

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

God's plans for you are bigger than your plans for yourself.

- Pastor Joseph Prince

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Sometimes things happen in our lives that we see as devastating.

I was watching a movie recently called *A Walk to Remember*. The story was about a young lady who was dying from leukaemia, but through the process she had had things happen which led to a fulfilling life. Towards the end of the movie, when she was reflecting upon her life, she stated to her fiancé that "Maybe God has a bigger plan for me than I had for myself."

I remembered the quote again whilst watching another movie called *Penguin Bloom*, which told the story of Sam Bloom. Sam became paralysed from the waist down after an accident on a holiday and, after much soul-searching and with the help of an orphaned magpie chick, she rediscovered her purpose in life and went on to become a champion kayaker.

And once again the quote came to mind whilst watching an episode of *Australian Story* about Gayle and Mac Shann. Gayle survived a farming accident in 2002 which saw her lose one arm, along with the use of the other arm. But the real story was how they had both adapted to this to live fulfilling lives and become closer to each other as a couple.

Sometimes things happen in our lives that we see as devastating. But when we look at these events we see them through our own eyes, not through the eyes of God. We see these events as ruining our own plans, the plans we have for ourselves. But, after time has passed and we have adapted to a new way of living, we can actually see that, through the events our lives have become more fulfilling and we have grown significantly as human beings.

The death of a loved one is an example of things that can upset our plans. Whether the death be that of a parent, a friend or a child, the death of someone close to us can shake us to the core, upsetting all of our plans. But it can also lead to growth, if we let it.

When I was younger my grandmother died. She was the primary carer of her daughter (my aunt) who had Down syndrome. After the death my aunt lived with my family for a short time before she went to live in a group home with other residents who had disabilities. And even though the death of her mother was devastating for her, the reality was that moving into the group home was the best thing that ever happened to my aunt. She was able to work and get involved in travel and other activities that she would never have had the opportunity to do with her elderly mother. Perhaps God had bigger plans for her than she had for herself.

As members of the Star of the Sea Catholic community we often have plans for ourselves, and so we should as these plans, too, can lead to a fulfilling life. But we should always be prepared that one day those plans might be upset by events outside of our control. And when they are, let us pray for the grace to allow God to work through those events and lead us to a bigger and more fulfilling life than what we originally planned.

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.

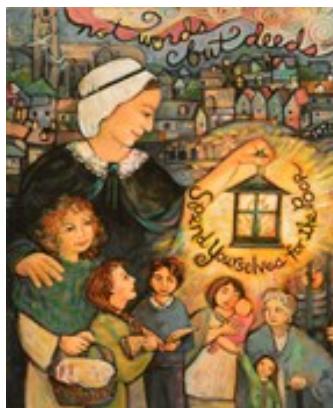
Religious Education and Faith Development

Our Feast Day Celebration is almost here...

It's almost time to celebrate what makes our college a special place for all our staff and students. Founded by the Presentation Sisters in 1957, and we are a Presentation school. Our school is built on the values of their founder, Nano Nagle, who spent her life showing compassion and hospitality to all the people, most in need, in her community in Cork. Nano had a deep knowledge and understanding of the injustices and hardships suffered by many people and tried her best to right the wrongs. Education was of prime importance to Nano and she educated poor young Irish Catholic boys and girls knowing full well she risked being arrested and imprisonment if caught. When her schools had closed for the day, she would collect food, blankets and medicine to take to the elderly and the poor. She never tired of helping others. It is this spirit of generosity, compassion and welcoming that we want to continue in our everyday activities at Star of the Sea.

Even with the many challenges she faced, Nano was always joyful and had a good sense of humour. In the spirit of joy, we will be celebrating Presentation Feast Day on **Friday, 19 November**. The day will begin with a celebration of Mass at 9.30am. At lunch time there will be a barbecue and a range of foods available for purchase. After lunch there will be games, a petting zoo, and other fun activities. The day will conclude with a play presented by the primary drama groups.

Not only is feast day a time to celebrate all the good things about our college but it is also a time to, like Nano, help others. On feast day we always collect Christmas food items to make up Christmas hampers that will be distributed in the George Town community by St Vincent de Paul. We are asking all students who come in plain clothes on feast day, to **bring a non-perishable food item** to put on someone's Christmas table this year.



Term 4

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

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.

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).

Staff Movements

Mr Goodall has begun his 4 weeks of leave. His classes will be taken by Ms Gay.

Miss Hinds will finish her teaching prac this week. We wish her well for her future career in education.

Primary Classes for 2022

Most years we have discussions within the school about what our primary class structure will look like for the following year. This year, however, the decision was quite straightforward as there was really only one possibility to keep classes to a reasonable size. With this in mind, the primary classes and teachers for 2022 will be:

Kinder - Mrs Hoffman

Prep - Ms Edwards and Miss O'Toole

Grade 1 - Mrs Sikkens

Grade 2 - Mrs Hamburg for the first term and a bit, then Mrs Honeychurch upon her return from maternity leave

Grade 3/4 - Mrs Romein

Grade 5/6 - Mrs Davis

Validation

Every 5 years, each Catholic school goes through a process of *validation*, where a panel from the Catholic Education Office visit the school, talk to staff, students and parents, then provide commendations and make recommendations about the direction of the school. This Friday 5th November will see Star of the Sea go through that process. We look forward to seeing what good things it can bring.

Catch It in the Catchment

This Thursday our school will be supporting the *Catch It in the Catchment* initiative which sees a concerted effort to clean up the Tamar estuary. Our secondary students will spend some time on Thursday on the waterfront picking up rubbish.

Grandparents Day

Last Thursday saw our Grandparents' Day celebration. It was a great afternoon with plenty of grandparents attending, along with lots of surprised grandchildren who didn't know their grandparents were coming! We thank Mrs Armstrong and the students for the afternoon tea, Mrs Briscoe, Mr Taylor, Mrs Davis and the students for the prayer, and especially all the grandparents who attended and made the afternoon so special.

Thank you

We would like to thank the George Town Rotary Club who are generously sponsoring five of our students to attend the Santos Science Experience at UTAS in December this year.

Academic Competitions

Congratulations to all students who participated in one of the following competitions.

Special congratulations to the following students.

English:	Credit	Ella Vanderzwan
Mathematics:	Merit	Daniel McConnell
Science:	Merit	Carlie Lowe
	Credit	Joshua Chapman
Big Science:	Distinction	Amber Webb
	Credit	Ashleigh Brown
		Isaac Leslie
		Isobel Harris



Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival 2021

Day Two Field Events Wednesday 3rd 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 3rd 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

BBAMZ Renewable Careers Expo.

A group of 9/10 students attended the BBAMZ Renewable Careers Expo. Students had a hands-on opportunity to develop an understanding of hydrogen and other renewable energy opportunities being developed. There was also a focus on future careers and work available in this area.

We would love to thank the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone for this event and the chance it gave our students to gather knowledge in this growth field.

Below are some photos of the students thoroughly enjoying interacting with the professionals present.



On 4th November, Star of the Sea is holding auditions for a competition where you lip sync a song while also dancing.

You can choose whatever song you would like but we will only be using 2 minutes of the song you choose.

The Auditions will be held on the lunch time on Thursday 4th November and the official competition will be held on the last day of Term 4.



STAR OF THE SEA

PRESSENTATION DAY



PETTING ZOO

JUMPING CASTLE

GUESS THE LOLLIES

CELEBRATION MASS

BASKETBALL COMP

BADGE MAKING

JUNIOR PRODUCTION

ZORB BALLS

SHARED LUNCH \$2 EACH

FRIDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER

CASUAL CLOTHES
DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD



ARE YOU READY TO BOOGIE
THE NIGHT AWAY?

Star of the Sea
DISCO

GLOW STICKS, FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE

FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 5PM UNTIL 7PM
STAR OF THE SEA GYM
ALL GRADES WELCOME