

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.
- Henri Nouwen

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Do we go looking for the joy that students, and our own children, bring us?

On the weekend a comment was made to me by a member of the community that I must get a lot of joy from seeing new, young students come into the school. He was speaking about the idea of the life and energy they have at that age, with the whole life to look forward to. I joked to him that students don't always bring us joy, sometimes they can be hard work! But his point got me thinking - do we go looking for the joy that students, and our own children, bring us?

Newborns often bring us a lot of joy with their cuteness and their innocence. But they also can bring us lots of worry and sleepless nights with feeding and changing nappies.

Toddlers often bring us joy as they learn about the world in such an energetic way. But they can also bring us frustration with their tantrums.

Children can bring us joy as they grow and learn and we start to recognise their own unique personalities. But they can also bring us worry when we feel they aren't learning or developing as we want.

Teenagers can bring us joy as we look at them in wonder as they become young adults and as they gradually show their maturity. But they can also bring us annoyance when they act a bit too...teenagerish.

But the point is, when we stop and reflect on the development of our children, the joy can be in the worry and the frustration and the annoyance. Because the frustration and worry and annoyance is only there because we love our children. If that love wasn't there, neither would be the other emotions we feel. So the joy comes in recognizing how much we truly love our children.

So do I get joy from students at our school? Of course I do. Whether it be Kinder students who are still at the point of using their imagination for play, or teenagers who start to show their potential and start building in confidence, each and every student gives us reason for joy each day if we bother to look for it.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community, finding joy is important for us if we are truly to become who God calls us to be. Because God calls us to be people who recognize each other as human beings and, in doing so, recognize what joy each human being can bring to the world.



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

“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard...”

This quote from the Acts of the Apostles, chosen by Pope Francis, has been chosen for this year's theme for World Mission Day 2021. Pope Francis chose this theme as he believes that once we have experienced the power of God's love in our personal lives and in our community, we cannot help but live out the Gospel in our words and our actions.

Pope Francis explains that Jesus' special relationship with his disciples shows us God's great love for us. God is there in our joys and in our suffering. Friendship with Jesus draws us into gratitude and joy. It also reminds us that things can be different. In our present challenges that have isolated us from family friends across Australia, we have also been made more aware of the pain, solitude, injustice, and poverty many have experienced. Many people who were frail or vulnerable have experienced even greater vulnerability.

But there is hope through the risen Jesus if we listen to with our hearts to his message and find creative ways to reach out to others with compassion and love. Because God loved us first, we are called to respond to those around us with love. As Francis says, “Love is always on the move... Everything we have received is meant to be put to good use, freely shared with others.



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 14th October 2021

Kinder	Jackson Summers	For working so hard to produce a beautiful spring picture.
Prep/1	Kirra-Lyla Harris	For her beautiful colourful artwork and for becoming a more confident writer.
Grade 1/2	Ashton Ratcliffe	For being a mature and helpful leader in the 1/2 class.
Grade 3/4	Jai Jacobs	For working hard in all areas. Well done, Jai.
Grade 5/6A	Maddison Hyland	For trying your best in all learning areas.
Grade 5/6B	Lucinda Hockey	For a wonderful effort at writing an interesting and intriguing story about “The Nadia.”

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.

Grandparent's Day

We will be celebrating Grandparents Day next 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. Please RSVP using the form on this newsletter. There will be no Primary Assembly on this day.

Staff Movements

Mr Duncan is on leave for this week of this term. His classes will be taken by Ms Gaye.

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).

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.

International Day of the Girl Child

Our Grade 5 and 6 girls will participate in an event run by the Soroptimists this Thursday based around the International Day of the Girl Child. We thank the Soroptimists for organizing the event.



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 on 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 the following 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.

A Kinder-Grade 2 Athletics Carnival will be held at a later date.

In the Event of a Lockdown...

Last Friday's decision by the State Government to put Hobart into lockdown is a reminder to us all as to how fast things can change. A reminder to parents and carers that, should we go into lockdown and students are required to learn from home, our main method of communication about schoolwork will be through Compass. We would ask all parents and carers to be able to access Compass quickly and easily. If you are having trouble accessing Compass, please contact the College office (Ph: 6382 1242).

Sunsmart Policy

This week teachers will be monitoring students in the yard and if they are not wearing a wide brimmed hat they will be asked to sit in the shade. Please note that caps, unless they are a legionnaires' hat, are not suitable for wearing when outside at school, and students with caps will also be asked to sit in the shade. Each of the primary classrooms have sunscreen available in them for the students to use. If your child has any allergies to sunscreen can you please let their classroom teacher be aware of this. Secondary students are not required to wear a hat when in the yard, however they are encouraged to do so. Sunscreen is also available for them at the school office.

Inappropriate Online and Television Content

It's not uncommon for students to share with their peers at school some of the things that they watch on TV and when scrolling the internet watching the vast variety of videos that are available. Often students come across content that may not be appropriate for their viewing. No doubt during the holidays many students, including primary aged students, were given opportunities to browse online content and streaming services such as Netflix. It is important for parents and carers to ensure that parental controls are in place to protect their children from viewing inappropriate content. Some of the content that students can access is definitely not suitable for their age. It is also important for parents to monitor their students' internet usage. The current guidelines suggest that children aged between 5 and 17 should be only accessing screen time for recreational purposes no longer than 2 hours per day. Sometimes parents and carers may be unaware if a particular program is or isn't appropriate. Parents and carers are always invited to catch up with a staff member and ask the question, "My child has been watching and I don't know if that's appropriate or not. Do you know about this show?"

Basketball

Last Thursday saw the NHSSA Basketball roster begin and the College will have two teams competing, a girls team coached by Mrs Stewart and a boys team coached by Mr Davis. We wish them the best of luck for the season.

German Poster Competition - Goethe Wettbewerb

Last term our Primary German students from Grade 3-6 participated in a German poster competition with other schools around Tasmania where German is taught. The students performed very well and the following were successful:

Grade 3 - 1st place: Scarlett Baillie;
Honourable mention: Ruby McDonald

Grade 4 - 3rd place: Karol Gerges;
Honourable mention: Miley MacFarlane

Grade 5 - 3rd place: Maddison Hyland

Grade 6 - 3rd place: Isabelle Anlezark;
Honourable mention: Shekinah MacFarlane



Shout Out - Term 4, Week 1, 2021

Jackson Summers	Listening to the teacher.
Demetrious Quilty Maguire	Excellent partner work.
Wyatt Parkes	Being a good friend.
Chantz Brown	Excellent work with Mrs Radford.
Bronte Heppel	Excellent partner work.
Tristan Ackerly	An excellent start to Term 4.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	Working extremely hard.
Malakai Hyland	Excellent work with Mrs Radford.
Brock Holden	Excellent reading.
Sarah Summers	Looking out for her friends.
Shiloh Leslie	Helping with breakfast club.
Matilda Trotter	Helping with breakfast club.
Billy Power	Offering to help out when seeing a need.

You are a Star



Shout Out winners are:

Matilda Trotter for helping with breakfast club. Matilda chose a pick from the prize box.

Malakai Hyland for excellent work with Mrs Radford. Malakai chose a \$5 newsagent voucher.

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2021

Hannah Kamel & Amber Webb

Well done!

Term 4

Thursday 28th October	Grandparent's Day
Friday 29th October	World Teacher's Day
	Athletics Carnival Day 1 @ Star of the Sea College (PM)
Monday 1st November	Recreation Day Holiday
Wednesday 3rd November	3-10 Athletics Carnival Day 2 @ St. Leonards (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	College Disco
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

Grandparent's Day Celebration

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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: _____



*Photos are of the Prep and Grade 6 students who participated in the
Bell Bay Aluminium tree planting excursion last Tuesday.*