

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

13th September 2022

### From the Deputy Principal

How many times have you lost something, and frantically searched high and low for it, often with increasing levels of stress and anxiety? I know in our house there are moments of searching for shoes, uniform items or car keys, often as we are running late and rushing out the door. I'm sure we're all very familiar with this situation.

Don't be disheartened, as it appears this isn't a new phenomenon! Over 2000 years ago, Jesus was teaching people through parables, which we hear in this week's Gospel reading - on things that are 'lost': the *Lost Sheep*, the *Lost Coin* and the *Lost Son*.

The message of these parables isn't necessarily about the 'lost' item but more on the searching and response to finding the lost item.

The person searching:

- is an image of **God** – the One who loves us, sees us as precious, knows we are lost, and searches for us until we are found.
- can also be an image of **us** – one who sees a friend who is in trouble, or lost, who knows that the friend is precious, and who goes after that friend in the hope of being supportive until that friend can come around.
- can also be an image of a **friend or parent** searching for us when we are in a 'lost' period of our life.

This week we embraced **R U OK? Day** which promotes the importance of 'searching; or checking in with family, friends and colleagues to see if they're ok. Often when we're asked "how are you?" We say we're ok, but we're actually not.

R U OK? Day takes the initiative to encourage attentiveness to others through conversation – one that opens up the space to really be present to one another as we listen to how others are feeling and how they are coping with life. There are four steps we can follow to start a conversation:

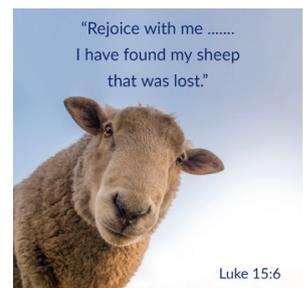
1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action
4. Check-in

As Christians we are called to be loving neighbours. We are called to be companions on the journey offering our service, understanding, compassion, support and love to the broken, lost and poor. Including those poor in spirit and mental wellbeing.

And so we pray...

Lord,  
we pray that on this day, and everyday,  
we might be there for one another  
as we walk each other home.  
Amen.

Paul Mannion  
Deputy Principal



*Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.*



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# Religious Education and Faith Development

## WORLD PEACE DAY 21<sup>st</sup> September

World Peace Day is a day set aside by the UN to recognise a day for non-violence and a ceasefire for all people in the world. Peace is defined as conflict resolution without having to resort to violence. Peace teaches us to respect all cultures, believe in the core abilities of human beings to resolve conflict, have faith, and generally trust others.



This year's theme calls for an end to racism which is one of the drivers of conflict in our world. Racism continues to poison our everyday society. It creates inequality and denies people their basic human rights. When we think of conflict, we think about the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine. But did you know there are 27 major conflicts in our world today and there are 2 billion people living in conflict-affected areas, that makes up a quarter of the global population.

We thank God that Australia is a relatively safe and peaceful place, but we all have a responsibility to promote peaceful communities and build societies that allows everyone to flourish and be treated equally regardless of their race.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and his peace transcends all human understanding. We ask that his peace may fill all humanity so that we can pursue peace by caring for each other.

We remember all those who are suffering or have suffered from conflict and pray that God's peace will soon embrace them.

Heart  
Spirituality  
Attentiveness



Hospitality  
Compassion

### Stars of the Week - 8th September 2022

Kinder	Zoe Provis	For the enthusiasm she shows during drama and singing lessons.
Prep	Kiara Fisher	For her beautiful detailed artwork.
Grade 1	Vanessa Linley	For an excellent improvement in reading.
Grade 2	Brooke Baillie	For her consistent effort and determination across all subject areas.
Grade 3/4	Ruby McDonald	For being a focused learner with a positive attitude.
Grade 5/6	Leo Linley	For consistently demonstrating persistence during mathematical learning.

## Year 9/10 Netball

A huge congratulations to Melitta, Amelia and the 9/10 Netball team who won the Div. 3 Grand Final on Wednesday 7th September against Cressy.

It was a convincing win 40-9!

A special congratulations also to Nikiah Edwards who was recognised as MVP.

Well done to all who assisted and supported.



## Year 7/8 Netball

A huge congratulations to Kerrie, Karen and the 7/8 Netball team who won the Div. 2 Grand Final on Thursday 8th September against Kings Meadows High School.

It was a hard fought battle with a 10-9 win!

A special congratulations also to Lulu Long who was recognised as MVP.

Well done to all who assisted and supported.



## R U OK? Day

Last Thursday and Friday, our school community participated in R U OK? Day. Research has found people engaged with the R U OK? campaign are up to six times more likely to reach out to someone who might be troubled.

At Star of the Sea, students were engaged in a number of educational, well-being and community building activities such as: learning in Health lessons and assembly, wearing wristbands, decorating cupcakes, creating a 'conversation mural, prayer and reflection and wearing yellow.

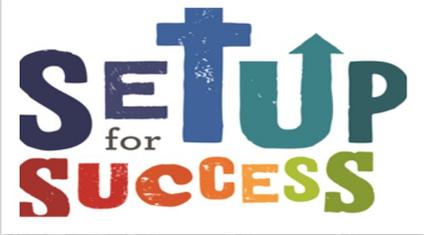
A huge thank you to our counsellor Emma, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs McGillivray and students who assisted in raising awareness and leading activities.



## 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.



## Thursday 22 September 2022.

Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, has announced there will be a one-off public holiday to mourn the Queen's death on Thursday 22 September 2022. The public holiday will be a single observance for 2022 to allow Australians to pay their respects. The school will be closed on this day.

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

## Summer Uniform

As we move into Spring it is time to start preparing for the transition to summer uniform.

Please ensure your child has the required items and correct sizes. Our uniform shop stocks a wide selection of new and pre-loved uniforms and is open Thursday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm on the secondary campus.

**From next week students are welcome to wear the summer uniform. Hats for the primary students will be compulsory in Term 4. The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm.**

## Book Week

As part of our recent Book Week, the Grade 5 and 6 students enter a story/poem writing competition at the George Town Library with the theme 'I jumped off a jetty'. Congratulations to both Carlie Lowe and Zayden Kerr who won first prize places.



Congratulations to our Grade 5 and 6 students who finished their last TPSSA games of Netball and Soccer for the year. The students all had a wonderful time.



## 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.**

## Dogs on school grounds

Did you know?

Tasmanian legislation (Dog Control Act 2000) states:

- (1) A person must not take a dog into –
  - (a) any grounds of a school, preschool, kindergarten, crèche or other place for the reception of children without the permission of a person in charge of the place.
  
- (2) This section does not apply to -
  - (a) a guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose.



Persons wishing to bring any animals onsite require prior approval from the Principal, or their authorised delegate. The school may give approval and should discuss reasonable precautions with the applicant.

## Shout Outs Term 3, Weeks 6 & 7, 2022

Tobias Jones	For sitting quickly and quietly at his desk.
Carlie Lowe	For always listening and learning in Drama class.
Rosemary Laughren	For being so brave and singing on her own. She has such a beautiful voice.
Kiara Fisher	For making such a beautiful puppet in Drama.
Tobias Jones	For contributing in German class.
Scarlett Baillie	For a great German lesson.
Rafael Tilain	For working hard to finish all of his work.
J'Kobi Carnie	For making good choices all day and finishing all his activities.
Oscar Smith	For contributing in German class.
Allira-Grayce Harris	For a great German lesson.
Ruby Davidson	For contributing in German lessons.
Chantz Brown	For trying very hard in German lessons.
Thomas Singline	For trying very hard not to be distracted during literacy.
Charlotte Judd	For being resilient.
Maliah Cunningham	For learning a new skill.
Wyatt Parkes	For excellent reading.
Allira-Grayce Harris	For showing concern for her peers.
Brock Holden	For great contribution during literacy.
Danica Sweet	For always using beautiful manners.
Chase Davis	For being a good friend.
Luis Lee	For being a good friend.
Demitrius Quilty-Maguire	For great focus on "R U OK?" work.
Chantz Brown	For awesome "R U OK?" work.
Wyatt Parkes	For being a confident reader and reading full sentences.

You are a Star

### This weeks Shout Out winners are:

**Logan Hawkins**

**Oscar Smith**

**Huntar Carnie**

**James Moore**

**Well done!**



### PBS Focus is Respectful

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

Term 3, 2022	
Friday 16th September	Mini TSO Concert
Monday 19th September	RYDA - Year 10
Wednesday 21st September	Grade 7's and some Grade 10's <i>The Council has contacted the parents of students having immunisations</i>
Thursday 22nd September	Public holiday to mourn the Queen's death
Friday 23rd September (1 day only)	Country Gold
Monday 26th September	TPSSA Athletics
Thursday 29th September	Girls Footy Gala Day
Friday 30th September	Term 3 ends; End of Term Assembly