

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

30th November 2021

From the Principal

Advent calls us to look past Christmas day.

It's that time of year when we're all waiting.

Sometimes the waiting can mean excitement. It could mean waiting in line as we try to purchase something for Christmas for our family. For others it means waiting for the end of the school year.

Sometimes the waiting can be an anxious time. People wait anxiously for borders to re-open on December 15th, not knowing what that might mean for themselves or the state. Some people might be waiting for the results of exams to let them know what their next stage in life might look like.

In the Catholic Church another time of waiting has begun - the period we know as Advent. It is the four weeks leading up to Christmas where we wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus once again. But in the Church we are not just called upon to wait. More specifically, we are called upon to *prepare*. The period of Advent is not just a time when we hang around for four weeks, but we do something during those four weeks to prepare for Jesus' coming.

Sometimes in our lives, waiting can almost lead to a certain type of "paralysis," where we feel we can't do anything until the time has come. People waiting for the results of medical tests often feel like this, feeling unable to make plans until they know what the results are.

But we are not advised to be "paralysed" as we wait for Christmas. On the contrary, we are called to look past Christmas. Too often we see Christmas as the end point, the event that wraps up the year. But if we are truly waiting for the birth of Jesus, if we truly are preparing for his birth, we must look past Christmas and prepare for what is to come next.

Just like when parents prepare ahead of time for a new baby by getting cots and prams and clothes ready, so too we must prepare for Jesus' birth by getting our lives ready for a new beginning. Because Christmas is not the end point, it is the beginning. It is the beginning of peace and justice and compassion once more reigning in the land.

So in the Star of the Sea Catholic community, how do we *prepare* for beyond Christmas, rather than just preparing for the day itself? We need to reflect upon what this new beginning might mean for us. How will we live our lives after Christmas, knowing that Jesus has come into the world? Will we live our lives in fear? Or will we step out and be the people God calls us to be? Will we let anxiety "paralyse" us? Or will we take courageous steps, knowing that God is with us through all of our good times and bad? It is up to us, but we do so knowing that Christmas is the first day of a new beginning.

**Mr Richard Chapman,
Principal**



Spectacular achievement is always preceded by unspectacular preparation.

- Robert H. Schuller

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Religious Education and Faith Development



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

On Sunday we began the season of Advent. This is a time to prepare actively for the feast of Christmas, the coming of the Christ child. Advent is leading us to a triple celebration. At Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birth in history, his presence with us in our time, and his final coming when the reign of God will be brought to fruition.

Advent is a time of turning quietly inward and nurturing a more mindful approach in our lives, particularly in a time when the commercial world is revving up and encouraging us to spend big because this will be a pathway to joy.

Let this Advent be a time for reflection on the past year, a time to rest in God each day, a time of prayer asking the Lord to teach us new pathways and a time for opening our hearts and our minds to where God wants to lead us.

'The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.' John 1:9

Stars of the Week - 25th November 2021

Kinder	Isabel Walker	For her enthusiasm for learning new things.
Prep/1	Dyson Bromley	For his amazing drawings.
Grade 1/2	Hazel-Mae Provis	For her kindness and consideration towards others.
Grade 3/4	Karol Gerges	For excellent performance in our drama "The Good Samaritan Dude".
Grade 5/6A	Matilda Trotter	For proactive learning - speaking out and self-direction.
Grade 5/6B	Isabelle Anlezark	For her outstanding contributions to scientific class discussions.

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).

If any families are seeing their child move schools next year and you haven't already informed the office, could you please do so, so that we can be well prepared for 2022.

Staff Movements

We welcome back Mr Goodall who has returned from leave.

Dr Rogers, our Secondary music teacher, will finish her time at Star of the Sea at the end of this year. We thank her for all of the great work she has done with the students this year, especially in the difficult circumstances of having the Music room shut for a lot of the year.

End of Year Events

The end of the year can get a bit hectic and sometimes it is hard to keep up! We will try to keep families well informed of what is happening in the last three weeks of school, but if you have any questions or feel you have missed some information along the line, feel free to contact the College office to have your questions answered.

Year 10 Final Weeks

The Year 10s have entered their last two weeks of their time at Star of the Sea. This week sees them doing exams all week, whilst next week will be a chance for fun, reflection and service, before their final day next Thursday 9th December. Their Leavers Dinner will be the following Monday.

Primary Final Weeks

As we enter into the final weeks for our Primary school, some dates to be aware of are:

- Thursday 2nd December - Kinder-2 Athletics Carnival (no Assembly this day)
- Thursday 9th December - Pool Day (no Assembly this day)
- Tuesday 14th December - Christmas Nativity play and prayer (time TBA)
- Thursday 16th December - last day of school, including End of Year Assembly and Lip Sync Battle.

Secondary Final Weeks

As we enter into the final weeks for our Secondary school, some dates to be aware of are:

- Tuesday 14th December - Secondary Big Day Out
- Thursday 16th December - last day of school, including End of Year Assembly and Lip Sync Battle.

Book Packs 2022

George Town News XPress is not able to prepare our book packs for 2022, so we have engaged Officeworks for this. The school will buy them from Officeworks and then sell them to families at the beginning of next year (at cost price - we won't be making a profit from it!). More information around this will be provided at a time closer to the sales date.

George Town Christmas Parade

The George Town Christmas Parade will be held next Friday 10th December at 5:30pm. We will be participating with a walking float organised by Mrs Ewa Power. A note has gone home to Primary students regarding this and we would love to see lots of students there participating!

College Captains 2022

Well done to Jessica, Ella, Molly, Keegan, Damien and Tyler from Year 9 who, last Friday, all presented their College Captain speeches. It was no easy task presenting in front of the Year 5-10s, but all six of them did an outstanding job. Voting will be wrapped up this week, with the Captains for 2022 announced on the last day of school at the End of Year Assembly.

K/P/1/2 Athletics Afternoon

This Thursday, 2nd December, we will be holding the K/P/1/2 Athletics Carnival. The carnival will begin after lunch at about 1:30pm and run until the end of the school day on the Primary Oval. The K/P/1/2 students need to wear their full sports uniform on this day. Parents are welcome to attend. Please make sure that you sign in using the Check In Tas App..

There will be no Primary assembly on this day.

Tasmanian Science Talent Search

Congratulations to members of the Science and Mathematics Extended class who have achieved awards in the Tasmanian Science Talent Search.

We entered the Poster Division for Intermediate Secondary and got some great results.

In Year 9	Jessica Boyd - 2nd place Damien Thomas - 3rd place
In Year 10	Isobel Harris - 1st place Ashleigh Brown - 2nd place John Carlo Gabriel - 3rd place
Merit Awards	Jakira Pollock Azalea Lewis Shauna Thomson-Strain

ArtStart Exhibition

QVMAG's ArtStart Program invited submissions from students this year, and a number of Mrs Romein's Grade 3/4 class submitted artwork.

We congratulate Karol Gerges, Miley MacFarlane and Scarlett Baillie whose artwork will be shown at QVMAG until June 2022! They attended the opening of the exhibition on Saturday. The exhibition runs through to mid next year, so we would encourage families to take the opportunity to visit it!



Shout Out - Term 4, Week 7, 2021

Dyson Bromley	Great work learning about the 'or' sound
Brock Holden	Fantastic participation in Reading Club
Bella Stocks	Lending assistance to a fellow class mate
Kirra-Lyla Harris	Completing a tricky alphabet puzzle
Bradley Maney	Great focus in German
Malakai Hyland	Great reading
Evie Evans	Great reading
William Singline	A great job at relaxing
Danica Sweet	Such a beautiful actress
Evie King	Works so beautifully in drama
Carlie Lowe	Beautiful actress
Dante Saunders	Beautiful in drama
Rosie Laughren	Beautiful actress
Danica Sweet	Great reading
Isabelle Anlezark	Truthful and dramatic in drama
Ruby Gower	Fantastic actress
Hunter Carnie	Worked so hard in drama
Rilee Brown	A beautiful actress
Bernard Moore	Fantastic actor
Ashton Ratcliffe	Great listening during assembly
Lindsie Barrett	Excellent work learning about the 'or' sound
Archie Parker	Holding the door open for adult without being asked
Chantz Brown	Great listening during assembly
Karol Gerges	Great focus in German
Allira-Grayce Harris	Great focus in German
Stephen Gerges	Great reading
Leo Linley	Great participation in Science discussions
Maliah Cunningham	Great reading
Yueni Tan	Great reading
Jackson Smith	Being seated and ready to learn



You are a Star

PBS Focus: "We are safe and respectful when we make good choices in the school yard".

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2021

Nicholas Brown

Ashley Byard

Well done!

Shout Out winners are:

Vanessa Linley for super fast work. Vanessa chose a pick from the prize box.

Declan Anlezark for practising for assembly. Declan chose 10min extra recess for the class.

Updated Calendar for the remainder of the year

Thursday 2nd December	K-2 Athletics Carnival (1.30pm) - NO PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
Thursday 9th December	Last Day for Year 10s Primary Pool Day Year 10 Presentation Evening (6.00pm)
Friday 10th December	George Town Christmas Parade.
Monday 13th December	Year 10 Leavers Dinner
Tuesday 14th December	Secondary Big Day Out Christmas Nativity play & Prayer time
Thursday 16th December	Last day for students End of Year Assembly (10.00am)
Friday 17th December	Last day for staff

Christmas Festival at St. Matthias' Church, Windermere

"On Saturday Dec. 11th, from 2-4pm, a Christmas Festival will be held in the grounds of St Matthias' Church, 431 Windermere Rd, Windermere. Free informal activities will be available for families to learn about the traditional Christian Christmas story with lots of giveaways to take home. At 3pm a group nativity scene will be staged including everyone as massed shepherds, angels, sheep, townsfolk, wise men, or Mary and Joseph, so dressing up in simple costumes is encouraged (limited children's props will be available). BYO picnic snacks and drinks, as there will not be food for sale. Entry to the Festival is free, though a non-perishable food donation for Anglicare to distribute to the needy would be appreciated.

Full details about the activities and ideas for simple costumes can be found on our Facebook page [stmatthiaswindermere](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthiaswindermere) or website stmw.org.au (under Activities) or phone Margaret on 0409317806. "

Thank you, and may you all have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Margaret Hosford

GEORGE TOWN – KARoola – LILYDALE CATHOLIC PARISH

Sunday Mass Times – www.masstimes.org (visited by millions of Catholics worldwide)

George Town – Star of the Sea Church: Vigil Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 11.00am

Karoola – Sacred Heart Church: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays 9.00am

Lilydale – St Anne's Church: 2nd and 4th Sundays 9.00am

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is available. Please contact

Fr Bala to arrange.

Weekday Mass Times

George Town – Star of the Sea Church: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am

Ainslie Mass – Ainslie Low Head: 4th Friday of the month at 10.00am

Weekday Solemn Masses (of Obligation), Funeral Masses and School

Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Church at the time published in the Sunday bulletin

For Parish Membership/Planned Giving Envelopes: Contact the Parish Administrator

Baptism: One month notice required **Marriage:** One year notice required

Catholic Enquiry Centre: Do you want to know what Catholics believe? Do you want to renew or revive your Catholic faith? Call 1300 432 484 (toll free) or visit www.catholicenquiry.com



George Town Roster for 4th and 5th December 2021 (Week 1)

Readers:	Vigil: S Davis	Sunday: R Howe & W Fittler
Holy Communion Ministers:	Vigil: N/A	Sunday: N/A
Hospitality:	Vigil: Volunteer	Sunday: W Fittler & J Bodsworth
Counters:	N/A	