

Star of the Sea Catholic College

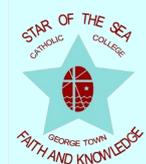
Newsletter

30th August 2022

From the Principal

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings. - Ann Landers

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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When I was young I used to watch a TV show called *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*. For those who don't know it, it was a sci-fi series where an American astronaut from the current day had somehow wound up about 500 years into the future. And I remember that I thought this show was just great. It had spaceships with lasers and talking robots and action and adventure.

Last holidays, when I had a spare moment, I was sitting in front of the TV, flicking through channels, and there it was! *Buck Rogers* was being shown once again! I sat down to watch it with high expectations of reliving my childhood.

But there was just one problem. The show was awful! The acting was awful, the script was awful, and Twiki the robot wasn't funny or clever - he was just weird. I had originally watched the show through the eyes of a child in the 1980s. Now that I was watching it through the eyes of an adult in the 2020s it was terrible.

But in saying all this, the fact that I now realised how bad *Buck Rogers* was, is actually a good thing. If I hadn't realised it and still thought it was a good show, now that would have been a problem.

As we grow, we need to let go of a lot of things. Psychologists suggest there are about 14 things we need to let go of over our lifetime to successfully grow. One of these is the dependency of childhood.

When we are young we depend upon our parents for so many things, like food, and shelter, and love. And there is a certain amount of comfort in all of this. When people describe a happy childhood they are often referring to the fact that their needs were met and therefore there wasn't much stress while they were young. But as we get older, if we are to fully grow into who God calls us to be, we need to give up that dependence. This requires us to give up childish ways of seeing the world and to start to look at it through adult eyes.

When St Paul was writing his famous "Love is patient; love is kind," letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 13 - if you have ever been to a wedding in a church, you've probably heard it), he also talked about putting childish ways behind so that we could love as God calls us to love.

It can sometimes be a challenge for us to allow our children to not become dependent upon us. We naturally want to keep them close. People can unconsciously not teach their children certain things so they remain dependent (like how to cook or how to do the washing). But for them to become fully human, we need to be prepared to let go and let them live their lives. And we need to help them to realise that it is okay to let go. In fact, it is necessary.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community, we all want our children to grow into happy, healthy human beings. But that can sometimes mean we need to let go of things so they can do so. By our letting go, it is both us and our children who become who God calls us to be.

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

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion



**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Season of Creation is the annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home. The Season of Creation begins on the 1st of September with a World Day of Prayer and ends on the 4th of October on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The season is an opportunity for all Christians to listen to the voice of creation.

This year's theme is 'Listening to the Voice of Creation' and its symbol is the burning bush. When we think of a burning bush we think of devastating bush fires, forests burning, animals trying to flee, and people forced to leave. Contrary to this image, in the Scriptures we remember Moses being called to the burning bush. The bush was not destroyed by fire because the flame represents God's presence. The flame is God listening to all who suffer injustice in our world and his promise to be with us.

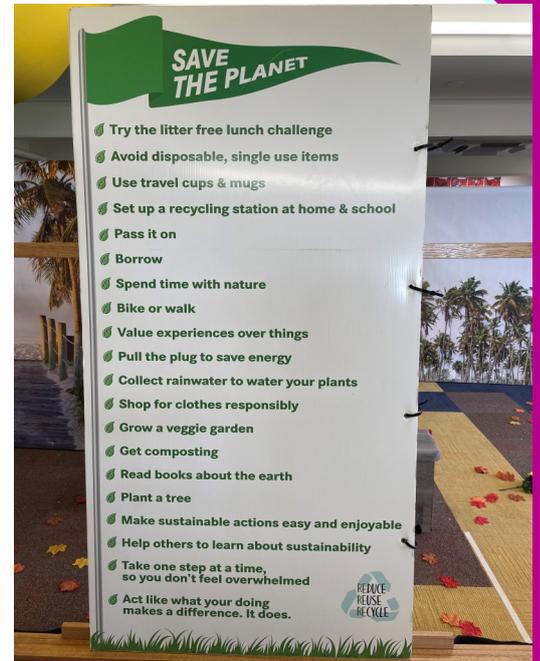


May this season of prayer and action be a time for all of us to listen to the voice of creation, so that our lives in words and actions proclaim Good News for all the Earth.

Stars of the Week - 25th August 2022

Kinder	Lucas Ratcliffe	For listening well and trying really hard to do his best during our literacy lesson.
Prep	Jaxon Hillard	For being very clever at adding numbers together.
Grade 1	Charlotte Judd	For her helpful attitude in the classroom.
Grade 2	Darcie Power	For her consistent focus and mature attitude towards all aspects of her learning. Keep up the great work!
Grade 3/4	Ruby McDonald	For excellent efforts in all areas of literacy. Well done Ruby!
Grade 5/6	Zayden Kerr	For consistently working to the best of his ability in the classroom. Keep up the good work!

Happy Habits (of which our very own Ms Gay is part of) presented “Mother Earth” to our Primary and Year 7 last week.



RU OK? DAY

Thursday 8 September 2022

RU OK? is a harm prevention charity whose mission is to inspire and empower people to meaningfully connect through conversations with those in their world who may be struggling with life.

At Star of the Sea, we will be participating in the national day of action to:

- remember that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?'
- start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.
- understand that a conversation could change a life.

How to have an R U OK? conversation



Ask R U OK?



Listen



Encourage action



Check in

Kids Helpline (24/7)
1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

RU OK? at school


Student Free Days

This Friday 2nd September and next Monday 5th September are student-free days for Star of the Sea. On the Friday our staff will be participating in a Spirituality Day, whilst the Monday will be used as a public holiday in lieu of Launceston Show Day (which occurs during the term break). The College office will be closed on both days.

Father's Day Breakfast and Stall

This Thursday 1st September we will have our Father's Day Breakfast and Stall.

For fathers and father-figures attending the breakfast, please RSVP to the Office by tomorrow morning.. If you are able to help on the morning, please contact the College office.

The stall will be held during the day and students are encouraged to bring along some money to buy a gift for the father-figure in their lives. Gifts will cost between \$2 and \$5.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2023 for all year levels are now open. We are currently conducting 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).

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman will be away all next week. Mr Mannion will take on Mr Chapman's responsibilities in his absence.

Secondary Winter Sport

This week sees the semi-finals for NHSSA Winter Sport, with some of our teams competing. We wish them all well!

Uniform

We are currently focusing on students wearing the correct uniform on the correct days.

Prep - Grade 10 students are only to wear Sport Uniform one (1) day a week when they have PE or Sport.

Day	Primary	Secondary
Monday	Prep	-
Tuesday	Grade 1 Grade 5/6	-
Wednesday	Grade 2 Grade 3/4	Grade 9 Grade 10 Plus any Grade 7 & 8 students who participate in 9/10 Sport.
Thursday	-	Grade 7 Grade 8 Except those Grade 7 & 8 students who participate in 9/10 Sport.

There may be other days for special events, but this will be communicated to parents in advance.

Your assistance with helping your child to follow the uniform expectations is greatly appreciated.

The Uniform Store is open on Thursdays from 2pm - 4pm, should you require uniform items.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 students who have been selected for the Country Gold carnival in September.

The students are:

Hockey - Imogen Ackerly, Bradley Maney, Paityn Tunks

Soccer - Chase Tunks

Football - Billy Power



Congratulations also to Billy Power who came equal first in the NTJFA Under 12 Best and Fairest.

Year 10 Car Wash

Sunday September 11

10:am—2:00pm

George Town Fire Station

Come along and support the Year 10s



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.



Shout Outs Term 3, Week 5, 2022

Ryder Hawkins	For being so generous and welcoming in our group work in Drama
Wyatt Parkes	For being a focussed learner.
Chantz Brown	For great attitude to learning
Evie King	For helping others
Vanessa Linley	For being a good friend
Danica Sweet	For being a good friend
Kirra-Lyla Harris	For excellent reading
Mia Barker	For excellent reading
Darcie Power	For always doing beautiful work in Drama Class
Rilee Brown	For being such a wonderful Drama student
Ashton Ratcliffe	For being such a wonderful actor in Drama
Ruby Davidson	For always doing such a wonderful job in Drama
Chantz Brown	For doing such a great play in Drama today
Isabel Walker (Prep)	For always trying so hard in Drama
Ryder Hawkins	For always doing a brilliant job in Drama. Such a great actor.

**This weeks
Shout Out
winners are:**

**Madeline Paine
Sabian Hawes**

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

Term 3, 2022	
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- student free 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 31st August 2022 Semi Finals

Year 9/10 Soccer Star v Deloraine HS @ Birch Avenue
Year 9/10 Netball Star v Brooks HS @ Hoblers
Year 9/10 Hockey Star v Riverside HS @ St. Leonards

Upcoming Games; Thursday 1st September 2022 Semi

Year 7/8 Soccer Star finished 5th
Year 7/8 Netball Star v Queechy HS @ Silverdome

Results : Wednesday 24th August 2022

Year 9/10 Soccer Star beat Riverside HS
Year 9/10 Netball Star lost to Kings Meadows HS
Year 9/10 Hockey Star had a Bye

Results : Thursday 25th August 2022

Year 7/8 Soccer Star lost to Prospect HS
Year 7/8 Netball Star beat Prospect HS



Father's Day Stall



Your child will have a chance to visit the stall this Thursday, 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

Looking for helpers to cook or plate up.

Please contact the College Office.



Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 1st September



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 Wednesday 31st 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