

Star of the Sea Catholic College

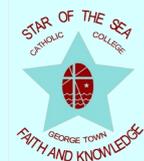
Newsletter

6th September 2022

From the Principal

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*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Last Friday our staff were involved in a Spirituality Day where we had the chance to reflect on the charism of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters.

The word “charism” is not something which is used much in everyday language. In its strictest sense, a charism is a gift, given by the Holy Spirit, to a particular person or group of people, for the good of all. However the Benedictine nun Joan Chittester summed it up by saying:

***Charism is the heart of the founder aglow,
at one period in history,
beaming in on us in another day and age.***

In the case of Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters (it was the Presentation Sisters who started Star of the Sea), her heart was set on fire by her passion for education for the poor and ministry to the marginalised. The stories of her walking the slums of Cork with her lantern to visit the sick and the aged are legendary.

At Star of the Sea we are called upon to take on this charism and continue it in the modern-day context. We have to ask ourselves how we can minister to the poor and marginalised, how we can continue to provide quality education.

But the other thing for us to think about is what is our own, individual charism? Because the Holy Spirit just doesn't provide one or two people gifts for the good of all. The Holy Spirit provides all of us with gifts to use for the good of all. We recognise the gifts given to people like Nano Nagle because the way she used her gifts had a large and noticeable impact. But we don't need to make as large an impact with the gifts we have been given.

Some of us may have been given the gift of listening attentively to those around us. Some of us may have been given the gift of compassion, while others may have the gift of hospitality. I suspect that some people don't even realise the charism they have been given until some time into adulthood, when an opportunity arises and all of a sudden they can see what sets their hearts “aglow.”

Unfortunately for some of us, we don't use the charism we have been given. Even though we may recognise what sets our hearts on fire, for whatever reason we are afraid to use those gifts. It is a cause of great sadness when someone gets to the end of their life regretting that they did not follow their passion that could have helped so many.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we need to recognise our own charisms and encourage students to be “on the look-out” for theirs. For a lot of our students it may not be until they are much older that they recognise what sets their heart aglow, but we need to encourage them to follow it when they do. In the meantime, we will continue to promote and follow the charism of Nano Nagle, so we can all be the people 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

National Threatened Species Day

The 7th of September, National Threatened Species Day in Australia, is a day to raise awareness of plants and animals at risk of extinction. Did you know that this day was chosen because it commemorates the death of the last known thylacine (Tasmanian Tiger) in 1936. It is believed to have died from the cold after being locked out of its pen in Hobart Zoo. Who would have thought that the cold would be the demise of the last thylacine? Here are a few species in Tasmania that are on the list. Can you name them?



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 1st September 2022

Kinder	Logan Hawkins	for her fantastic fine motor skills
Prep	Carter Upston	for becoming a brave and clever writer
Grade 1	Kirra – Lyla Harris	for a wonderful improvement in reading
Grade 2	Thomas Singline	for being a helpful member of our class
Grade 3/4	Demitrius Quilty-Maguire	for great focus with creative story & writing tasks. Well Done Demi, Keep it up!
Grade 5/6	Paityn Tunks	for consistently demonstrating the skills of being an independent learner. Keep up the good work!

Father's Day Breakfast and Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Breakfast and Stall last Thursday. A special thanks to Mrs Tame and the Year 10s for running the stall, and to those who helped to prepare the breakfast - Damien, Emma and Mr and Mrs Thomas, Ashleigh and Mrs Brown, Luke and Mrs Chapman, and Mrs Laughren.





Welcome

We welcome to the College two UTas education students who will be doing their prac here. Dana Lester will be here for 4 weeks in Mrs Davis' 5/6 class, while Evelyn Cunningham will be here for 2 weeks this term and 4 weeks next term in Mrs Sikkens' Grade 1 class. We wish them well!

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman is absent all this week at professional development. Mr Mannion will assume his responsibilities.

Mrs Briscoe will be away on Thursday.

Mrs Radford will start leave at the end of this week and will return later in Term 3. We wish her well for her time off.

Secondary Winter Sport

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 netball teams who have made their respective Grand Finals in the NHSSA Winter Sport competition. We wish them well over the next couple of days.

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).

Lolly Jar winner

A couple of weeks ago the Year 10 leaders held a "Guess how many lollies were in the Jar" competition. In the jar there were 273 lollies.

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.



Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Netball Grand Final @ Silverdome

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Year 10 Car Wash

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the car wash will be postponed until further notice.

Sorry for the inconvenience.



Term 3, 2022	
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

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.

