

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

26th July 2022

From the Principal

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb in his skin and walk around in it. - Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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When we talk about our Vision and Mission here at Star of the Sea Catholic College, we use the words *attentiveness, hospitality and compassion*. It was these three things that Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters, was known for, and it is these three things we would like to focus on at our school and we would like our students to practice, now and in the future.

It's easy enough to say these things, but putting them into our everyday lives and interactions here at school can be a bit harder. There will always be ongoing discussions about what each word means and how we show it.

But we have to try, because trying and getting it wrong and learning from our mistakes is much better than not trying at all.

So how do we practise *compassion*?

At the End of Term Assembly for Term 2 I challenged the students to walk around in someone else's shoes for a while, or, as Atticus Finch said in *To Kill A Mockingbird*, to step into someone else's skin. That is, if we are to be compassionate people, we need to be able to imagine living other people's lives, with all of the good things and tough things that come with it.

This is actually a hard thing to do, especially for younger students, because to walk around in someone else's shoes requires you to have an idea about how they live their lives. It is hard for a 7 year-old to imagine living the life of a Ukrainian refugee if they don't know anything about Ukraine or the people who live there.

But we can still practice walking in other people's shoes closer to home. Sometimes when our students are having a rough day and they tell us a little bit about what has been going on for them, we understand a bit more, can walk in their shoes and we find it easier to show them compassion.

If parents or community members are upset with the school, before getting defensive and thinking, "well what would they know?", I instead try to walk in their shoes and ask what they might be feeling and why. It is only then that I can understand what is going on and we can work on solving the problem together.

We will never know enough about other people's life experiences to truly walk in their shoes, but we can try to, and in doing so, our capacity for being compassionate people increases. In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to continue to challenge ourselves to not "jump to conclusions," but to stop and try to see things from another's point of view. Only by doing this can we truly be the compassionate people we strive to be, and who Nano Nagle was.



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.

Staff Movements

As we are aware, Mr Taylor will be the Deputy Principal of St Finn Barr's this term, so we welcome Mr Mannion and we hope he enjoys his time here.

Mrs Romein is on leave for two weeks. Mrs Wilson will be taking the Grade 3/4 class over that time.

Maija, our College counsellor on Fridays, will be away for the first two Fridays of this term.

COVID Update

Many of you will be aware that Tasmania is currently going through another wave of COVID. Whilst many of our staff and students have already had COVID, it is difficult for us to know whether people will be re-infected. At this stage we will continue to operate as normal. However, please be aware:

- Although masks are not mandatory, they are encouraged indoors.
- The office still has RATs available for families. Please contact the office if you require some.
- If students are a close contact then they need to do a RAT each day before coming to school and, if they are secondary students, they need to wear a mask. Please contact the office if your child is a close contact.
- Students should stay home if sick.
- Please encourage children to continue good hygiene, such as washing hands regularly and coughing into their elbow.

Term 3 Calendar

We have attached the calendar for Term 3 to this newsletter. While we hope that most of these dates are locked in, as you would be aware in the year 2022, things are always subject to change. We will communicate any changes to parents and carers when they occur.

GFG Foundation Student Program

A number of our Year 9 and 10s will participate in the GFG Foundation Student Program, starting this Wednesday and going through until the end of term. We are sure it will be a great experience for them and we thank the GFG Foundation for providing the opportunity.

Year 10 Work Experience

In the last week of last term most of our Year 10s participated in work experience (some will do their's this term). We thank Mr Cook for organising this valuable experience and we also thank the workplaces who welcomed our students in. In particular we thank:

Tas Electrical; Timberlink; Mobile Fleet Maintenance; Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre; Launceston Basketball Association; South George Town Primary School; Parry Property; The Crazy Duck; Roofing; Hicky's Hardware; Launceston Veterinary Clinic; Quick Fix Mobile Mechanic Services; Ravenswood Primary School; Tamar Cakes; Harcourts George Town; Launceston City Council; AFL Tas; Neighbourhood House

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will occur next Tuesday 2nd August. We would encourage all parents and carers to attend if they can. Keep an eye on Compass for more details.

Students with Medical Conditions

Does your child have a medical condition such as asthma, diabetes or severe allergies, that we should know about? We are currently revising and updating our internal medical action plan. If your child suffers from any condition that may have an impact on their day to day activities please contact the school office for further advice.

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.



Application to Learning

Kinder	Elsie Sherriff
Prep	Lachlan Smith
Year 1	Luis Lee
Year 2	Tristan Ackerly
Year 3	Nate Walker
Year 4	Scarlett Baillie
Year 5	Paityn Tunks
Year 6	Maddison Hyland

Merit Awards

Year 7

Hunter Paine	Effort and Application
Harry Clark	Effort and Application
Lulu Long	Effort and Application
Darci Johnson	Effort and Application
Hayley Daniels	Effort and Application
Samara Davenport	Effort and Application

Year 8

Chloe Gofton	Improvement in Studies
Drew Daniels	Effort and Application
Caeden McCutcheon	Effort and Application
Erin Vanderzwan	Effort and Application
Belynda Hyland	Effort and Application
Austin Evans	Effort and Application
Karlee Wayne	Effort and Application

Year 9

Ashley Byard	Effort and Application
Nikiah Edwards	Effort and Application
Maeve Lazdauskas	Effort and Application
Mia Webb	Effort and Application
Hayley Ford	Leadership Skills
Isabelle Ackerly	Effort and Application

Year 10

Keegan Jacobs	Effort and Application
Dan Ungerhofer	Improvement in Studies
Hayden Simmons	Commitment to Learning

Cross County Champions

Year 3	Ryder Hawkins Savannah Grimsey-Gray
Year 4	Sabian Hawes Allira-Grayce Harris
Year 5	Bradley Maney Imogen Ackerly
Year 6	William Power Indiana Cartwright
Year 7	Harry Clark Hayley Daniels
Year 8	Caeden McCutcheon Matilda Clarke
Year 9	Brady Hewison Miya Webb
Year 10	Keegan Jacobs Brianna Taber



Shout Out Term 2, Week 10, 2022

Rilee Brown	For being so caring in the playground
Darcie Power	For being respectful in assembly
Imogen Ackerly	For great collaborative work in Maths
Paityn Tunks	For great collaborative work in Maths
Dyson Bromley	For helping clean the classroom
Thomas Singline	For being a great learner and helping other people with their work
Lucas Ratcliffe	For sitting quickly on the mat when called inside
Eliana Dodge	For sitting quickly on the mat when called inside
Chanden Prismall-Jackson	For sitting quickly on the mat when called inside
Archie Davidson	For sitting quickly on the mat when called inside
Sofia Lockhart	For being ready to learn
Mason Giles	For being ready to learn
Eliana Dodge	For being extremely engaged during art
Rafael Tilain	For being ready to learn
Chanden Prismall-Jackson	For being ready to learn
Lucas Ratcliffe	For being ready to learn
Archie Davidson	For being ready to learn
Logan Hawkins	For being quick to help clean up
Elsie Sherriff	For being ready to learn
Logan Hawkins	For being ready to learn
Mason Giles	For being quick to help clean up
Tristan Ackerly	For plugging in all the unplugged laptops
Oscar Millen	For great reading!
Mia Syms	For fantastic reading
Isabel Walker (Prep)	For fantastic reading in groups today
Wyatt Parkes	For looking out for his friends

Shout Out winners are:

Dyson Bromley for being engaged in HASS lessons.

Rafael Tilain for always being willing to help others.

Sophia Giles for her effort during our mindfulness sessions.

Zayden Kerr for playing safely and respectfully during play times.

Lindsie Barrett for a great morning of learning

Each student had a pick from the Prize Box

Well done!

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2022



Belynda Hyland & Lillian Hockey



Term 3, 2022	
Monday 15th August	Mass for Feast of the Assumption
Tuesday 16th August	English Competition
Wednesday 17th August	Catholic Education Week Mass
Monday 22nd August	Book Week Parade (Dreaming with eyes open...)
Tuesday 23rd August	Mother Nature performance.
Wednesday 24th August	Science Competition
Monday 29th August	Maths Competition
Thursday 1st September	Father's Day Breakfast
Friday 2nd September	Staff Spirituality Day; student free day
Monday 5th September	Holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day
Thursday 8th September	RUOK Day
Friday 16th September	Mini TSO Concert
Thursday 22nd September	RYDA (Year 10)
Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd September	Country Gold
Monday 26th September	TPSSA Athletics
Thursday 29th September	Girls Footy Gala Day
Friday 30th September	Term 3 ends; End of Term Assembly

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 27th July

Year 9/10 Soccer Star v Brooks HS @ Brooks HS
Year 9/10 Netball Star v Kings Meadows @ Hoblers Bridge
Year 9/10 Hockey Star v Riverside HS @ St Leonards

Upcoming Games: Thursday 28th July

Year 7/8 Soccer Star v Kings Meadows @ Birch Ave
Year 7/8 Netball **Bye**

Friday 29th July - TPSSA Sport @ Beaconsfield

Star V Beaconsfield & Port



STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE
Kinder – Year 10 PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Tuesday August 2nd

Please complete the form below and return it to the College as soon as possible.

NAME OF STUDENT/S and GRADE: _____

Please write the name of the student/s next to the name of the staff member/s you wish to speak to.

Teacher	Name of Student/s	Time (Office Use)	Teacher	Name of Student/s	Time (Office Use)
Mrs Denise Armstrong			Mrs Trudy Hoffman		
Ms Rose Briscoe			Mrs Melissa McGillivray		
Mr Oliver Cook			Ms Kerrin Edwards		
Mr Richard Chapman			Miss Melitta O'Toole		
Mrs Lynelle Davis			Mrs Louise Sikkens		
Mr Craig Duncan			Mrs Karen Stewart		
Mr Gary Goodall			Mrs Karen Tame		
Mrs Claire Honeychurch			Mrs Sally Walters		
Mrs Fiona Harmer					

Please select your preferred time slots with 1 being the most preferred. Interviews will last a maximum of 10 minutes. All attempts will be made to give you your main preferred time.

Tuesday 2nd August

3:15pm - 4:30pm
 5:30pm - 6:30pm

4:30pm - 5:30pm
 6.30pm - 7:00pm