

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

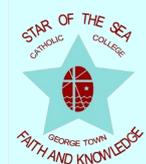
## Newsletter

26th October 2021

### From the Principal

Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do, and what is right to do. - Potter Stewart.

Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.



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I have been very disappointed that, now that my whole family has had their second COVID vaccine, our internet access hasn't improved, none of us has become magnetic, and there hasn't been any evidence of the Government tracking our every movement (because I live a really interesting life; going to school, going home, going to the supermarket - the sort of stuff Governments would want to know about).

My Year 9 Religion class has been looking at ethics, and, in particular, different ethical frameworks. We have taken the opportunity to look at the idea of mandatory vaccinations, and whether people in certain professions should be forced to have a COVID vaccine. Last week I read an article from the newspaper where an AFL footballer had said that it was "ethically wrong" to make vaccines mandatory for AFL players. We discussed the idea of what he said being right, but only from the point of view of his ethical framework. Someone else could say the opposite from the point of view of another ethical framework and also be correct.

We live in a world where people make decisions from all different points of view. For some, it's all about the common good. We make decisions based on if they are good for the community in which we live and function. When we watch advertisements promoting vaccines, this is what they are usually based around. People on the ad will talk about the choice to get a vaccine protecting our families and our community. Ads for the Check In Tas app are based on the same idea.

For others, it's about rights. All of us have rights, and one of our rights is to choose whether we have vaccines or not. When we see protests on TV we notice that the people protesting are holding signs and using language based around rights and freedom.

For yet others, it's about virtues - good qualities that we hope to have and develop. We see this in action when people tell us that getting a vaccine is about doing the right thing, being a hero, or being loyal to your family or community.

All of these points of view are fine, but all of them can also be taken to the extreme. Problems arise when we expect everyone to have the same point of view as us, and we get angry, or don't understand it, when they don't. Things go wrong when people aren't prepared to listen to each other. We see this on social media as "keyboard warriors" tell anyone who cares to listen what they should be doing, but don't stop to listen to others.

So why did I choose to get vaccinated? In my case it is for the common good. I feel that, as a leader within the Star of the Sea Catholic community, I need to do my best to ensure none of the staff or students picks up a virus from me. I would find it hard to justify to a parent whose child has ended up in hospital because of me that the Principal has a right not to be vaccinated, however true that may be. The parent would probably reply that their child has a right to go to school in a safe environment! In my case, there are times for rights and times for the common good.

We will all come across difficult decisions in our lives, and we can only make those decisions from the frameworks we know. But whatever the case, what is just as important is listening to each other and gaining an understanding about why others choose differently to us. God didn't make everyone the same, so to become the people God wants us to be, we have to be prepared to listen deeply to others.

**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.*

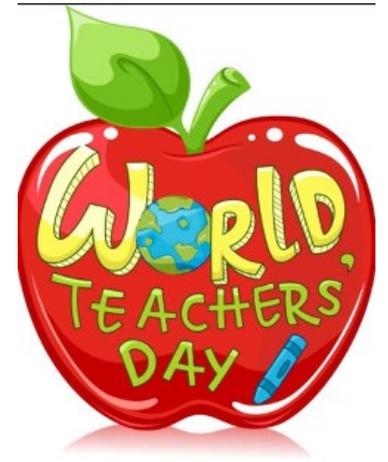
# Religious Education and Faith Development

“No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house.” (Matthew 5:15)

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers' Day and the essential role teachers play throughout the world. The theme this year is 'Leading in Crisis- Re-imagining the Future.' This is an appropriate theme as teachers throughout history have continued to share knowledge with their students and develop appropriate skills to encourage independent learning. Through two world wars to the present there have been numerous crises where teachers have guided young people to imagine a better future and to navigate the many challenges they could face.

Teachers help students to re-imagine and work towards a world that is just, peaceful and compassionate. As a Presentation College, living out the values of Nano Nagle, our teachers aspire to shine a light for all our students. We want our young people to develop their gifts and reach their true potential. We encourage them to strive for a more just world and to always be welcoming, inclusive and kind in their dealings with others.

On the 29th of October let's thank our teachers and teachers throughout the world who are a guiding light for the many students they teach.



Heart  
Spirituality  
Attentiveness



Hospitality  
Compassion



*'God who lights the darkness within our world,  
thank you for the gift of teachers.  
Be with them and inspire them with hope  
as they continue to plant the seeds of learning  
and instil in our young people the resilience  
skills and vision to reimagine and work towards a  
better future.'*

Amen

## Stars of the Week - 21st October 2021

|            |                  |   |
|------------|------------------|---|
| Kinder     | Enoch Daire      | For always contributing interesting facts at discussion times.            |
| Prep/1     | Bronte Heppel    | For her participation in whole group discussions.                         |
| Grade 1/2  | Tristan Ackerly  | For an excellent start at Star of the Sea.                                |
| Grade 3/4  | Daniel McConnell | For always working so hard with all activities that are presented to him. |
| Grade 5/6A | Ashton Meessen   | For demonstrating great leadership with Year 5 team building.             |
| Grade 5/6B | Jaxsyn Pollock   | For showing great courage at working on improving his mathematical skills |

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://www.starsea.tas.edu.au)).

## Staff Movements

We welcome back Natasha McCutcheon who continues her teaching prac with us (which was delayed due to COVID last year). Mrs McCutcheon will be working with Mrs Davis in the Grade 5/6 class.

Next Tuesday sees Mr Goodall begin 4 weeks of leave. His classes will be taken by Ms Gaye.

## Grandparent's Day

We will be celebrating our Grandparents this Thursday 28th October. Grandparents are welcome to join us for prayer in the Church at 2:10pm, followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. Grandchildren can join their grandparents for afternoon tea at the end of school.

## College Board

This year sees a few of our Board members finishing their term on the College Board, so we are seeking replacements. The College Board is an advisory board which meets about six times per year for about 1 hour. We are seeking parents and/or friends of the College who are interested in supporting the Principal and the College through this role. If you would like to nominate either yourself or someone else, please contact the College office.

## College Athletics Carnival

As our student population has grown bigger over the years, it has become harder for us to fit our 3-10 Athletics Carnival into one day whilst still giving everyone a chance to be involved. Therefore we have decided to run this year's carnival over one and a half days.

- The first half day will occur this Friday October 29th starting from about 12pm here at the College. It will see us hold events like high jump, long jump, javelin and 800m.
- The second full day will be held next Wednesday 3rd November at St Leonard's Athletics Centre. The remainder of the events will be held on this day.

More information will be provided closer to the days. Timetable included. A Kinder-Grade 2 Athletics Carnival will be held at a later date.

## World Teachers' Day

Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 29 October 2021.

Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

On Friday 29 October, you can say a big thank you to teachers by posting a photo in your sunglasses on Twitter or Facebook, either on your own or with family or friends.

Use these tags: #BrightFuture @aitsl



## Recreation Day

Next Monday, 1st November is Recreation Day, a public holiday in the north of the state. The school will be closed on this day.



Our Grade 1/2 can't believe what was in the box they found.

## Term 4

|                         |   |
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| Thursday 28th October   | Grandparent's Day                                   |
| Friday 29th October     | World Teachers' 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 12th November    | Disco   |
| Wednesday 17th November | NHSSA Athletics                                     |
| Friday 19th November    | Presentation Feast Day                              |
| Thursday 25th November  | Secondary Triathlon Challenge                       |
| Friday 26th November    | Primary Triathlon Challenge                         |
| Monday 29th November    | Year 10 Exam week begins                            |
| Thursday 9th December   | Last Day for Year 10s; Year 10 Presentation Evening |
| Friday 10th December    | George Town Christmas Parade.                       |
| Monday 13th December    | Year 10 Leavers Dinner                              |
| Thursday 16th December  | Last day for students; End of Year Assembly         |
| Friday 17th December    | Last day for staff                                  |

## Shout Out - Term 4, Week 2, 2021

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Ryder Hawkins          | Practising for assembly.                    |
| Chelsie Jenkins        | Excellent reading.                          |
| Huntar Carnie          | Excellent reading.                          |
| Declan Anlezark        | Practising for assembly.                    |
| Evie King              | Practising for assembly.                    |
| Macey Crick            | Practising for assembly.                    |
| Darcy Power            | Getting all her spelling words correct.     |
| Maliah Cunningham      | Clever reading.                             |
| Jackson Smith          | Excellent spelling.                         |
| Thomas Singline        | Excellent reading.                          |
| Brooke Baillie         | Getting all her spelling words correct.     |
| Vanessa Linley         | Super fast work.                            |
| Dyson Bromley          | Getting all her spelling words correct.     |
| Leo Batte              | Great listening at assembly.                |
| Tristan Ackerly        | Great respectful listening in assembly.     |
| Alby Hawkins           | Great listening at assembly.                |
| Niklaus Quilty Maguire | Getting all his spelling words correct.     |
| Stephen Gerges         | Clever reading on a book.                   |
| Malakai Hyland         | Clever maths work.                          |
| Malakai Hyland         | Getting our classroom ready in the morning. |

# You are a Star

### Shout Out winners are:

**Bronte Heppel** for excellent partner work. Bronte will chose a prize later.

**Sarah Summers** for looking out for her friends. Sarah chose lunch with Mr Taylor

**PBS Focus - SAFE:** "We are safe when we wear a wide brimmed hat outside."



## Grandparent's Day Celebration

Thursday 28th 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.



**RSVP by Wednesday 27th October**

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

**Church Prayer**

**Afternoon Tea**

**Dietary requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival 2021



## Day One Events Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

| Event – Year | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 | Year 7/8 | Year 9/10 |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Javelin      | Nil      | Nil      | 1:30pm   | 2:15pm    |
| High Jump    | Nil      | Nil      | 2:15pm   | 1:30pm    |
| Long Jump    | 1:30pm   | 2:15pm   | 12:00pm  | 12:45pm   |
| 800m         | 2:15pm   | 1:30pm   | 12:45pm  | 12:00pm   |



## Day Two Field Events Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

| Event – Year        | Year 3/4         | Year 5/6         | Year 7/8 | Year 9/10 |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Triple Jump x Pitts | 9:50am           | 10:40am          | 11:30am  | 12:20pm   |
| Discus x 2 Fields   | 10:40am (Vortex) | 11:30am (Vortex) | 12:20am  | 9:50am    |
| Shot Put x Fields   | 11:30am          | 12:20pm          | 9:50am   | 10:40am   |
| Tug of War          | 12:20pm          | 9:50am           | 10:40am  | 11:30am   |

## Day Two Track Program Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

| Event - Year | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 9       | 10      |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Relays       | 10:00am |         |         |         | 10:30am |         |         |         |
| 400m         | 11:00am | 11:10am | 11:20am | 11:30am | 11:40am | 11:50am | 12:00pm | 12:10pm |
| 200m         | 12:25pm | 12:30pm | 12:35pm | 12:45pm | 12:50pm | 12:55pm | 1:00pm  | 1:05pm  |
| 100m         | 1:10pm  | 1:15pm  | 1:20pm  | 1:25pm  | 1:30pm  | 1:35pm  | 1:40pm  | 1:45pm  |

# Hidden Things

an invitation for women to  
a day of prayer, reflection and discovery



*she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Luke 7:38*

**Saturday 20th November**  
10am—3pm

**Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre**

123 Abbott Street, Newstead

Cost: \$30 (including lunch)

**Facilitators: Maureen O'Halloran & Belinda Chapman**

Bookings: By 16th November

[belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com)

or 0418 141 171 or using the QR code



Please contact Emmanuel directly if you require accommodation before or after: 63 34 1082