

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Life is filled with difficult decisions, and the winners are those who make them. - Dan Brown

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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This week has seen a lot of tricky decisions made around the world. By “tricky,” I mean that there are no easy choices. While one choice will please one group of people, it will upset others.

It started with the world swimming body, FINA, making the decision the transgender swimmers would not be able to compete in women’s competitions. Then came the US Supreme Court overturning a decision which ensured the legality of abortion in the United States, instead allowing individual states to make the decision.

We also see authorities wondering what is the best way of helping earthquake victims in Afghanistan - if they give money to the Taliban will it be used to help the victims or will it be used in other, less helpful, ways? Should we give Ukraine more weapons which will draw out the conflict even longer, and in doing so draw out people’s suffering?

The world is full of tricky decisions that need to be made. Even in our own lives we will have to make decisions where it is not clear what the right choice is. It could be as small as deciding whether to leave one job to take on another, or as big as deciding whether to turn off the life support system of a relative.

So how do we make these sorts of decisions? Religious belief can sometimes make it easier, as religions often have ethics and morals and a philosophy they follow. But not everyone follows a particular religion, and the religion’s ethics and morals can’t always be guaranteed to be helpful with all decisions that need to be made.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, it is important that we introduce our students to the dilemmas of the world - not to suggest one choice or another, but to look at all sides of the argument and to see where everyone is coming from. School gives a safe place to find out information and work through the problems, without it affecting anyone else! If we didn’t expose our students to the problems of the world then we couldn’t call ourselves much of a school, let alone a Catholic one.

I recently watched a movie called *The Worst Person in the World* (I wouldn’t recommend it). Essentially it was about a woman called Julie who spent the entire movie struggling with making adult decisions, especially around what she wanted to do with her life and who she wanted to spend it with. She was *the worst person in the world* because her choices, which were mainly made based on the mood she was in at the time, kept having a negative effect on others. Her decisions were selfish and did not take the needs of others into consideration.

We all want our children to be able to make adult decisions when they grow up. To do this we have a responsibility to teach them that the decisions we make are not just about us, but about those around us as well. Tricky as some of these decisions may be, they can still be made in the spirit of selflessness and compassion.

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

Whom Shall I Send?

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

The Feast of St Peter and St Paul is celebrated on the 29th of June. Both men were martyred in Rome because of their faith.



Peter was the fisherman, a man of great faith, whom Jesus appointed leader of God's Church on Earth. But even Peter had flaws. We remember Peter denying knowing Jesus, as Jesus is being beaten, tortured, and set on the path to crucifixion. Yet he went on to take the Gospel to many and he is known as the first Pope of the Church.

After the crucifixion we learn about Paul, a Pharisee who led the violent persecution of those who had recently converted to Christianity. It is on the road to Damascus that Paul encounters the risen Christ and through his miraculous conversion becomes one of Christianity's greatest missionaries. Paul went on to establish churches in eastern and southern Europe, his many letters which can be found in the New Testament helped to spread the message of Christianity and expand the Christian faith.

Both these men are the greatest witnesses to the Christian Faith. They both made many mistakes, but they both achieved so much in Christ's name through the gift of God's grace by bringing the Gospel into our world. God's grace is offered to all of us, no matter the sins we have committed, God is always ready to forgive and reconcile us to him. Pope Francis tells us that 'before all else the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.'

Stars of the Week - 23rd June 2022

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| Kinder | J'Kobi Carnie | For being a fantastic listener at mat times. |
| Prep | Oscar Millen | For being brave and completing his writing on his own. Well done Oscar. |
| Grade 1 | Luis Lee | For his amazing improvement in reading. |
| Grade 2 | Brooke Baillie | For being a kind and helpful member of the class. |
| Grade 3/4 | Savannah Grimsey-Gray | For great focus with class tasks. Well done Savannah! |
| Grade 5/6 | Keegan Leslie | For showing great sportsmanship at the recent Cross Country. This demonstrated great leadership skills. Well done! |

Prep Year 1 Excursion

Last Wednesday, Prep and Grade 1 went to Brickendon Farm Village in Longford. The weather was beautiful and we had a wonderful time feeding the sheep, pig, bull and ducks. Some of us were afraid of feeding the ducks, but we tried hard to be brave.

We also got to look at farm equipment from the olden times. It would have been very hard to be a farmer in the olden days. They worked from sun up to sun down! We had a wonderful day but were very tired by the time we got back to school.

Thank you Mr Illingworth, Miss Diane and Ms Baker for coming with us.



Grade 3-4 Excursion

Last week the Grade 3-4 class went on an excursion to the Queen Victoria Museum to see "The First Tasmanians Exhibit"

We learned about how the first Tasmanians came to live in Australia, what they ate, how they built their shelters, how they made their tools and the various language groups.

We learned that in the past there were many Aboriginal language groups in Tasmania. Today the only language spoken by Tasmanian Aboriginals is Palawa Kani, which means Aborigines speak.

We were also able to see some traditional art and craft made by the Tasmanian Aboriginal people including shell necklaces, water carriers and baskets made of natural woven materials.

We really enjoyed learning about how Tasmania used to be connected to the mainland and had fun using a special interactive screen that showed how Tasmania had changed over thousands of years.

We had a great time at the museum and really enjoyed learning all about Tasmania and the first Tasmanians.

Kindness Day

Last Friday we celebrated Kindness Day, a day for us to remember to be kind to each other and ourselves. Students and staff dressed in pink, we tied pink ribbons to our crossing fence, students wrote or drew messages of kindness on a banner, we had a shared BBQ, and at the end of the day each class had a raffle where students wrote how they had been kind during the day in order to enter.

It was a great day and we thank the Wellbeing Group for organising it. The Wellbeing Group was led by Mr Taylor and Emma Swanson, one of our counsellors, and consisted of about 12 secondary students.



SetUp for Success

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Set Up will not be operating this Wednesday (June 29) but will be on next Wednesday (July 6) for the last week of the Term 2.



Staff Movements

Mrs Hoffmann is on leave for the next two weeks.

Mrs Honeychurch has Professional Learning this Wednesday and Thursday.

A number of secondary staff are out for Year 10 Camp from Wednesday to Friday. Their classes will be filled either by our current staff or relief staff.

Mr Chapman and Mrs McGillivray have a Professional Learning on Wednesday.

COVID Changes

Many people will be aware of some changes to COVID restrictions, in particular around masks.

- Staff and secondary students are no longer required to wear masks at school.
- Other adults are no longer required to wear masks when visiting the school. This also means that parents are not required to wear masks at Primary Assembly.
- Masks are still required for adults and secondary students at school if they are a close contact and want to attend school.
- Some staff and students may choose to wear masks for other reasons.

The number of COVID cases around school has dropped to near zero over the past two weeks, however students and staff are being affected by other illnesses like colds and flus and stomach bugs. Please remember to contact the school if your child is away ill so that they are not marked down as an unexplained absence.

End of Term Assembly

Our End of Term Assembly will be held next Friday 8th July in the Church at 12pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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.

Reports

Our mid-year reports for Prep to Year 10 are being finalised and we aim to release these on Compass next Thursday 7th July. If you are not on Compass you will not be able to access your child's reports, so it might be time to double-check that you are!

Year 10 Camp

Our Year 10s fly out to Melbourne tomorrow for their school camp. We wish them well for what is sure to be a great experience.

TPSSA Winter Sport

The Grade 5/6 TPSSA Winter Sport roster begins this Friday. We wish our students well and we know that they will represent the school to the best of their ability.

Shout Out Term 2, Week 8, 2022

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| Dyson Bromley | For helping clean the classroom |
| Chase Davis | For being respectful during assembly |
| Yueni Tan | For beautiful colouring in |
| Niklaus Quilty-Maguire | For working well during maths |
| Scarlett Baillie | For having a great attitude to your learning |
| Mia Syms | For fantastic reading |
| Bienvinido Bennett | For fantastic reading |
| Carter Upston | For fantastic reading |
| Oscar Millen | For fantastic reading |
| Brock Holden | For focusing on his literacy work |
| Finley Upston | For focusing on his literacy work |
| Dyson Bromley | For working well during literacy |
| Amelie Olivera | For excellent sounding out and writing on her own |
| Yueni Tan | For being a wonderful friend |
| Mia Barker | For helping tidy up |
| Kirra-Lyla Harris | For helping tidy up |
| Tobias Jones | For playing safely and respectfully during play times |
| Zayden Kerr | For playing safely and respectfully during play times |
| Archie Davidson | For being a responsible line leader when crossing the road |
| Bienvinido Bennett | For great writing today and a lovely detailed picture |

You are a Star

PBS Focus is **Respect**

We are safe and respectful when playing inside during our wet weather program.

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Darcie Power for her effort during our mindfulness sessions - \$5 newsagent voucher.

J'Kobi Carnie for being ready to learn and sitting beautifully on the mat - outdoor game for the class.

Well done!

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2022



Karlee Wayne & Matilda Trotter

Well done!



Parents and Carers
 you are invited to our
 Prep to Year 9
 End Of Term 2 Assembly
 in the Church
 Friday 8th July
 @ 12:00pm



Kinder families are welcome to join us
Year 10 will be on Work Experience

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| <u>Term 2 - 2022</u> | |
| 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 |
| <u>Term 3 Starts</u> | <u>Monday 25th July</u> |

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 29th June

Year 9/10 Soccer **Bye**
 Year 9/10 Netball **Bye**
 Year 9/10 Hockey Star v Cressy HS @ St. Leonards

Upcoming Games: Thursday 30th June

Year 7/8 Soccer Star v Kings Meadows @ Birch Ave
 Year 7/8 Netball Star v Queechy @ Hoblers Bridge

Results from Wednesday 22nd June

Year 9/10 Soccer Star v Deloraine **Forfeit**
 Year 9/10 Netball Star 14 - Prospect 9
 Year 9/10 Hockey Star 1 - Riverside 4

Results from Thursday 23rd June

Year 7/8 Soccer **Cancelled due to weather**
 Year 7/8 Netball **Cancelled due to weather**