

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

31st May 2022

From the Principal

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. - Pope Francis, Ladauto Si', #202.

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Last Wednesday our Preps and 5/6s took part in Bell Bay Aluminium's Tree Planting day. It was appropriate timing (even though most would have been unaware) because it was Ladauto Si' week. That is, it celebrated the anniversary of the release of the Papal Encyclical Ladauto Si' which was, in a nutshell, Pope Francis' call for all humanity to look after the Earth, our common home.

Unfortunately, over the years, the call for us to look after our environment has got caught up in arguments about whether climate change exists and whether or not it is caused by humans or just something that naturally occurs. It almost seems that some people think that climate change is a naturally occurring phenomenon, so we should continue to ruin the environment and it will all be okay in the end.

I'm not here to argue about climate change (you're welcome to do that over the dinner table), but we need to recognise that climate change is only one part of our focus on the environment.

When we talk about looking after the environment, we are challenging ourselves to do something which does not come naturally - that is, we focus on the people who will outlive us, and perhaps have not even been born yet. We are asking ourselves, what sort of world do we want to leave to our children and our grandchildren? Do we want to leave them a world which is similar or better than what we are currently living in, or do we want to leave them a world which is worse? Do we want our children and grandchildren to be able to see and appreciate the natural world as we do, or don't we want them to have that opportunity?

If we do want our children and grandchildren to be left with a world the same or better than what we have now, then we have to work at it. We are called to be stewards of the planet. That is, we do not own it, we are simply looking after it for the next generation. Some of the adults who helped with the tree planting last Wednesday may never see the benefits of it, but the Prep students hopefully will.

Already there are many species of animals that we will never see because they have become extinct, the Tasmanian Tiger being the most well-known example in our state. Can we imagine a world where our descendants will never see wombats or dingoes or kangaroos in real-life?

Looking after our environment calls for us to be unselfish. Those who choose to argue about particulars as an excuse to do nothing act in a selfish manner, thinking only of their own lifetime. As part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we need to teach our children the responsibility they have of stewards of the environment, and we also must take on that responsibility seriously. Only then can we truly live in the world God wants for us.



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

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

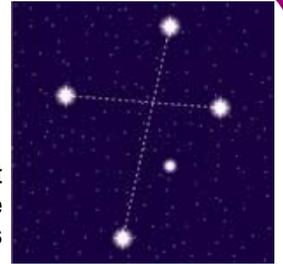
Compassion

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

29th May—5th June

'We saw the Star in the East, and we came to worship him.' (Matthew 2:2)

Each year, Christians of different denominations gather to pray for unity. Different Christian groups are invited to organise the theme and prayer and this year we are inspired to pray for unity, peace and love by The Middle Eastern Council of Churches based in Lebanon.



This year the chosen theme comes from the Wise Men, who were led by a star, to where they could worship the baby Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, and our God, who came as one of us. In a world that has been plunged into darkness by the ravages of war, hunger and sickness, Christ is our light, who is calling us into unity to confront selfishness, conflict, and pain in our world. As the Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus, we too can be bear gifts of love, compassion, and peace.

We too can find practical ways to shine the Light of Christ into the darkness within our own lives and the lives of others. As a Presentation charism we are inspired daily to take our lantern and shine a light for those around us who may need our support through the everyday prayer of our actions. May healing, unity and love begin here.

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

The Reconciliation week begins on 26th May. The theme this year is 'Be Brave, Make Change.' This is a challenge to all of us to be brave and take up the challenge of unfinished business of moving towards greater reconciliation and healing of our country.

In this week we recognise the people of the Stolen Generation and all those who have been in some way impacted by this terrible time in our history.

God's dream for humanity is one of justice and equality, compassion and understanding, forgiveness and mercy. This is something to be shared by all people and we pray that we will walk together in a spirit of reconciliation and unity.



Stars of the Week - 26th May 2022

Kinder	Mason Giles	For listening attentively at story time.
Prep	Jaxon Hillard	For having a go, even when things are tricky.
Grade 1	Charlotte Judd	For excellent reading.
Grade 2	Lindsie Barrett	For being engaged and asking interesting questions during class discussions.
Grade 3/4	Nate Walker	For making a great start in Grade 3.
Grade 5/6	Connor Judd	For investigating black holes, and sharing what he found.

National Walk Safely to School Day

Last Friday we celebrated National Walk Safely to School day by meeting at the Pirate Park on the Esplanade, enjoying a cooked breakfast and walking together along the waterfront to school. There was a great turn out with students from all grade levels enjoying the morning sunshine while walking safely to school. Thanks to all of the students and the families that joined us for the event.



Colour Fun Run

Thanks to all who contributed to the colour run fundraising to update our HPE equipment. We raised a total of \$3,829.75. The online prize order portal is now open, prizes need to be ordered by 30th June 2022, so jump on and order this week so as not to miss out. Well done all!



Big thanks to the parents and staff who helped make the busy afternoon run so smoothly.

What is Schools Tree Day?

"Last Wednesday, the Grade 5 and 6 students, along with the Prep students, travelled by bus to Bridport Road where we participated in the annual Tree Planting Day hosted by Bell Bay. It was heaps of fun as we got to interact with nature and help create new habitats and food sources for our local wildlife. We particularly enjoyed digging in the dirt and working alongside the Prep students" (by Rosey, Indi and Bel - Grade 5/6)

"We were very thankful to the George Town library for providing us all with the book "Family Tree" by Josh Pyuke and Ronojoy Ghosh." (Maddi H - Grade 6)

"I enjoyed planting all the different types of plants." (Bradley - Grade 5)

Thank you to the George Town Rotary Club who cooked for us and to the crew at BBA who did all the ground preparation and organisation on site to make the day run so smoothly.

A big shout out to Bridget Archer, Greg Keiser and our own Brad Warner who read the book Family Tree to the children as part of National Simultaneous Storytime Day. **Thank you also to Rob Burnett for his wonderful photos .**



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.



National Reconciliation Week

This week is National Reconciliation Week. *"The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians."*

We too, in the Star of the Sea Catholic community, are called to reflect upon what we can do to raise awareness of the importance of reconciliation, not just this week, but all weeks in the year.

Staff Movements

This week we welcome back Mr Cam Illingworth and Miss Sophia Griffioen, UTas students who will be continuing their prac placement in Grades 1 and Grade 5/6 respectively.

Principal Meetings

This week, from Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon, Star of the Sea will be hosting the principals of the Catholic schools around Tasmania, as well as representatives from the Catholic Education Office. Parking near the Hall will be limited on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, and Thursday and Friday morning.

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.

Interschool Cross Country

The NHSSA Cross Country was cancelled today and will now be held next Tuesday.

Tomorrow sees the Primary students compete in the TPSSA Cross Country in Beaconsfield.

Whilst the teams may not be full-strength due to illness, we congratulate those who will be competing tomorrow and next week and wish them well.

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 (who have not already had COVID) 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 no longer send 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. Whilst these vaccinations do not prevent anyone from getting COVID or the flu, they lessen the symptoms which is especially important for young children with developing immune systems.

Shout Out Term 2, Week 4, 2022

Bernard Moore	Helping younger students play soccer at lunch time
Mason Giles	Packing up so many sand pit toys
Lucas Ratcliffe	Being super still and quiet at assembly
Archie Davidson	Always putting his hand up to speak during discussions
Charlotte Judd	Being brave
Luis Lee	Excellent reading
Mia Barker	Excellent reading
Chad Jenkins	Fabulous neat handwriting
Allira-Grayce Harris	Wonderful German translation
Bernard Moore	Helping younger students
Rilee Brown	Sharing the swing at lunchtime
Thomas Singline	Sitting respectfully in assembly last week

You are a Star

PBS Focus is Safe

We are safe when we sit down to eat our recess and lunch.

Congratulations

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Evie King for her effort during our mindfulness sessions - pick from the prize box.
Chad Jenkins for making clever 2d shapes with matchsticks - 30 minutes personal free time.

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2022



Tempress Tunks & Olivia Hockey



Well done!

<u>Term 2 - 2022</u>	
Wednesday 1st June	TPSSA Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd June	CCEL at Star of the Sea
Tuesday 7th June	Re scheduled NHSSA Cross County
Monday 13th June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Friday 17th June	Nano Nagle Charism Day (Year 6)
Friday 24th June	Kindness Day
Tuesday 28th June	School Photo Day
Friday 1st July	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1 (TBC)
Sunday 3rd - Sunday 10th July	NAIDOC Week
Monday 4th - Friday 8th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 8th July	End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students