

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

21st June 2022

From the Principal

The world seems to be changing. Things seem to be happening which are unexpected, and it is difficult to know what things will look like on the other side of these changes.

It probably started earlier this year with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We all were aware that there were minor conflicts going on elsewhere in the world, usually in places where there is not a lot of media coverage. But all of a sudden we were confronted with a war in Europe, and we could see it unfolding before our eyes. We could see the thousands of refugees trying to escape. We could see the destruction of towns and cities. We heard the stories of brutality. It was hard for us to reconcile this with anything that we had seen before.

But now lots of other things seem to be happening at once. We hear crazy stories about lettuces costing \$12 each, about possible blackouts due to changes in electricity prices, about more and more people facing homelessness, about China looking to make security deals with Pacific island nations.

What are we to make of it all?

Perhaps it is worth looking at things from a short term and a long term perspective.

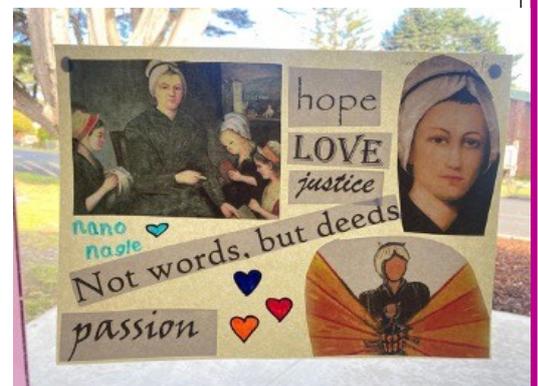
In the long term, most things don't really matter. Lettuces will cost \$12 for a while, then the farmers will have better weather and the prices will come down again. Electricity prices will fluctuate and then, as we move towards more renewable energy, will probably improve. Old men will use war as a way of finding meaning in their own lives, but old men will die, someone else will take over and different paths will be taken.

But in the short term, things that happen can be challenging. We need to be attentive to what is happening in the world around us and ask how we can respond with compassion and hospitality. We need to ask ourselves how we can work together within our community to support each other. We need to listen deeply to people to see what help they require, and we need to be careful not to tell people how they should live their lives, but instead ask what assistance is required.

The members of our Star of the Sea Catholic community are not immune to the changes that are happening in the world around us. Families will struggle to pay bills, to put food on the table, to keep a roof over their heads. We are all called to be kind, not just this Friday, but every day.

Hopefully the message of this Friday will be a good reminder of what the world really needs right now - kindness.

Mr Richard Chapman
Principal



No act of kindness,
no matter how
small, is ever
wasted. - Aesop

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

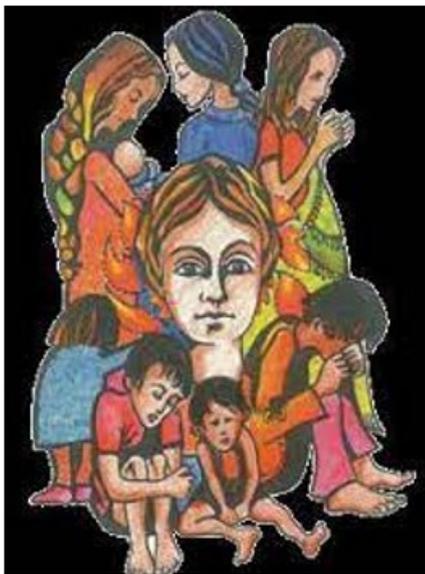
24th June



This week we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The love of Jesus is symbolised by the image of the heart. This heart symbolises the great love Jesus had for all humanity. His human heart was broken open with love especially for those who were suffering. Through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we find the very essence of God's love.

This feast day is especially significant to the Presentation Sisters. The mystery of God's merciful love drew their foundress, Nano Nagle, to those who were made poor by the ruling systems of her time. She saw the poor as Jesus did - as children loved by God. Her experience of God's merciful love set a fire in her own heart which compelled her to reach out to those who did not experience God's love - the lost, the least and the last.

In the spirit of Nano Nagle, the foundress of our Presentation family, who showed compassion and hospitality to everyone in need, we too should strive to follow Jesus' example and live life with mercy and kindness in everything we do. We are reminded to be compassionate towards our fellow human beings and to consider the suffering of our neighbours, both in our local and global community.



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 16th June 2022

Kinder	Sofia Lockhart	For being a caring friend.
Prep	Bienvinido Bennett	For knowing all of his letter sounds and for being a very neat writer.
Grade 1	Mia Barker	For her outstanding attitude towards learning during maths.
Grade 2	Tristan Ackerly	For being inquisitive and trying really hard during our math lessons.
Grade 3/4	Hunaisha Ahmed	For demonstrating excellent focus and understanding in maths. Well done Hunaisha.
Grade 5/6	Ashton Meessen	For a wonderful improvement to his public speaking skills when presenting the Junior House Captain Safety Awards.

Nano Nagle Charism Day

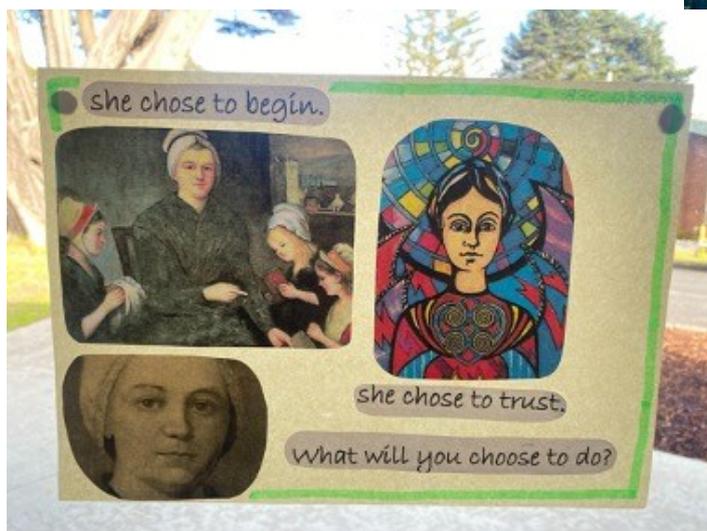
Last Friday, Year 6 and some Year 5 students went to the Hall and celebrated Nano Nagle Day. We also celebrated with students from Sacred Heart and St Finn Bars. It was exciting learning about Nano Nagle and meeting people from other schools.

We got a virtual tour of Nano Nagle Place in Ireland, and got to learn about how she taught students how to read, write and sew.

We had lots of fun at recess and lunch playing with other schools.

We made posters about Nano Nagle and the things she stood for. As a school, we want to be more like her, for example, helping others when they need it and giving other people positive energy.

Rosey, Mav, Bel, Leo and Connor J.



Kindness Day

This Friday is Kindness Day, a day to remember to be kind to each other. This day has been put together by our Wellbeing Group. We look forward to the day...and remember to wear pink!

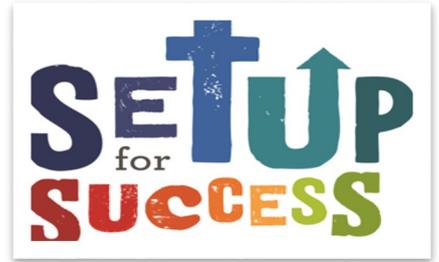
A free Sausage Sizzle will be available for the students. Students will be able to get two sausages in bread each. If you require gluten free bread or need a vegetarian option can you please inform the office so that we are able to cater for your dietary requirements. The canteen will be open as usual.

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.



Welcome

We welcome Shari (Year 7) and her family to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

COVID Update

After this week, masks will no longer be mandatory in our school. Students are still welcome to wear masks if they wish. We thank everyone, especially our secondary students, for the way they have handled wearing masks for half a year. It hasn't been comfortable, but in general we have had very little trouble with the situation.

Staff Movements

A number of our staff have Professional Development this week, including Mrs Walters, Mr Chapman, Ms Baker and Miss O'Toole.

Mrs Hoffman will be taking leave for the last two weeks of Term 2.

Mrs Honeychurch has Professional Development next Wednesday and Thursday.

Visit to Timberlink

Mr Cook took some Year 9s and 10s to Timberlink last Friday so the students could look around and find out about the careers on offer. The students were most appreciative for the opportunity and we thank Timberlink for organising the visit.

School Photos

School photos will be taken next Tuesday 28th June. It is important that we have consistency for our photos so **all students should be wearing their winter uniform with either a jumper or blazer**. We only have a limited number of jumpers and blazers for those who don't have one (and we can't guarantee they will fit), so we would ask parents to organise this in the next week. Black jackets will not be worn in photos and, apart from our Kinder students, we will not be taking photos of students in PE uniform.

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Year 10 Camp and Work Experience

This week will be the last full week for our Year 10s. Next week they will be on camp in Melbourne from Wednesday to Friday, and the week after they have work experience. We wish them well for the upcoming weeks and we thank Mr Cook for his organisation of these events.

Reports

Our staff are busy writing reports at the moment. We hope for these to be released on Compass in the last week of this term.

Excursions

Our Preps and Grade 1s will have an excursion to Brickendon tomorrow, while our 3/4s will have an excursion to the Queen Victoria Museum on Thursday.

Fire Drills

Last Wednesday we were due to have a fire drill observed by the Tasmanian Fire Service. However, because it was looking like rain at the time we were to have it, we cancelled the drill and are now going to reschedule it for another day.

However, as fate would have it, our fire alarms were set off in the morning of that same day by a cooking mishap (there was no fire, just a little smoke). Our students quickly moved out of the building and were all accounted for and patiently waited for the fire brigade to ensure everything was alright and reset our alarms. Well done to all of the students who reacted so quickly and calmly.

Shout Out Term 2, Week 7, 2022

Chelsie Jenkins	For amazing focus in Art.
Zayden Kerr	For respectful listening during assembly.
Maliah Cunningham	For being respectful during assembly.
Charlotte Judd	For being respectful during assembly.
William Singline	For being respectful during assembly.
Luis Lee	For being respectful during assembly.
Mia Barker	For being respectful during assembly.
Yueni Tan	For being respectful during assembly.
Sofia Lockhart	For great listening during assembly.
Kiara Fisher	For sitting well during assembly.
Bienvinido Bennett	For being able to relax his mind.
Danica Sweet	For being respectful during assembly.
Jaxon Hillard	For being able to calm his mind.
Sabian Hawes	For excellent behaviour during assembly.
Archie Davidson	For being beautifully engaged in the literacy activity.
Victor Hugo	For trying hard to be calm during relaxation.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	For being respectful during assembly.
Vanessa Linley	For having a great day during assembly.
Leo Batte	For being respectful during assembly.
Maddison Hyland	For always being polite when entering a class room.
Lindsie Barrett	For excellent listening in assembly.
Lachlan Smith	For picking up rubbish in the playground.
Evie Evans	For being respectful during show & tell.
Darcie Power	For being respectful during show & tell.
Evie King	For being respectful during show & tell.
Evie King	For helping others with their maths work.
Rilee Brown	For being respectful during mat time.
Chelsie Jenkins	For her 3D Robot picture.
Lindsie Barrett	For working well during maths.
Malakai Hyland	For working well during maths.
William Singline	For excellent sound work.
Mia Barker	For excellent reading.
Leo Batte	For excellent reading.
Elijah Bromley	For excellent work with his letter sounds.
Sofia Lockhart	For always being ready to learn.

PBS Focus is Respect

We are respectful when we speak kindly to each other.

You are a Star

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Leo Linley for acting maturely - **30 min of personal free time.**

Logan Hawkins for listening respectfully in assembly - **will choose next week.**

Toby Jones for having a great attitude to your learning - **lunch with Mr Taylor.**

Well done!

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

<u>Upcoming Games:</u>	<u>Wednesday 22nd June</u>
Year 10 Soccer	Star v Deloraine HS@ NTCA
Year 10 Netball	Star v Prospect HS @ Hoblers Bridge
Year 10 Hockey	Star v Riverside HS @ St. Leonards

<u>Upcoming Games:</u>	<u>Thursday 23rd June</u>
Year 7/8 Soccer	Star v Kings Meadows @ NTCA
Year 7/8 Netball	Star v Queechy @ Hoblers Bridge

<u>Results from Wednesday 15th June</u>	
Year 10 Soccer	Star 5 - Cressy 0
Year 10 Netball	Cancelled
Year 10 Hockey	Star 1 - Deloraine 4

<u>Results from Thursday 16th June</u>	
Year 7/8 Soccer	Star 0 - Queechy 6
Year 7/8 Netball	Star 24 - Queechy 1

<u>Term 2 - 2022</u>	
Friday 24th June	Kindness Day
Tuesday 28th June	School Photo Day
Wednesday 29th June—Friday 1st July	Year 10 Camp
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

School Photo Day - Tuesday June 28

School photos will be held on Tuesday 28th June. As the same as last year, ordering and payment are now online. Below are the instructions on ordering and Access Key Code will be sent home to parents via Compass. Once ordered, parents will receive an email confirming their order, so all orders and payments are traceable.

ALL orders must be in by 4:30pm Monday, 27th June.

Family Orders will not be allowed after the above time.

This enables us to produce a family report for you in the morning so you will know which families need photos.

If parents cannot order online, they can ask a friend or family.

For our photographers' safety please do not send your child to school for a photo if sick. The photographer can refuse to photograph a sick child.

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Access Key Has been sent via Compass to Parents



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Select your State
- 4 Enter your special unique Access Key

 Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



Kindness day

Friday 24th June

Come to school dressed in pink

Free BBQ provided and fun activities held throughout the day!!