

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

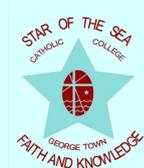
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From the Principal

The root of suffering
is attachment.

- The Buddha

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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You may have heard last week that Ash Barty, the number 1 female tennis player in the world, has decided to retire from tennis at the age of 25. There were a range of emotions about the decision from fellow tennis players and fans, with some shocked at what she has decided to do. But to me it is the most normal thing I have ever heard a professional sports person do in the abnormal world that is professional sport.

Two of the dangers we face in our lives as we try to grow to be who God calls us to be are, firstly, being too attached to things and, secondly, being defined by what we do rather than by who we are.

We probably don't have to look too far to find people who are too attached to things. When we become attached to things we usually do so because it enables us to avoid something else. For some people, the attachment can be to material possessions. They either feel they have to buy more stuff or struggle to let go of stuff they already have. For others, the attachment can be to food or drink. Others still are attached to ideas or ideologies. We only have to think of people in the last two years who became so attached to the idea of either being for or against vaccinations that they failed to listen to each other.

But others still are attached to their jobs. They use their job as a way of avoiding other things, like relationships, or problems in their lives. For some professional sportspeople it is easier to travel the world and live out of hotel rooms rather than face the real world. Ash Barty has shown, though, she has no such attachments. Her actions show a person who is perhaps open to fully experiencing life, and not just experiencing life through the lens of a professional tennis player.

The second danger that Ash Barty has avoided is that of letting tennis define who she is. Again, many of us let our work define who we are. It is common for us to ask each other when we meet for the first time, "So what do you do?" as if our jobs tell others everything about ourselves. The problem with letting our jobs define who we are is that the day will come when we can't do our jobs anymore. For many professional sportspeople, that day usually comes in their early 30s. So then what happens for the rest of our lives if we can't do what defines us? Ash Barty has decided that she won't let being a tennis player define her, and that she has a lot more to offer the world.

Whether we are world number 1s or just regular people, God calls us to live life to the full and to not let what we do define us. In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to make sure our children know this. They are loved whether they are great sportspeople or not. They are loved for who they are, not what they do. And we need to also remind ourselves of this, and, just like Ash Barty, be ready to let go of things in order to be who God calls us to be.

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

Project Duck



Money raised from **Project Compassion** this year is going to the Solomon Islands.

Similar to the money lines we've had previously, this year it's not about the longest line, instead it's about the most money raised. So bring in as much of your small change as possible!



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 24th March 2022

Kinder	Hamish Bannon	For trying super hard to improve his gross motor skills during P.M.P. lessons.
Prep	Oscar Millen	For always trying his best in all areas of learning. Well done!
Grade 1	Alby Hawkins	For an amazing first draft of an adventure playground.
Grade 2	Macey Crick	For sharing your love of reading with the class.
Grade 3/4	Ruby Davidson	For great focus in all areas of learning. Well done Ruby.
Grade 5/6	Paityn Tunks	Paityn has worked really hard to become part of our College family. She has quickly made friends and is a lovely member of our Grade 5/6 class.

Year 3 -10 Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone who participated in the School Swimming Carnival. It was a great day. Thank you also to the parents who came along.

Results:
1st Regina 570
2nd Presentation 505
3rd Nagle 292
Congratulations to all.



SetUp for Success

SetUp is back! SetUp for Success is our early learning program that is held every Wednesday morning during term time in the Kinder room, from 9am to 10:30am. It is run by our Kinder teacher, Mrs Trudy Hoffman.

SetUp is aimed at children aged 0 to 5 years, and it is a welcoming environment where parents and carers learn with their children.

Please remember that adults need to wear masks, and please don't attend if you or your child are sick.



The Great Big Easter Parents and Carers Afternoon

Next Wednesday 6th April is our Great Big Easter Parents and Carers Afternoon at the College from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. With COVID interrupting our ability to work with parents and carers for the past two years, we would love to get back on track and rebuild old relationships and form new ones.

During the afternoon:

- Parents and carers will have a chance to meet and chat with their children's teachers in a relaxed atmosphere;
- We will provide hot cross buns and tea and coffee for the parents;
- We would love to have the students along as well, so there will be Easter Eggs for the students, along with some craft activities and sports equipment;
- Parents and carers will have the chance to have a look at their children's classrooms;
- Mrs Walters and the Kinder, Prep and Grade 1 teachers will talk with parents and carers about the new literacy strategy - *Literate Learners for Life* - and how it will look in your child's classroom.

So whether you are a new parent to the school this year or you've had children at the school for 12 years, come along and help us to build a school where parent, carer and teacher relationships truly matter.

This event will mainly occur outside to help with COVID requirements, but adults are asked to wear a mask inside.

Staff Movements

Mrs Stewart will be away on Professional Learning on Wednesday and Thursday.

Traffic Safety at Star of the Sea

It is important that we keep our students safe at drop-off and pick-up times. A reminder for parents and carers not to park over the yellow lines on William St. The reason for this is, by parking on these lines it prevents the students from being able to see oncoming traffic, and from traffic seeing students waiting at the crossing, and accidents may occur.

Emergency Practice

This term we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff & students, to test our response to a potential scenario that staff identify a threat warranting the school go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth to test this process. We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible.

If you have queries you are welcome to call our Safety Officer Simon Natoli on 0400 105 476

Winter Uniform Changeover

Next term we move into winter uniform. We encourage families to check their children's winter uniform to see if it still fits.

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm.

COVID Reminders to Parents

Just a reminder to parents that if your child is unwell with any flu like symptoms, please do not send them to school regardless if they test a negative RAT test.

Could parents also notify the College if your child tests positive to Covid.

Easter Raffle 2022

\$1 / ticket



Once again we will be holding an Easter Raffle.
At our students' request, the proceeds will be given to the
NSW and Queensland flood victims.

Tickets will be sold by the Year 10s at lunchtimes in the primary and secondary playgrounds.

Tickets will also be available from the office.
Students may also bring home a book of ten.
Please request a book from the College office if you would like one.
The raffle will be drawn at the End of Term Assembly
on Thursday April 14th.

TERM 1 - 2022	CALENDAR
Tuesday 5th April	NHSSA Div 3 Swimming Carnival (TBC)
Wednesday 6th April	Parent and Carers Afternoon (3:30pm to 5:00pm)
Friday 8th April	Year 2 Excursion to Tamar Island TPSSA Athletics Carnival - postponed till further notice
Tuesday 12th April	Project Duck - Caritas fundraiser
Thursday 14th April	Holy Thursday; Term 1 ends; End of Term Assembly

Shout Out Term 1, Week 8 2022

Bernard Moore	Listening in assembly
Indiana Cartwright	Listening in assembly
Zoe Provis	Helping clean up after lunch
Maddison Hyland	Listening in assembly
Toby Jones	Fantastic help in all areas
J'Kobi Carnie	Always being helpful
Dyson Bromley	His great work at phonics
Alby Hawkins	For helping in art
Lindsie Barrett	Her awesome work at phonics
Malakai Hyland	Making good choices
Evie Evans	Being a great help while putting the computers away
Hazel Mae Provis	For her great maths work and her concentration
Malakai Hyland	Working so hard during maths and his great counting
Rafael Tilain	Always being super helpful and always smiling
Chanden Jackson	His great running skills and trying his hardest
Rilee Brown	Fro her great work on making a chain paper snake
Sophie Giles	For her awesome work making a chain snake
Thomas Singline	For his great listening skills and always being helpful
Macey Crick	For her awesome work making her monster
Bradley Maney	Listening in assembly
Paityn Tunks	Listening in assembly
Billy Power	Listening in assembly
Leo Linley	Listening in assembly
Archie Davidson	Listening in assembly
Zayden Kerr	Listening in assembly
Connor Brown	Listening in assembly
Maverick Watson	Listening in assembly
Carlie Lowe	Listening in assembly
Isabelle Saunders	Listening during assembly
Mia Syms	Listening during assembly
Bienvinido Bennett	Listening during assembly
Carter Upston	Listening during assembly
Chase Tunks	Listening during assembly
Bronte Heppel	Being a great helper
Maliah Cunningham	Being a great helper
Sofia Lockhart	Always being a good friend to everyone
Rosemary Laughren	Listening in assembly
Keegan Leslie	Listening in assembly
Lucas Ratcliffe	His beautiful manners
Tommy Smith	For his great job at making a chain snake
Rilee Brown	Her wonderful help showing Kinders Doodle Buddy
Brock Holden	His wonderful help showing Kinders Doodle Buddy
Hunta Carnie	His wonderful help showing Kinders Doodle Buddy
Thomas Singline	His wonderful help showing Kinders Doodle Buddy
Malakai Hyland	Great sound work
Mason Giles	His great maths work and patience while playing maths games
Imogen Ackerly	Listening in assembly
Finley Upston	For engaging in his work and being an active listener
Maddi Hyland	Concentrating on task at hand
Paityn Tunks	Solid focus on a topsy turvy day
Carlie Lowe	Concentration on a English task

PBS Focus is:

We are respectful when we put our lunch boxes and sports equipment back in the tubs after using them.



This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Ruby McDonald for excellent contributions made in all sessions today -

Game for the class.

Rafael Tilain for fantastic counting skills -

Lunch with Mr Taylor

You are a Star

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2022

Ashley Byard

Matilda Trotter

Miya Webb

Charlotte Power

Lulu Long

Lucinda Hockey

Well done!

You are invited to our great big Easter Parents and Carers Afternoon!

Wednesday 6th April

3:30pm to 5:00pm

- ◆ Hot Cross Buns and tea and coffee available.
- ◆ Easter Eggs, craft activities and sports equipment for students.

At 4pm, Mrs Walters and the Kinder, Prep and Grade 1 teachers will explain our new Literacy Strategy - *Literate Learners for Life*.

Come and meet your child's teachers in a relaxed atmosphere. Classrooms will be open in the Primary and Secondary area for your child to show you around.

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