan - application to learning



Shout Out - Term 3, Week 10, 2021

Thomas Smith	Always listening to teacher's instructions.
Brock Holden	His Maths efforts.
William Singline	Great relaxation.
Brooke Baillie	Always following teacher's instructions.
Brock Holden	Excellent number work.
Thomas Singline	Excellent work on blends and digraphs.
Wyatt Parkes	Great effort in his reading group.
Chantz Brown	Excellent number work.
Bronte Heppel	Great relaxation.
Archie Parker	Excellent number work.
Jarod Fisher	Listening well and staying calm.
Wyatt Parkes	Excellent behaviour at Regent's Park.
Declan Anlezark	Facing his fears.
Bronte Heppel	Great handwriting.
Chelsie Jenkins	Excellent work on blends and digraphs.
Malakai Hyland	Great effort in his reading group.
Zoe Gillies	Excellent HASS work.
Thomas Singline	Improvement in handwriting.
Arthur Millen	Beautiful handwriting

You are a Star

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2021

Dakota Joslin

Maddison Westergreen

Well done!

Shout Out winners are:

Ashton Ratcliffe

Dante Saunders

Bienvinido Bennett

Chelsea Jenkins

Maddi Sturzaker

Grandparent's Day Celebration

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RSVP by Thursday 28th October

I/we _____ are the Grandparents of _____
and I/we will be attending the Grandparent's Day celebrations:

Church Prayer

Afternoon Tea

Dietary requirements: _____