

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

23rd August 2022

### From the Principal

Last week we hosted the principal of a secondary school which is (considerably) bigger than Star of the Sea. One of the things he noticed about the school was how calm the environment was compared to the busy-ness of the school he works in.

Creating this calm environment around the school is not something that just happens. If you leave children and teenagers to their own devices, there's a fair chance that the environment will be anything but calm. But it is also something which we deliberately work on here at Star of the Sea.

One of the reasons we work on it is for our student's sake. Learning will be far better in an environment where people are calm, and where everyone knows what to expect.

The other reason we work on it is because of our staff's sake. The reality is, we can't control everything. Students might come into the school one morning not really ready to learn and be difficult to manage. Something may happen at recess or lunchtime, or even during a lesson, which is totally out of the teacher's control but which upsets the student. When these things happen and we have to deal with them, it is far easier to deal with them in a calm environment rather than a chaotic one.

How do we try to create this calm environment? One way is by having good processes that everyone follows. This makes things predictable and everyone knows what to do next when things go wrong.

Another way is through our self-talk. When our Acting Deputy Principal, Mr Mannion, asked me what his role would look like at our school, I said that his one key responsibility was to be the calmest person in the room. At various times over the past two years when we have had to enter different phases of COVID, I have asked the staff to approach their work by being *calm and professional* (I still say it, even today). When things are out of our control, we just need to react to them calmly and professionally. We walk slowly, we talk quietly, we listen.

Calm within our own lives is hard to find these days. With our devices close by every minute of the day, dinging with every notification, we often feel rushed. Calmness, like most other things in our lives, is something we need to deliberately practise. It doesn't come naturally.

Do we always stay calm, 100% of the time, at Star of the Sea? Definitely not. After all, we're only human. But the fact that others notice this calm is a sign that we are heading in the right direction.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community, we need to practise being calm and we need to teach our children to be calm. Only through his calmness was Jesus able to tackle the challenges during his life and death, and it will be through our calmness that we too can tackle the challenges of our lives and, in doing so, be who God calls us to be.



Mr Richard Chapman, Principal



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# Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart  
Spirituality  
Attentiveness



Hospitality  
Compassion



## 28th August

In 1940 the Australian Bishops Council put forward Social Justice Sunday in the liturgical calendar to recognise the importance of working for justice and peace, just as Jesus did.

The basis of domestic and family violence lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others. This is totally contrary to the relationship God calls us to as Christians. Jesus, in his ministry included, listened to, and healed those people he met. Confrontation and aggression had no place in the teachings of Jesus who calls us all to a relationship of love and respect. Nor does confrontation and aggression have a place in our lives and we should call it out.

We pray for all people who have been victims of violence and abuse. May our God of unconditional love bind all goodness together and teach us to seek out only what is right, kind, and fair. May we always work for justice in our world.

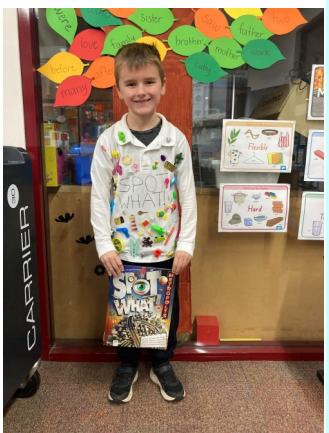
### Stars of the Week - 18th August 2022

Kinder	Eliana Dodge	For recognising lots of rhyming words.
Prep	Elijah Bromley	For being such a focused learner and for being very clever at solving tricky addition problems.
Grade 1	Leo Batte	For his excellent improvement in reading.
Grade 2	Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	For his excellent focus during our "ai" and "ay" sound Initialit lesson.
Grade 3/4	Nate Walker	For consistent positive attitude in all areas of learning.
Grade 5/6	Billy Power	For always contributing interesting questions and information to classroom discussions!



Book  
Week  
Parade





## COVID Update

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.

## Mrs Karen Tame - 25 years of service to Catholic Education

As part of last week's celebrations for Catholic Education Week, Mrs Tame was presented with an award for 25 years of service to Catholic Education. The following is taken from Catholic Education Tasmania's write-up on Mrs Tame (it can be found on their Facebook page):

*Karen Tame has worked at the Star of the Sea in George Town for over 25 years. She has held many roles in her time at the school and is now in the unique position of teaching the children of the kids that she taught twenty years ago. Her most consistent positions within the school have been in the Science and Maths Departments where she has taught for her whole career, but she has also held roles as Food Technology teacher, Curriculum Coordinator, Timetabling Coordinator, and the Daily Planner. She has also been involved with a variety of different extra-curricular activities which has helped grow the spirit within the school.*

*Karen believes that early on in your teaching career, you just need to stick with it. The longer you stay in education, the easier the teaching in the classroom becomes. As a science teacher she is also a massive planner, and stated that any teacher must be prepared, and that it is worth just talking to other teachers because there is always help around. There was something special about the kids at the Star of the Sea, and this has influenced her decision to stay at the school for as long as she has. "Some of the kids that have been through Star of the Sea have been just lovely. I had one girl bring in her thesis to show me. It's amazing that they still think enough of you to come six years later and give you a copy of their thesis." She said with pride, "There are things like that make you proud that the kids have gone on and done really well with their lives."*

Congratulations on your 25 Years of Service, Karen!

## Canteen Thanks

In Mrs Brunacci's absence last week, a number of parents and friends of the school stepped up to run the canteen. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Hardwick, Mrs Youd, Mrs Munro, Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Chapman for operating the canteen last week. Also, a big thank you to Karlee Wayne (Year 8) who also helped out in the canteen most days. We very much appreciate all their work.

## Staff Movements

Mr Chapman is away from Wednesday to Friday this week. Mr Mannion will take on Mr Chapman's responsibilities in his absence.

Mrs Condric is away Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Briscoe is away Wednesday and Friday.

## Student Free Days

A reminder that all students have two student-free days coming up.

**Friday 2nd September** is the first of these, with our staff involved with a Spirituality Day on this day.

**Monday 5th September** is the second, with both staff and students having a holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day. This creates a four day weekend for the students - a great opportunity to rest and get over any sickness!

## 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.



## Father's Day Breakfast and Stall

Our Father's Day Breakfast will be held next Thursday September 1st for all fathers and father-figures in the school. Please see the RSVP attached to this newsletter for further details.

If any parents would like to help in preparing the breakfast, please contact the office.

Also next Thursday will be our Father's Day Stall where students can buy a gift for their father. More information about this will be provided closer to the date.

## Star of the Sea and St Patrick's College Launceston

Last year a review into Catholic Education in the Northern Region was completed, and one of the recommendations which came out of this was that Star of the Sea and St Patrick's College (Launceston) look to build stronger relationships. With this in mind, last Friday saw Mr Tony Daley, the Principal of St Patrick's, visit the school and talk with Mr Chapman, other staff and students so that we can start to figure out what stronger relationships might look like, and what will benefit both schools. In the coming weeks, Mr Chapman will visit St Patrick's to have similar conversations with that community. Whilst nothing will most likely happen this year, we hope to come up with a framework so we can move forward in the future.

## 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](http://www.starsea.tas.edu.au)).

## Year 10 Transition

Our Year 10s are starting to get ready for next year (!) and, as part of this, will visit Launceston College and Newstead College in the coming weeks for taster days.

## Year 10 Leaders News and Events

- **Lolly Jar-** Due to illness we have postponed the winner until next week.
- **Car Wash -** proposed date, Sunday September 11th at the George Town Fire Station 10:00am —2:00pm. More info in the newsletter next week.

## Shout Outs Term 3, Week 4, 2022

Luis Lee	For being a great listener.
Brock Holden	For paying attention to instructions and finishing work.
Evie King	For quickly sitting down in the learning circle.
Michael Laughren	For fantastic work on a counting by 5s job!
Arthur Millen	For paying attention to instructions and finishing work.
Evie Evans	For quickly sitting down in the learning circle.
Madeline Paine	For quickly sitting down in the learning circle.
Kiara Fisher	For trying really hard to be an attentive listener.
Rilee Brown	For quickly sitting down in the learning circle.
Michael Laughren	For excellent news writing.
Elsie Sherriff	For showing kindness to her friends.
Elijah Bromley	For attentive listening during Mass.
Hamish Bannon	For great listening.
Eliana Dodge	For great listening.
Sofia Lockhart	For quietly eating at Recess.
Archie Davidson	For quietly eating at Recess.
Elsie Sherriff	For quietly eating at Recess.
Mason Giles	For great listening.
Logan Hawkins	For great listening.
Carter Upston	For attentive listening during Mass.
Oscar Millen	For attentive listening during Mass.
Chad Jenkins	For attentive listening during Mass.
William Singline	For excellent reading.
Yueni Tan	For her knowledge of materials in Science.
Evie Evans	For being ready for P.E. straight away.
Rilee Brown	For being ready for her lesson straight away.
Darcie Power	For being ready for P.E. straight away.
Alby Hawkins	For excellent reading.



This weeks  
Shout Out  
winners are:

**James Moore**

Prize from the box

**Sophia Giles**

30 minutes personal time

**Well done!**

You are a Star

## PBS Focus is Respectful

- \* We use our manners
- \* We include others
- \* We share
- \* We take turns and listen to others

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2022

**Samara Davenport & Robert Tame**

**Well done!**



Term 3, 2022	
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 24th August 2022

Year 9/10 Soccer	Star v Riverside HS @ Birch Ave
Year 9/10 Netball	Star v Kings Meadows @ Hoblers
Year 9/10 Hockey	BYE

#### Upcoming Games: Thursday 25th August 2022

Year 7/8 Soccer	Star v Prospect HS @ Prospect Park
Year 7/8 Netball	Star v Prospect HS @ Silverdome

#### Results : Wednesday 17th August 2022

Year 9/10 Soccer	Star v Scotch Oakburn - Forfeit
Year 9/10 Netball	Star beat Brooks HS
Year 9/10 Hockey	Star lost to Riverside HS

#### Results : Thursday 18th August 2022

Year 7/8 Soccer	Cancelled due to weather
Year 7/8 Netball	Star lost to Kings Meadows



# Father's Day Stall



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

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

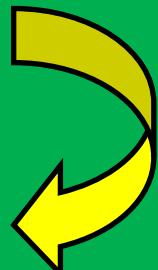
**ITEMS WILL COST BETWEEN \$2 and \$5**



## Father's Day Breakfast

**Thursday 1st September**

**7:30am to 8:30am**



Fathers and father-figures are welcome to come to school and enjoy a hearty breakfast of bacon, sausages, eggs, beans and toast with the students, as well as a chance to 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**