

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20th September 2022

From the Principal

Of course, the last week or so has been dominated by the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Deaths of public figures often bring out all sorts of opinions about the person who has died, as well as their family. This seems to be taken to the extreme with the Royal Family, as everyone seems to have an opinion about the Queen's children and grandchildren and their families.

Most of us have families which aren't perfect. We all have our fair share of relations who have made poor choices or who live differently to us. You only have to research family history to quickly come across ancestors who were criminals or drunks or debtors. The difference between us and the Royal Family, though, is that our families are not on public display for everyone to comment upon.

However, it is worth reflecting on the higher standards we put on some groups of people than we do on ourselves. Quite often public figures are not allowed to make any errors! Instead, every one of their decisions must be perfect and everyone of their family members must be the same.

Of course, this is not the reality. Despite their high profile, the Royal Family is made up of a bunch of human beings, just trying to get along in the world in the situation they have been put in, just like our own families. Just like everyone else, they are trying to make relationships work, trying to raise children to be good people, trying to give their life a bit of meaning.

And just like the rest of us, they have been born into a certain place at a certain time in history. As much as people say, "why don't they just leave the Royal Family and do something else with their lives," it is as difficult for them as it is for us to leave our families behind and do something else with our lives. We are all called, instead, to decide how we will let our situation define our lives.

Because our lives are not defined by the situation we are born into. Our lives are defined by what we choose to make of them and how much love we are prepared to give. There is no doubt that some members of the Royal Family have defined their lives by being a member of royalty, and in doing so have found that their life can be quite miserable and full of regrets. Others in the family, though, have perhaps defined their lives by how much love they have been prepared to give, to their own family and to the people they serve. And it is these members that have probably found they can live comfortably within the role.

How do we define our lives? Is it by the situation we have been born into? Is it by the jobs we have or the possessions we manage to acquire? Or do we define our lives by how much love we are prepared to give those around us?

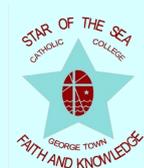
In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we are not called to be royalty or public figures, but to be people who love. God calls us to define our lives by serving others. Let us work together to teach our children that the most influential thing they can do in their lives is to love others.

Richard Chapman
Principal



Love is our true
destiny. We do not
find the meaning of
life by ourselves
alone - we find it
with another.
- Thomas Merton

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Religious Education and Faith Development

We're Making a Garden

In the Season of Creation our Year 9 students have begun to prepare our college community garden beds for planting in Term 4. They will be inviting other classes to join them in cultivating and nurturing our garden.



Watching the students work made me think of these lyrics from a 'Season Creation' song.

'We're making a garden
We're working the ground
All welcome to the building
All welcome to the fruit
On Earth God's planned a garden
Come join the work!
Come join the work!
God's bringing life!
God's bringing life!'

Mikali Agnosti 2020

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 15th September 2022

Kinder	Mason Giles	For the kindness he shows towards his classmates when they're feeling unhappy.
Prep	Amelie Olivera	For becoming a clever writer through working hard to learn all her alphabet sounds..
Grade 1	Maliah Cunningham	For showing resilience when learning new skills.
Grade 2	Rilee Brown	For her focus and participation during our InitialLit lessons.
Grade 3/4	Scarlett Baillie	For massive improvement and focus in mathematics.
Grade 5/6	Jarod Fisher	For a fantastic attitude towards improving the neatness of his handwriting.

Mini TSO Concert

Last Friday the Grades 2 - 6 went to the Memorial Hall for the TSO Mini Concert which was sponsored by Bell Bay Aluminium. The students had the opportunity to learn about different parts of the orchestra and get involved in the music making. A great time was had by all.



SetUp for Success

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.



Welcome

We welcome Miley (Year 7) and her family to the Star of the Sea Catholic community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

We are sad to say that Mr Gary Davis has finished his time at Star of the Sea as he takes on a new role at Liberty Bell Bay. Gary has been a much loved and respected TA over the past few years and will be sorely missed. We wish him well in his new role and hope to see him regularly around the school and parish community. Mr Duncan will be away next week and for the first two weeks of Term 4.

German News

Last term our Grade 3s to 6s entered a German poster competition against other German students around the state. We had a number of prize winners and special mentions. Congratulations to:

Grade 3 - Ruby Davidson (2nd prize), Nate Walker (3rd prize); Savannah Grimsey-Gray (special mention)

Grade 4 - Allira-Grayce Harris (2nd prize); Sabian Hawes (special mention)

Grade 5 - Keegan Leslie (2nd prize); Rosie Laughren (special mention)

Grade 6 - Maddison Hyland (special mention)



TPSSA Athletics

The TPSSA Athletics Carnival will be held next Monday 26th September at St. Leonards. Students competing will be provided with further information in the coming days.

Public Holiday Thursday

A reminder that there is a public holiday this Thursday 22nd September as a day of mourning for the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and, as such, Star of the Sea will be closed for the day. School will resume as normal on Friday.

End of Term Assembly

Parents and carers and families are invited to our End of Term Assembly next Friday 30th September at 10:15am in the church.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2023 for all year levels are now open. We are currently conducting our enrolment interviews in preparation for transition days.

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).

Transition to Star of the Sea

Kinder transition to Star of the Sea will start on the first week back of next term with Little Stars occurring every Wednesday afternoon. Kinder 2023 parents will be informed before the end of this term.

Year 7 transition will begin next week on Thursday 29th September for a part day transition.

Summer Uniform

For the remainder of Term 3, students are able to transition to summer uniform. All students should be in summer uniform at the start of Term 4. Girls may have grown taller over the last 6 months, so please check the length of your child's summer dresses.

If girls would like to wear grey shorts and a blue shirt, please see Mrs Brunacci in the uniform shop.

The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday from 2pm - 4pm. (not during term holidays)

A reminder for Prep - Grade 10 students, that PE uniform may only be worn on one day a week when students have PE.

Naplan Results - Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

Naplan results for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be sent home with your child this week.

You are invited to attend our

End Of Term 3 Assembly

Friday 30th September

@ 10.15am

In the Church

Although this is not a Kinder day, families are most welcome to attend



Shout Outs Term 3, Week 8, 2022

Danica Sweet	For being creative.
Jarod Fisher	For being respectful and opening the door for someone who needed help.
Dante Saunders	For getting so clever at subtraction.
Oscar Millen	For getting everything right in his letter sound job.
Kirra-Lyla Harris	For excellent writing.
Chantz Brown	For working hard all day!
Jaxon Hillard	For excellent reading in groups.
Marli Leslie	For excellent reading in groups today.
Lachlan Smith	For excellent reading in groups today.
Dyson Bromley	For thinking of others and bringing in their lunch boxes.
Rilee Brown	For being the Bingo Champion.

You are a Star

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Demitrius Quilty-Maguire
Alby Hawkins

Well done!

PBS Focus is Respectful

- * We take turns
- * We share
- * We listen to others

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2022

Karlee Wayne & Hannah Kamel

Well done!

Term 3, 2022	
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

Term 4 commences Monday 17th October

**Star of the Sea Catholic College
George Town**

Star of the Sea Catholic College is a Kinder to Year 10 co-educational Catholic school of approximately 180 students based in George Town. More information can be found on the school's website: www.starsea.tas.edu.au.

**Teacher Assistant: 11.4 hours per week
Ongoing, 40 weeks per year
Commencing 17th October (negotiable)**

The school is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced teacher assistants who are able to demonstrate a commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.

To be eligible applicants require:

- Valid Working with Vulnerable People Registration (Tasmania)
- Certificate III in Education Support and/or equivalent experience
- A willingness to work in a team environment
- Demonstrated genuine commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education

**WHS/Facilities Support: 7.6 hours per week
Ongoing, 45 weeks per year
Commencing 17th October 2022 (negotiable)**

The school is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced Utility Officers who are able to demonstrate a commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.

To be eligible applicants require:

- Valid Working with Vulnerable People Registration (Tasmania)
- Experience in maintenance, gardens, grounds and general cleaning
- Experience in WHS and manual handling practices
- High level interpersonal and organisational skills
- A willingness to work in a team environment

Applicants with appropriate qualifications and experience may wish to apply for both roles to equal 3 days per week.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and in accordance with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Single Enterprise Agreement 2018.

We demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation by encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to apply.

To download Application Packages and Application for Employment form please visit the Teachers On Net website. Full details on how to apply can be found in the Application Package.