

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

They would say that their friends are the people who they have fun with, but what happens when the fun stops?

I was reading a book recently which delved into the topic of friendship, and how it has changed over the centuries. Whereas in years gone by people worked hard at cultivating friendships and deepening their relationship with their friends, these days, in our fast-paced world, we seem not to have time to do this. People on social media claim to have lots of "friends," but the relationships they are describing are superficial and have little to no chance of deepening.

In years gone by, friendship was seen as "the giving of ourselves and the receiving of another, discovering beauty along the way." A friend was someone that we shared the journey of life with and we would support each other on this journey, no matter what life threw at us.

Aristotle said there were three types of friendship:

- *Friendship of utility* - such as with co-workers who we are happy to work with but are quick to forget them when we are not working together.
- *Friendship of pleasure* - when we enjoy being with people but don't have any great desire to deepen a relationship with them; and
- *Friendship of virtue* - the only true friendship, when our friend walks through life with us towards what is good, making life rich and meaningful along the way.

We could probably all make a big list of people who fall into the first two categories, but I suspect the number of people who we could claim to be *friends of virtue* are few and far between. When I look back over my own life, I realise that I have developed very few real friendships, other than with my wife. Because I have moved around quite a bit, and have moved both between states and within states, each time I start to build deeper relationships with people, I move somewhere new, and that connection is gradually lost.

Our students' concept of friendship is often one of *friendship of pleasure*. They would say that their friends are the people who they have fun with, but what happens when the fun stops? Does that mean they are no longer friends?

As the students get older their friendships become those of *utility*. In upper high school and in college, the friends are the ones that they attend school with. But when school is over and they move on to other places and into work, they lose touch with their friends.

So, is this important? Probably. Given that a 2018 report suggested that one in two Australians feel lonely at least one day per week, whilst one in four Australians feel lonely for three or more days, it would seem that, for many Australians, their relationships are not meeting their needs. There seems to be a drastic lack of true friendship in society.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we need to reflect upon our lives, as adults, and ask ourselves if we need to examine our friendships. For to be able to see the beauty in life that God has for us, we need people to walk along the journey with us.

**Mr Richard Chapman,
Principal**



*It's the friends
you can call up
at 4am that
matter. -
Marlene Dietrich*

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Star of the Sea Christmas Hampers 2021

We are making Christmas hampers for needy families in our community. On **College Feast Day, Friday 19th November** we are asking all students to come dressed in plain clothes and bring a non-perishable item for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. All our hampers will go to families in need here in George Town



Peace and Joy for all this Christmas!

Below is a list of suggestions of items that would go well in a hamper.

Tinned Salmon	Tinned Corn	Tinned Beans	Christmas Bon Bons
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Peas	Fruit Mince Pies
Tinned Ham	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Beetroot	Christmas Cakes
Milo	Jelly Crystals	Pasta Sauce	Christmas Pudding
Fruit Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti	Long-life Custard
Sparkling Apple Juice	Gravy Mix	Deb Dried Potato	Tinned Shortbread
Soft Drink	Breakfast Cereal	Rice Crackers	Box of Chocolates
Water Cordial	Jam & Honey	Sweet Biscuits	Christmas Stockings
Coffee	Wrapping Paper	Savoury Biscuits	Bag of Lollies
Serviettes	Grocery Cards	Potato Chips	Popcorn

Our College Feast Day Mass is on Friday 19th November at 9.30am. All are welcome!

Term 4

Wednesday 10th November
 Thursday 11th November
 Friday 12th November
 Wednesday 17th November
 Friday 19th November
 Thursday 25th November
 Friday 26th November
 Monday 29th November
 Thursday 9th December
 Friday 10th December
 Monday 13th December
 Thursday 16th December
 Friday 17th December

TPSSA Swimming Carnival
 Remembrance Day
 Disco
 NHSSA Athletics
 Presentation Feast Day
 Secondary Triathlon Challenge
 Primary Triathlon Challenge
 Year 10 Exam week begins
 Last Day for Year 10s; Year 10 Presentation Evening
 George Town Christmas Parade.
 Year 10 Leavers Dinner
 Last day for students; End of Year Assembly
 Last day for staff

Heart
 Spirituality
 Attentiveness



Hospitality
 Compassion

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 is 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.

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

Mrs Frankcombe is on leave for two weeks. Mrs Wood will be in the office.

Mr Chapman is away for most of this week (Tuesday to Friday). Mr Taylor will assume his duties.

Orientation Day

Today saw our Year 7 2022 Orientation Day, with students who will be in Year 7 next year at Star of the Sea coming together for the day to meet teachers, meet each other and learn more about secondary school at Star of the Sea.

School Disco

This Friday sees our School Disco, run by Mr Taylor and the College leaders. It promises to be a great evening. Whilst the disco is aimed at primary students, secondary students are most welcome to come along and help or just have a bit of fun.

TPSSA Swimming Carnival

The TPSSA Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 10th November (weather permitting). We wish all of the competitors well.

Remembrance Day

Our school will recognise Remembrance Day with a short service after recess on Thursday. Some of our students will also attend the service at the cenotaph to lay a wreath.

College Captains 2022

This week we will start the process of electing College Captains for 2022. The process is:

- Year 9 students have the opportunity to be nominated, or nominate themselves, for College Captain.
- Should they accept the nomination, each student is required to speak in front of the Grade 5-10 students, explaining why they would make a good College Captain.
- The Grade 5-10 students, and the staff, then vote for the captains.
- The 2022 College Captains will be announced at our End of Year Assembly on Thursday December 16th.

A separate process is run later for the election of House Captains.

School Validation

Last Friday our school underwent the process of Validation. It was a worthwhile process which saw the Validation Panel commend the school on a number of things, as well as giving the school recommendations for the future. We thank the parents and students who helped out during the day.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival last week. There were some great performances and some close competition. A big thanks to Mr Cook and Mr Taylor for their preparation and organisation for the carnival.

Presentation Feast Day

Next Friday 19th November sees our Presentation Feast Day, a day of fun to recognise the work of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. It promises to be a great day. More information will be provided next week.

K/P/1/2 Swimming Program

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to postpone the Kinder to Grade 2 Swimming Program for this year. We will be organising a program to run during Term 1 next year. The Grade 3-6 students will have their normal swimming program also during Term 1 next year.

Catch It in the Catchment

Our students did a wonderful job on Thursday assisting with the clean up of the Tamar Estuary.



Stars of the Week - 4th November 2021

Kinder	Amelie Olivera	For her beautiful morning prayers.
Prep/1	Finley Upston	For making a great effort on improving his handwriting.
Grade 1/2	Macey Crick	For knowing our Assembly prayer very well.
Grade 3/4	Chase Tunks	For making a great start at Star of the Sea. Welcome.
Grade 5/6A	Shiloh Leslie	For asking great questions in class.
Grade 5/6B	Lucinda Hockey	For demonstrating exceptional reading skills at the Grandparent's Day Liturgy.

You are a Star

Shout Out - Term 4, Week 4, 2021

Darcie Power	A great drama lesson.
Finley Upston	Great maths work.
Evie Evans	Neat handwriting.
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Mia Barker	Reading a hard book.
Yueni Tan	Neat handwriting.
Chase Davis	Keeping our classroom clean.
Dyson Bromley	Neat handwriting.
Enoch Daire	Always using his good manners and engaging in all activities.
Ashton Meessen	Leadership in Media Arts.
Leo Batte	Getting on with his work quickly.
Oscar Millen	Engaging in all learning activities.
Arthur Millen	Excellent reading.
Jessie Anlezark	Being kind and respectful in her friendship group.
Finley Upston	Beautiful handwriting.
Rilee Brown	Getting all her spelling words correct.
Mia Barker	Being attentive in assembly.
Carter Upston	Always playing safely.
Ryder Hawkins	Helping clean up
Amelie Olivera	Showing enthusiasm in all learning activities.
Lucas Vincent	Always playing safely.
Shiloh Leslie	Proactive learning in all subjects.
Elijah Bromley	Showing good manners.
Oscar Smith	Helping clean up.
Demetrius Quilty-Maguire	Concentrating and working well.
Vanessa Linley	Reading a hard book.
Elijah Bromley	Creating an amazing Grandfather clock.
Evie King	Excellent reading.
Dyson Bromley	Clever, fast work.
Michael Laughren	A great German lesson.
Jackson Summers	Saying sorry when he did the wrong thing.
Maddi Sturzaker	Showing responsible behaviour in play.
Lillian Hockey	Proactive learning in all subjects.
Victor Hugo	Being an enthusiastic learner.
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	Excellent concentration.
Macey Crick	Excellent reading.
Alby Hawkins	Helping clean up.

Shout Out winners are:

Jackson Summers

for saying sorry when he did the wrong thing. Jackson chose 10 minutes extra recess for the class.

Leo Batte

for great listening at assembly. Leo chose a game for the class.

PBS Focus: "We are respectful when we speak kindly to each other"



STAR OF THE SEA



PRESENTATION DAY

PETTING ZOO

JUMPING CASTLE

GUESS THE LOLLIES

CELEBRATION MASSES

JUNIOR PRODUCTION

BASKETBALL COMP

BADGE MAKING

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