

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

9th August 2022

From the Principal

If you always see the negative side of things, eventually that's all there is. Always look for the positive no matter how small.
- Unknown

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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We live in a world where a lot of attention is put on people and things that have gone wrong. You only have to watch the news of an evening to discover that 95% of the news in the world seems to be bad. Even the sports report, which is supposed to be about things that have gone right, seems to spend as much time on the things that have gone wrong.

If we are to believe what we see and read in the news, we will start to believe that, in general, things are going badly in the world. And with this we will start to focus on the things that we believe are going badly in our own lives. We start to become conditioned to take more notice of the bad things than the good.

But the reality is that, for the vast majority of us, life is okay. For most people their days are spent working, or raising families, or just basically getting along. Most people in George Town don't have to suffer wars or threats from foreign powers or starvation. Sure, life is tough for some people. With the rising cost of living some people are struggling to pay bills, while others are living with a disability without a lot of support. But none of us are diving for the bomb shelters everyday to avoid incoming missiles.

So what would happen if we started to concentrate on the good things in our lives rather than the negative things?

Firstly, we might start to realise how much love is in our lives. Most families and people around George Town live a life which is a response to the love that they have for others. If there is sadness because of struggling to pay bills, that sadness is usually a response to not being able to provide for their loved ones as much as they want. If there is anger at the way they are treated, that anger is usually a response to the inability to show love to their family because of the mistreatment. Even though we sometimes struggle to express it, when we look at the good things in our lives we usually see how love is a key component of them.

The second thing that might happen is that we would start to realise that we don't need to compete with other people. Quite often we live our lives with one eye on others. We fear that they might "get ahead" of us, or obtain things that we can't. But when we look at the positive things in our own lives we would realise that others aren't our competitors, but instead fellow travellers on the journey of life.

And finally we might realise how great God's love is for us. By concentrating on the positive things in life we realise that we are indeed blessed, and God's plans for us are for good. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer 29:11). When we tune into the good things in our lives we realise how true this quote from scripture is.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community it is important for us to learn to recognise the good things in our lives, and to help our children to tune into these as well. In this way we can see the hope and the future that God has planned for us.

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

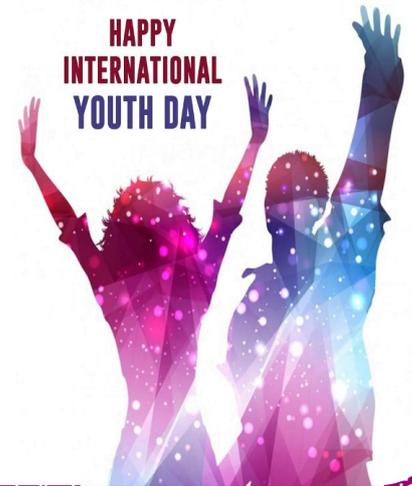
Wishing all our secondary students a Happy International Youth Day on Friday. You're only young once so celebrate well!

The United Nations has set aside this day to recognise what young people do to make the world a better place. Sometimes it's hard to think about where you can start to make the world better, but you can always start through the everyday simple acts of kindness. You might not think twice about something you did for someone else, but chances are you've made their day.

God has a mission for all of you and an adventure that awaits you, so listen to the people and situations around you, take time to sit quietly in prayer and hear what God is calling you to do.

This week in our prayers, we pray for all young people

*Dear Lord,
Give them the desire and ability
to see you,
hear you,
talk to you,
and give thanks to you.
We pray that they will draw
nearer and nearer to you
all their lives.
Amen.*

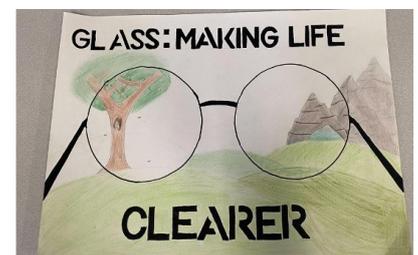
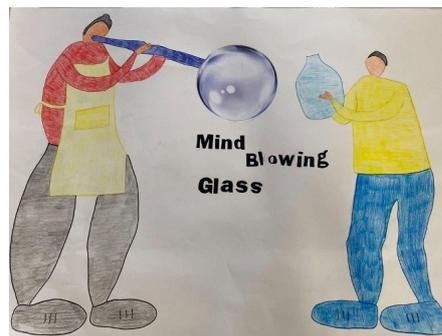
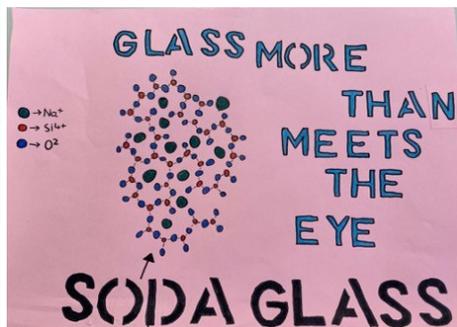
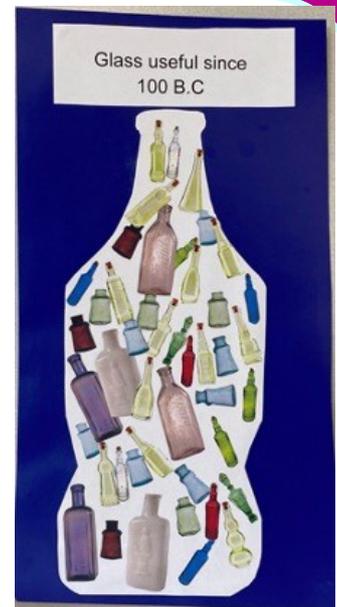


Stars of the Week - 4th August 2022

Kinder	Chanden Prissmall-Jackson	For his fantastic answers at discussion time
	Rafael Tilain	For his fantastic gross motor skills.
Prep	Isabelle Saunders	For always creating beautiful colourful artwork.
	Isabel Walker	For working really hard to complete a tricky number job with numbers all the way to 100
Grade 1	Danica Sweet	For being an excellent helper in Assembly.
	Yueni Tan	For her growing confidence in speaking in front of the class
Grade 2	Malakai Hyland	For his helpful attitude around the classroom.
	Evie King	For her fantastic listening skills.
Grade 3/4	Ruby McDonald	For her focus and determination during all tasks that are presented to her.
	Ruby Davidson	For focus and determination in Mathematics.
Grade 5/6	Imogen Ackerly	For always working hard on producing neat diagrams that are accurate and detailed.
	Indiana Cartwright	For showing great leadership skills in stepping up to be the netball captain for Round 2 Winter Sport.

Tasmanian Science Talent Search

Our Advanced Maths and Science class are entering the Tasmanian Science Talent Search and were given the task of producing a poster about glass containing 20 words or less. Here are some of their efforts.



Making Jesus Real

Recently I worked with students from Year 5/6 and Year 8. The primaries focused on 'What/how do you contribute? Positively/Negatively?' We looked at Gospel Values that help others around us - this included looking at acts of kindness at home, school, on the sports field etc. We discussed the importance of making gratitude an attitude to become a habit. We also discussed the need to discover people skills that will allow us to succeed now and in the future e.g. being humble, compassion, sense of humour etc. The students were amazing, as were their teachers who strive to allow those in their care to reach their potential. A MAGIC DAY!

In the Year 8 session we looked at 'What we value' and had super discussions relating to various values our heroes display. Some of these values were health, love, compassion, kindness, peace, happiness, integrity etc and the students were asked to choose one of these to concentrate on for the rest of this term. Again I really enjoyed working with Mr Chapman's class as they offered many well thought out ideas and suggestions.

Looking forward to returning.

Marty Ogle



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.



COVID Update

We are starting to see a few COVID cases around the school (which is not unexpected). 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.

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman is away at meetings this Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs Honeychurch and Mrs Harmer will be away this Friday.

Mr Cook will be away this Friday and next Monday.

Mr Mannion will be in and out during the week.

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). We hope to have enrolments finalised by the end of Term 3.

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 and carers and families are most welcome to join us.

2021 Annual Report

Every year our school is required to produce an Annual Report for the previous year. It is required to have certain information in it and then we need to make sure it is available to the community. The 2021 Annual Report is now on our College website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au). The only reason it comes out this late in the year is because some of the information required for it is not delivered to the College until halfway through the year!

Book Week

Our College Book Week Parade will be held in the hall on Monday 22nd August @ 9:00am. 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.

Academic Competitions

Next week sees the first of the three academic competitions some of our students enter (English, Maths and Science). We wish them well and thank Mrs Tame for organising them.

Shout Out Term 3, Weeks 1 & 2, 2022

J'Kobi Carnie	For being on the carpet ready to learn
Lindsie Barrett	For helping clean the classroom
James Moore	For being kind to his friend who fell over
Lucas Ratcliffe	For being on the carpet ready to learn
James Moore	For picking up rubbish in our playground without being asked
James Moore	For being on the carpet ready to learn
Brock Holden	For helping clean the classroom
Lucas Ratcliffe	For working hard during literacy lessons
Logan Hawkins	For using good manners
Zoe Provis	For remembering to say please and thank you
Sofia Lockhart	For including others in her games
Mason Giles	For sharing his toys with others
Marli Leslie	For being a fabulous helper at tidy up time
Tristan Ackerly	For working well in group work
Brooke Baillie	For excellent listening during mat work
Oscar Smith	For sitting quickly and quietly on the mat
Scarlett Baillie	For always doing your very best in class
Demetrius Quilty-Maguire	For reading beautifully to the class
Ryder Hawkins	For sitting quickly and quietly on the mat
Nate Walker	For sitting quickly and quietly on the mat
Hazel-Mae Provis	For being a great helper
Sabian Hawes	For sitting quickly and quietly on the mat
Allira-Grayce Harris	For sitting quickly and quietly on the mat
Brooke Baillie	For her great prodigy work
Ashton Ratcliffe	For sitting quickly and quietly on the mat
Logan Hawkins	For using good manners
Eliana Dodge	For showing good manners
Huntar Carnie	For completing his work and for his great literacy
Finley Upston	For his wonderful concentration with doing his literacy
Huntar Carnie	For working well during literacy
Logan Hawkins	For packing up games to help the teacher
James Moore	For being polite
Sophia Giles	For being very focused and finishing her literacy task quickly
Lucas Ratcliffe	For being ready to learn
Scarlett Baillie	For great German work
Allira-Grayce Harris	For great German work
James Moore	For joining another group at PMP
Eliana Dodge	For joining another group at PMP
Hamish Bannon	For recognising his written name
Oscar Millen	For fantastic reading
Chad Jenkins	For great reading
Madeline Paine	For being engaged in literacy
Malakai Hyland	For improvement with his sounds
Rafael Tilain	For trying hard to learn his sounds
Elsie Sherriff	For fantastic reading
Elijah Bromley	For fantastic reading
Brooke Baillie	For being engaged in literacy
Lindsie Barrett	For being engaged in literacy
Darcie Power	For helping pack up the whiteboards and markers
Zoe Provis	For packing up games to help the teacher
Victor Hugo	For fantastic reading
Dyson Bromley	For being engaged in literacy
Sophia Giles	For being engaged in literacy
Evie Evans	For being engaged in literacy
Evie King	For being engaged in literacy
Scarlett Baillie	For always staying on task when completing work
Chantz Brown	For being engaged in her learning

You are a Star

Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2022



Will Upston
Matilda Clarke



Well done!

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

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Zoe Provis for packing up games to help her teacher - \$5 newsagent voucher.

Lindsie Barrett for being engaged in literacy– Game for the class.

Well done!

From the Year 10 Leaders

This week we are guessing how many lollies are in the jar.
Cost 50c per guess or \$1 for 3.

This will be held on Wednesday 10th August and Thursday 11th August in the primary gallery at recess.



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 - 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 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

All games were cancelled due to the weather.

Results : Thursday 28th July

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