

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

16th August 2022

From the Principal

Proclaim with joy.
- theme of Catholic
Education Week

This week is Catholic Education Week, the time of year that we celebrate the contribution that Catholic Education has made to Tasmania in the past 180 years or so. It is also a week where we hear of Education Ministers from the states and territories meeting to come up with strategies to overcome the teacher shortage in Australia. The fact that these two events have occurred so close together is worth reflecting upon.

Catholic Education doesn't happen without teachers. They are fundamental to the enterprise. Yet in Australia we see teachers leaving the job after only a short time, or not finishing their teaching degree, or finishing their degree and deciding not to go into teaching. We hear stories of teachers feeling burnt out, of being overwhelmed with administration tasks, of acting like social workers, and of being abused by students and parents.

If the current trend continues, all schools will struggle to find teachers in coming years (current estimates are that Australia will be short around 4000 secondary teachers in the next few years).

Perhaps the answer from a Catholic Education point-of-view is staring us in the face.

Everyone wants to feel they belong. We often talk about the need for students to feel they belong for them to enjoy and be successful at school. But the same goes for teachers. Teachers need to feel a sense of belonging for them to be able to enjoy their job, and want to continue it. That sense of belonging comes when they feel they play a part in what is happening. If teachers feel they are making a difference in their school, and they are recognised for doing so, they will tend to want to remain in that community.

On the flip side, if teachers are being asked to do more and more, without being given more time to do it, and if they are then copping abuse from students or parents for their efforts, then it is no surprise that they will want to leave the job.

Catholic Education, by nature, is supposed to be a place of belonging. Children in Catholic Education should be educated within a community. That is, everyone in that community should play a part in the education - teachers, children and parents, along with the broader Parish community.

In the case of Star of the Sea, we are not really a school. What we are is a community where education occurs. Staff and parents and students, along with the broader Parish community, work together so everyone can learn and grow and be the people God calls them to be. And if this is happening successfully and our teachers are being thanked for the efforts they put in, then the teachers will want to stay.

In my experience at Star of the Sea it has been pleasing to see (although a little sad) that for teachers who come to us for a short time more often than not want to stay. They are disappointed that their contract ends and we don't have a position for them. This says something about the community they spend time in.

May we all, as part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community, continue to work together to learn and grow together, and may we encourage our teachers in their work and let them know how important they are.

Mr Richard Chapman, Principal



Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



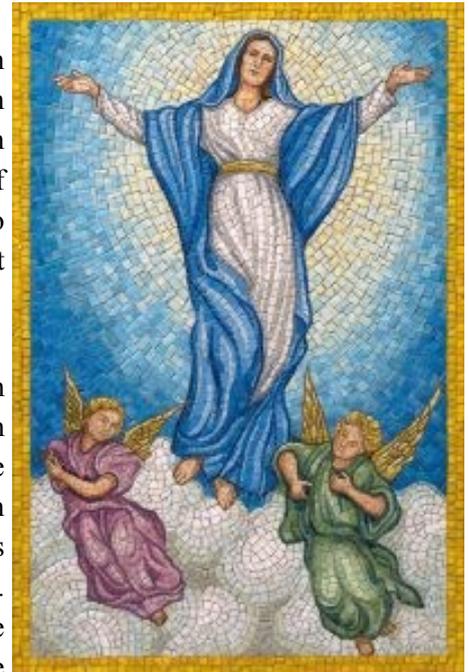
Hospitality

Compassion

The Feast of the Assumption

We began this week with the Feast of the Assumption and College Mass. Throughout the state this week in Catholic Education Week the Mass of the Assumption will be celebrated. This feast commemorates the death of Mary, Mother of God, and her bodily assumption into heaven; her passing into eternal life. We remember that life does not end when we die, and love goes on and on.

Mary is known by many names, like Our Lady or Queen of Heaven or Star of the Sea. Yes, we are a Marian school and this feast day, and the feast of the Presentation of Mary are two important celebrations in our college. On this day we remember that Mary was chosen to be a mother not just for Jesus but for all of us. We remember her deep faith and trust in God, and we pray that we are inspired by Mary's life to put our hope and trust in God. The Church teaches us that when Mary died, she was assumed into heaven body and soul. Mary cares for us and she is a promise for our own future resurrected lives.



Our prayers and good wishes are also with Father Edward Zammit, past parish priest, who celebrates his birthday at this time and who will be celebrating this feast this year in his birth place, Malta.

Stars of the Week - 11th August 2022

Kinder	James Moore	For being kind and caring towards his classmates.
Prep	Lucas Vincent	For always being a kind friend.
Grade 1	Wyatt Parkes	For his improvement in concentration skills.
Grade 2	Hazel-Mae Provis	For working hard to complete her literacy work.
Grade 3/4	Savannah Grimsey-Gray	For working hard to complete her tasks. Keep up the good work Savannah!
Grade 5/6	Bernard Moore	For always helping other in need of assistance. You consistently show the 'Spirit of Jesus'!

Consent at Star of the Sea

Last week our lower Primary students (Kinder to Year 2) were visited by *Bravehearts*. "Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show" focussed on differentiating 'yes' and 'no' feelings, recognising the bodies 'warning signs,' body ownership, helping children identify language and feelings associated with secrets, reinforcing that there is no secret that children cannot tell someone, and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

Last term our secondary students were visited by *Real Talk Australia*. This gave the students the opportunity to discuss topics of sex, relationships and personal identity, along with what consent means and doesn't mean.

As these topics become harder and harder for students to navigate in modern times, we'll keep working at Star of the Sea to educate students to help them make safe decisions.



Book Week Information

This year's Book Week Dress Up Day Parade
will be held on
Monday 22nd August at 9.00am in the gym.

Students are encouraged to come dressed-up as their favourite
book character..

Parents are most welcome to attend

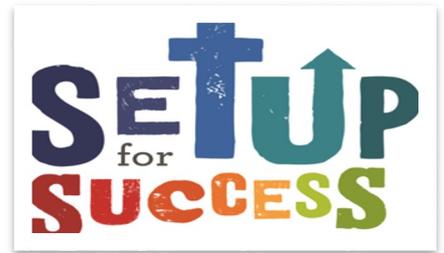
The theme is:
"Dreaming with eyes open"



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.



Welcome

We welcome Lily (Year 9) and her family to the Star of the Sea community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Book Week Parade

Next Monday 22nd August we will be holding our Book Week Dress-up Day and Parade. Students are encouraged to come dressed-up as their favourite book character.

The Parade will be held in the Gym at 9:00am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day is fast approaching and we extend an invitation to fathers and father-figures to join the students for breakfast in the Hall on Thursday 1st September. Please see the invitation and RSVP in this newsletter. The breakfast is usually eggs, sausages, bacon, toast and baked beans.

Catholic Education Week

This week is Catholic Education Week. Our Year 5/6 class will be attending the Northern Mass tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon, Mrs Tame will be recognised at the Catholic Education Commission awards for 25 years service to Catholic Education.

Productions

Tomorrow (Wednesday) a number of our secondary students will travel to Launceston to see Stage Right Youth Theatre's production of *The Lion King Jr.*

Next Tuesday our Year 1 to 7s will see Happy Habit's production of *Mother Nature* here at the College.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2023 for all year levels are now open. We are beginning our enrolment interviews in preparation for transition days next term.

If you are hoping to enrol your child into Star of the Sea in 2023, we would ask that forms are in before the end of Term 3. Enrolment forms can be picked up at the office or from our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Shout Out Term 3, Weeks 3, 2022

Wyatt Parkes	For excellent reading.
William Singline	For excellent reading.
Alby Hawkins	For excellent reading.
Isabel Walker (Prep)	For being a fabulous helper at pack up time.
Vanessa Linley	For filling out the cyber safe sheet beautifully.
Oscar Millen	For amazing independent writing.

**This weeks Shout Out winners
are:**

Lucas Ratcliffe & Hamish Bannon

Both students won

10 minutes extra recess for the class.

You are a Star

PBS Focus is

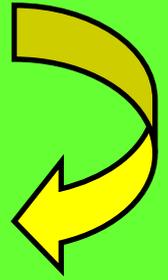
Being Safe

- **When using the toilets, we**
 - clean up after ourselves
 - wash our hands
 - report any issues
- **When in the playground, we:**
 - play with our age group
 - keep our bodies to ourselves
 - put our rubbish in the bin

Father's Day Breakfast



Thursday 1st September,



Fathers and father-figures are welcome to come to school and enjoy bacon, sausages, eggs, beans and toast. with the students, as well as a chance for a play before work!

For catering purposes please RSVP by Tuesday 30th August.

_____ will attend the Father's Day breakfast with my child/ren _____

We will be there about (please circle) 7.30am 7.45am 8.00am 8.15am

ALSO

Father's Day Stall



Your child will have a chance to visit the stall on 1st September and buy a father or grandfather a present.

Donations for the Father's Day Stall will be gratefully accepted at the school office.



Items will cost between \$2 and \$5.

Term 3, 2022	
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 - Father's Day Stall
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 17th August 2022

Year 9/10 Soccer Star v SOC Gold @ Scotch Oakburn
Year 9/10 Netball Star v BHS @ Hoblers Bridge
Year 9/10 Hockey Star v RHS Blue @ St Leonards

Upcoming Games; Thursday 18th August 2022

Year 7/8 Soccer Star v Prospect HS @ PPK
Year 7/8 Netball Star v Kings Meadows @ Hoblers Br.

Results : Wednesday 10th August 2022

Year 9/10 Soccer Star drew with Scotch Oakburn
Year 9/10 Netball Star beat Brooks HS
Year 9/10 Hockey Star lost to Deloraine HS

Results : Thursday 11th August 2022

Year 7/8 Soccer Star lost to Queechy
Year 7/8 Netball Star beat Newstead CS