

Star of the Sea Catholic College

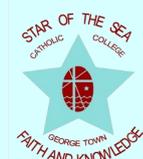
Newsletter

3rd May 2022

From the Principal

My teacher thought I was smarter than I was - so I was. - a six year old

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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One of the things I have become aware of as I journey through the rocky road that is parenthood is the limits that I put on my children. By that I mean, at various times, I have certain expectations around what my children will be able to do and what they won't be able to do.

But equally my children surprise me and go beyond the limits I have set. One day I wake up and find that they can do much more than what I thought they could, or I find that they suddenly have the confidence to do something that I didn't think they would be able to do for years to come.

I think we all do this as parents and carers at some stage. But one of the dangers of doing this is that our children will usually live up, or down, to the expectations we set.

One of the things that research consistently shows is that successful schools have high expectations of their students - whether that be behaviour or academic work. It is one of the things I have never shrunk away from as a Principal, that we must continue to have high expectations of our students. High expectations doesn't mean that when they do something wrong we need to go overboard with consequences or punishment. What it means is that we have high expectations even over little things.

Some of our secondary students may not think that getting a detention for being in the wrong uniform is particularly fair, but unless the message is sent that we think you can wear the right uniform each day then the students won't.

Similarly, a number of our students are more than happy to give up on work if they find it too hard. "I can't do this!" they cry, and then throw their pencil on the desk! But our teachers will not accept that. Our teachers will let them know that they can do it and to give it another go. Because if we don't, then the students will think that the teachers agree with them, that indeed the student can't do it.

Students need to be constantly reminded that they can live up to the expectations set upon them. And, as strange as it seems, for the good of the student we need to be constantly raising these expectations. Because students always have the ability to live up to the expectations we set.

This goes for students with disabilities as well. Sometimes students with disabilities hear a lot about what they can't do, but it is important for us to give them the message about what they can do, otherwise the limits we put on them prevent them from growing into the people they are capable of being.

At Star of the Sea we spend a lot of time dealing with little behaviour issues, but it is time well spent because it continuously gives the message to the students that they are capable of much more. And it is only through giving them this message that they will truly grow into who God calls them 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.

COVID

We hope that as the term progresses we will be able to move into more and more “normality” across the school. In the meantime, it is good to remember:

- Students should not attend school if they are sick, especially if they have cold and flu symptoms.
- Masks need to be worn indoors at school by secondary students and adults. Whilst we supply masks, we would encourage students to bring their own. If students are constantly requesting masks due to them breaking them regularly, the school may have to make contact with home to discuss the issue and possible alternatives.
- Close contacts are welcome to attend school assuming they do a RAT every day. RATs are available at the College office.
- Please inform the College office if your child is a close contact or is away from school due to testing positive to COVID.
- We will no longer be sending letters via Compass informing families of a positive case in a class. We will also not be requiring students to do testing in the case of a “class cluster,” unless directed to do so by Public Health.
- If your child has not been vaccinated against COVID-19, we would encourage this to occur. Similarly, if your child is eligible for a flu vaccination, we would also encourage this.

Welcome

We welcome Nate (Grade 3) and his family to Star of the Sea Catholic College. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7s will be attending their camp at Camp Clayton near Ulverstone from tomorrow to Friday. We hope they have a great time!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing begins next week for students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. Information was sent home last term regarding this. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs McGillivray here at the College, although be aware she will be on camp this week so may not be able to get back to you until next week.

Mother's Day Stall

This Thursday we will be holding our Mother's Day Stall. This is a great opportunity for students to buy a small gift for their mother or mother-figure. Gifts will range from about \$2 to \$5, and are available for the primary and secondary students to purchase. Any last minute donations of gifts will be gratefully accepted tomorrow at the office.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to all of our students who attended the ANZAC Day March and Service last Monday. They represented the school well and there were lots of positive comments about them.



Easter Egg Raffle

Our Easter Egg raffle was a great success with around \$900 being raised for those affected by the floods in NSW and Queensland.

The winners were:

1st Prize - Miya Webb

2nd Prize - Miss O'Toole

3rd Prize - the Thomas'



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.



Duck Day

Well done to all of the students who supported our Duck Day last term. Around \$700 was raised for Caritas' Project Compassion. Nagle House took away the House points for donating enough money for 25 ducks - an outstanding effort!



Kinder 2023 Information Morning

Do you have a child who is turning 5 in 2023? Would you like to know more about Kinder at Star of the Sea? We will be holding a Kinder 2023 Information session on Wednesday 11th May at 11:00am in the Kinder room, following SetUp. All are most welcome to attend. If you can't make it but would like to know more, please contact the College office for more details (Ph: 6382 1242).

Enrolments 2023

We are now accepting enrolments for Year 7 and Kinder for 2023. If you would like your child to attend Star of the Sea, or know someone who does, simply pop into the office for an enrolment form or download one from our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au). We hope to have enrolments finalised by the end of Term 3.

New PE Tops

After many years of discussion, the new PE tops have arrived and are now on sale at the Uniform Shop for \$30 (all sizes). The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm.

When new pieces of uniform come in, there is always going to be a period of time for a changeover. So, students are more than welcome to continue wearing the old PE top, and will be for a couple of years.

We thank all of the staff and students who have contributed to getting the new tops organised, especially last year's College leaders who pushed the idea and presented their case to the College Board.



Winter Uniform

Being that it is the start of Term 2 we have, of course, moved into winter uniform and we thank all of the families who have arranged for their children to be in the right uniform. We certainly don't want students getting too cold during the day.

A reminder for parents and carers that boys are able to wear shorts to school. They must, however, make sure that the rest of the correct uniform is worn.

Also a reminder that girls are welcome to wear grey trousers if they want instead of the skirt. Some students find the trousers more comfortable and a bit warmer and therefore find them a good alternative.

A note is required in the Secondary School if a student is out of uniform. If a note is not supplied students will get a lunchtime detention. Although notes are not required in the Primary School it would be great that parents have a conversation with their child's class teacher if they are out of uniform for a particular reason.

Traffic Safety

A reminder for families at the beginning of the term that, when dropping off or picking up students, please do not park over the yellow lines in William St out the front of the school. It stops students from seeing oncoming cars at the crossing, and stops oncoming traffic from seeing students!

THE SMILING MINDS MINDFULNESS PROGRAM

is commencing in the Grade 5/6 classroom Term 2.

Check out the Smiling Minds App (free download).

More information coming in Term 2.



Term 2

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th May - Year 7 Camp

Thursday 5th May - Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 10th May - NAPLAN testing begins

Wednesday 11th May- Kinder 2023 Information morning

Wednesday 18th May - 9/10 Winter Sport commences

Thursday 19th May - 7/8 Winter Sport commences

Friday 20th May - Star of the Sea Cross Country (Colour Run)

Friday 27th May - National Walk to School Safely Day

Tuesday 31st May - Inter High Cross Country

Wednesday 1st June - TPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd June - CCEL at Star of the Sea

Monday 13th June - Queen's Birthday public holiday

Friday 17th June - Nano Nagle Charism Day (Grade 6s)

Friday 24th June - Kindness Day

Tuesday 28th June - School Photo Day

Friday 1st July - TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1 (TBC)

Monday 4th - Friday 8th July - Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 8th July - End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students

Sunday 3rd - Sunday 10th July - NAIDOC Week

Term 1 - 2022 Awards

Application to Learning Awards

Kinder	Rafael Tilain	Prep	Chad Jenkins
Grade 1	Alby Hawkins	Grade 2	Evie Evans
Grade 3	Ashton Ratcliffe	Grade 4	Sabian Hawes
Grade 5	Rosemary Laughren	Grade 6	Leo Linley

Merit Awards

Grade 7

Samara Davenport	Effort and Application
Hunter Paine	Effort and Application
Charlotte Power	Effort and Application
Joshua Chapman	Effort and Application

Grade 9

Nikiah Edwards	Application and Effort
Ashely Byard	Application and Effort
Hayley Ford	Application and Effort
Robert Tame	Application and Effort
Olivia Hockey	Application and Effort
Isabelle Ackerly	Application and Effort
Tempress Tunks	Application and Effort
Maeve Lazdauskas	Application and Effort
Alexander Rigby-Smith	Improvement in all areas

Grade 8

Erin Vanderzwan	Effort and Application
Matilda Clarke	Effort and Application
Jennifer Munro	Effort and Application
Caeden McCutcheon	Effort and Application
Will Upston	For all round improvement

Grade 10

Keegan Jacobs	Effort and Application
Brandon Parkinson	Improvement in Studies
Justin Hinkley	Improvement in Studies
Brianna Taber	Consistent Effort

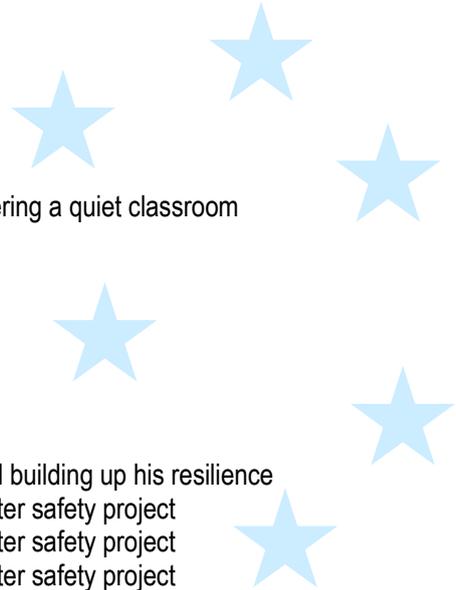
Swimming Champions

Grade 3	Oscar Smith	Ruby Davidson
Grade 4	Allira-Grayce Harris	
Grade 5	Maverick Watson	Imogen Ackerly
Grade 6	William Power	Maddison Hyland
Grade 7	Harry Clark	Shiloh Leslie
Grade 8	Caeden McCutcheon	Erin Vanderzwan
Grade 9	Brady Hewison	Nikiah Edwards
Grade 10	Lochlan Wells	Brianna Taber



Shout Out Term 1, Week 11, 2022

Finley Upston	Trying his hardest while reading.
Mia Barker	Being respectful during assembly
Malakai Hyland	His great work doing his phonics
Mia Barker	Always tidying up without being asked
Brock Holden	Great meditation
Madeline Paine	Great meditation
Vanessa Linley	Being resilient
Wyatt Parkes	Organising the library shelves
Marli Leslie	For helping me do my yard duty at lunch
Amelie Olivera	Great listening during assembly
Bronte Heppel	Excellent behaviour during assembly
Danica Sweet	Excellent behaviour during assembly
Logan Hawkins	Listening respectfully during assembly
Billy Power	Being very respectful and knocking when entering a quiet classroom
Charlotte Power	Being resilient
Scarlett Baillie	Great German work
Archie Davidson	Listening so well at literacy time
Chelsie Jenkins	Great German work
Lucas Ratcliffe	Listening really well at literacy time
Rafael Tilain	Listening really well at literacy time
Mason Giles	Concentrating really well at literacy time
Victor Hugo	Jumping straight back up after falling over and building up his resilience
Maverick Watson	Staying focussed and working hard on the water safety project
Zayden Kerr	Staying focussed and working hard on the water safety project
Jai Jacobs	Staying focussed and working hard on the water safety project



Secondary Students

Congratulations End of Term 1 2022

Isabella Stocks

Joshua Chapman

Well done!

You are a Star

End of Term 1 Shout Out winners are:

**Bienvinido Bennett, Dante Saunders,
Rosemary Laughren, William Singline &
Chanden Prismall Jackson,**

Well done!