

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

2nd August 2022

### From the Principal

Every Friday afternoon I present MJR (Making Jesus Real) to the Year 8s. Some have been involved in this back in Primary school, while for others this year is their first experience of it.

As part of the course we talk about different virtues - that is, a quality or trait which is good to have. And a few times this year we have touched on the virtue of commitment.

Although commitment is indeed a good quality to have, I wonder if it has disappeared a bit in the last few years. Recently I heard the term, FOBO (fear of better options). That is, we have become more reluctant to commit to things in case a better option appears. Instead of saying we will go to that event, or we will attend that 2 year-old's birthday party, or I will go with you to the movies, we instead say, "I'll get back to you," or "I'll see how I go." It is often better to commit to a firm "no" than it is to leave the other person hanging!

One of the things we need to teach our children is the importance of commitment. When they join a sporting team they need to see the season out, whether or not they enjoy it and whether or not they are winning. Sporting teams can't operate effectively without the commitment of their players. When we have a role in our workplace we need to commit to it. Workplaces can't operate effectively without the people in them committing to their roles and not fulfilling their responsibilities.

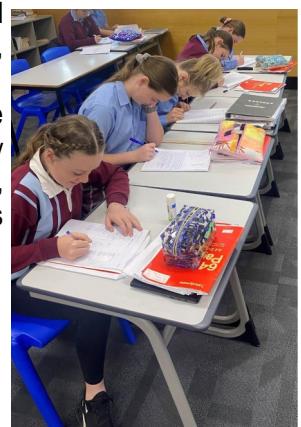
And of course strong relationships only work well with commitment on both sides, whether it is friends, partners or family. Some of us may have experienced a breakdown in a relationship and, when we look back on it, it is not unusual that lack of commitment played some part in the breakdown. When we become parents we commit to our children, whether they are cute babies or frustrating teenagers. And our commitment continues on when they become adults and have children of their own (think about how many grandparents honour their commitment to their children by caring for their grandchildren).

This term and next some of our Year 9s and 10s have committed to a program run by the GFG Foundation in conjunction with Liberty Bell Bay. Whether or not they get something out of it will depend upon how committed they remain to it. Our school has made a commitment to teach reading to our students through MacqLit. We have to honour our commitment to this if we hope to see improvements from our students (and we certainly are at the moment!).

God is, of course, great at commitment. No matter all of our weaknesses and our failings, God loves us. God doesn't wait for a better offer, or for us to become perfect. God loves us as we are. And God shows this commitment through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we are called to stress the importance of commitment to our students. If they are to become fully human, fully alive, then they will need to be able to commit to their jobs, their relationships, and to themselves. It is then we can be who God calls us to be.

**Mr Richard Chapman, Principal**



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# Religious Education and Faith Development

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Spirituality  
Attentiveness

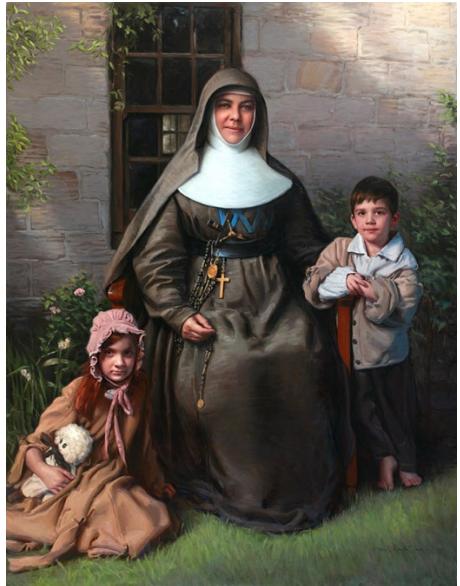


Hospitality  
Compassion

## Never See a Need Without Doing Something About it.

Next week we celebrate the feast of our first Australian saint, St Mary of the Cross, Mackillop. Mary was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne in 1842 and died on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1909. This date has become her feast day.

In 1866 Mary founded Australia's first order of nuns, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and took the religious name of Mary of the Cross. Responding to the needs of poor isolated families in rural areas, Mary pioneered a new form of religious life in providing education for children. No one was excluded. She and her Sisters shared the life of the poor, offering special care to destitute women and children, especially in rural communities and outback Australia. She knew how to trust in God and his providence and that God's love, and care would triumph over many of the challenges she faced. Her example of kindness and practical way of living out the Gospel continues to inspire people today.



Mary's best-known saying is 'Never See a Need Without Doing Something About it' challenges us to ask ourselves, 'What am I doing to make God's love real to those who cross my path?

# Fathers Day Stall



Donations for the Fathers Day Stall will be gratefully accepted at the school office. Your child will have a chance to visit the stall on the 1st September and buy their father or grandfather a present.



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



**Thinking about a school in  
2023?**

**Parents are welcome to  
contact the office to enquire  
about  
Star of The Sea Catholic  
College  
6382 1242**

**We are now taking 2023  
enrolments from  
Kinder to Year 10**



## 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.



## 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](http://www.starsea.tas.edu.au)). We hope to have enrolments finalised by the end of Term 3.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Our Parent Teacher Meetings are being held this afternoon. If you missed your chance to book, or are unavailable today, please feel free to contact the office to organise another time to speak to your child's teachers, whether over the phone or in person.

## Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Star of the Sea students and staff will attend the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption on Monday 15th August at 11:40am in the church. Parents, carers and families are most welcome to join us.

## Early Notice of Student Free Days

This term will see two student-free days.

Friday 2nd September is our Staff Spirituality Day.

Monday 5th September will be a holiday for staff and students in lieu of Launceston Show Day.

This will see students have a four-day weekend.

## Early Notice of Book Week

Our College Book Week Parade will be held on Monday 22nd August. On this day we invite all students to dress up as their favourite book character. The theme for this year's Book Week is *Dreaming with eyes open*.

## Welcome

We welcome Cheyanne (Year 10) and her family to the Star of the Sea community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

## Creative George Town

Maeve and Tempress (Year 9) joined the Mayor, the General Manager of the George Town Council, Lara Alexander MP and representatives from the three George Town schools for the announcement of the Creative George Town project as part of the Premier's Fund for Children and Young People. This will see free Arts, music, dance, and handcrafts workshops and other activities in each school during the holidays and after-school.



<b>Term 3, 2022</b>	
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 - Fathers 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 3rd August 2022

Year 9/10 Soccer	Star v Scotch Oakburn @ Scotch
Year 9/10 Netball	Star v Brooks HS @ Hoblers Bridge
Year 9/10 Hockey	Star v Deloraine HS @ St Leonards

#### Upcoming Games: Thursday 4th August 2022

Year 7/8 Soccer	Star v Queechy HS @ NTCA
Year 7/8 Netball	Star v Newstead CS @ Hoblers Bridge

#### Results : Wednesday 27th July

Year 9/10 Soccer	Star v Brooks HS Loss
Year 9/10 Netball	Star v Kings Cressy Loss
Year 9/10 Hockey	Star v Riverside HS Loss

#### Results : Thursday 28th July

Year 7/8 Soccer	Star v Kings Meadows Loss
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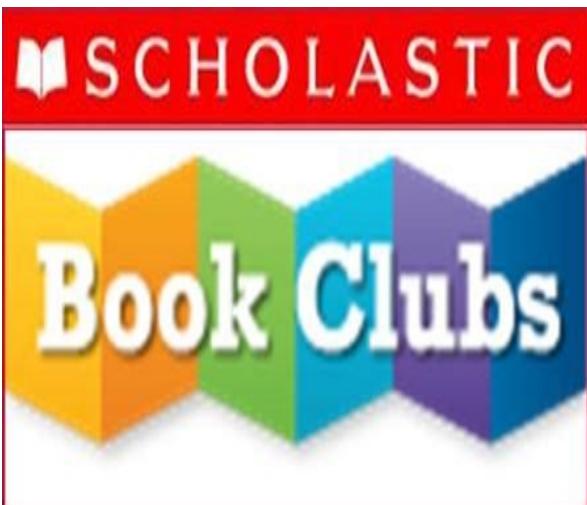
## Homelessness Week Australia

Homelessness 2022 (1-7 August) is an annual campaign coordinated by Homelessness Australia. It seeks to raise awareness around people experiencing homelessness, the issues they face, and the action needed to achieve long-lasting solutions, including increasing the supply of social housing.

Homelessness awareness among Australians is key to driving change as it deepens understanding, which stirs people to action. We encourage you to use Homelessness Week Australia, to learn more and see how you can help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The Salvation Army's focus for National Homelessness Week 2022 is: 'The keys to home'. We recognise there are a variety of reasons why Australians are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and many key ways to helping them find a secure home.

We also understand there are people already at risk of or experiencing homelessness. We want to use Homelessness Week to highlight how the Salvos can support people in finding their way back to a more positive and hopeful life.



# FREE BOOK OFFER

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

Scholastic are giving away FREE books on the recent issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in our school.