

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

15th November 2022

From the Principal

Every so often it is good to remind ourselves of our purpose. In 2020, after consultation with staff, students and parents, we developed our new Vision and Mission Statement. The Vision Statement reads:

In the spirit of Nano Nagle, our vision is to be a Christ-centred, welcoming and compassionate community, providing quality education so we can embrace the future as people of hope.

If we had to rate ourselves on how we are going at achieving this vision, I wonder what we would say?

Firstly, I think we are very welcoming. Every so often I look out across the students we have at assemblies and realise just how many have joined us at different parts of the journey. Whilst we have a core group of students who joined us in Kinder, we also have a big group of students who have joined us since, for all sorts of reasons. But more importantly, those who have joined us later do not stand out in any particular way. Every time a new student comes to our school, primary or secondary, they are embraced by the other students and are welcomed as a new member of the family.

Are we compassionate? We need to be careful that we don't mix up the word *compassionate* with the idea of *being nice*. Being nice is a good thing, but it doesn't always mean we are compassionate. We show compassion when we feel sympathy or concern for the misfortunes of others, and we want to help them. When we show compassion our actions are driven by our concern for others, and not by a desire to *be nice*. I see this in action every day at Star of the Sea, from students being inclusive and making sure their classmates are able to join in their games, to the compassion of staff to reach out and help those students who are struggling in their home life or with learning difficulties.

Are we providing quality education? I hope so! With the introduction of InitaLit into our primary and secondary school, which provides quality reading instruction, we have seen big gains made by our students in their reading confidence. All of our secondary students are taught their subjects by people who are specialists in their subjects, and we have a wide range of options to choose from. And the common feedback we get from past students is that they felt they were ready for College.

But we also need to remember that we are a Catholic school, and, as such, we need to keep putting Christ at the centre. The idea of having Christ at the centre can sound a bit vague. Does it mean we need to pray? Does it mean we need to go to church? The term "Christ-centred" can probably be found in a hundred different Vision and Mission statements of schools around the country. Maybe a simpler way of putting it is this - our school should be centred on love. Love for each other, each of us made in the image of God, so therefore not only are our students loved, they need to know they are lovable. Because that's how we become people of hope. We face the future with hope when we know that we are worthwhile. And we are all worthwhile. Not because we win sports competitions or we get straight As or we are great artists. We are worthwhile because we are children of God and are loved by God.

A Vision statement is not a destination, but an ongoing journey. And looking at our school at the moment, yeah, I think we're on the right track.

Richard Chapman
Principal



In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision. - the Dalai Lama

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Religious Education and Faith Development



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Star of the Sea Christmas Hampers 2022

Our College Feast Day is on Friday, 25th November and besides all the fun activities on the day it is a tradition in our college to bring a Christmas food item for the Christmas hampers which will be donated to needy families in our George Town community. We would like all students to come dressed in their celebration plain clothes and bring a non-perishable item for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.



If you're not sure what to send, below is a list of suggestions that would go well in any hamper.

We will be beginning our College Feast Day with a Mass on Friday 25th November at 9.40am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Tinned Salmon	Tinned Corn	Tinned Beans	Christmas Bon Bons
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Peas	Fruit Mince Pies
Tinned Ham	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Beetroot	Christmas Cakes
Milo	Jelly Crystals	Pasta Sauce	Christmas Pudding
Fruit Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti	Long-life Custard
Sparkling Apple Juice	Gravy Mix	Deb Dried Potato	Tinned Shortbread
Soft Drink	Breakfast Cereal	Rice Crackers	Box of Chocolates
Water Cordial	Jam & Honey	Sweet Biscuits	Christmas Stockings
Coffee	Wrapping Paper	Savoury Biscuits	Bag of Lollies
Serviettes	Grocery Cards	Potato Chips	Popcorn

Just Leadership Day

Some of our Year 9 students represented our College at the Just Leadership Day which was held at St Brendan Shaw College in Devonport. As Year 9 prepare to enter their final year at our college they will take on new roles next year as student leaders. These roles don't always carry a badge but nevertheless leadership is about servant leadership, and this was a good time to explore how they can serve their community and the wider community, especially those most in need.



The day was not all work. The students engaged in a Kahoot quiz on facts about Poverty. Alex Rigby Smith certainly took it to the wire with his knowledge and was just nudged out of first place in a close finish. Maeve played a strong game of 'Power Walk' and Nikiah was able to win a spirited game of heads and tails.

Throughout the day, our students engaged in activities on leadership with students from Marist College, St Brendan Shaw and St Patricks College and listened to presenters from the charitable organisations, St Vincent de Paul, and Children's Mission. The most important things they took away from the day was that it is good to fund raise for charity but it is also important to develop

an awareness in their community as to why and for whom they are helping and share it with others. Great job Year 9!



Year 3 - 10 Athletics



Trivia Night

This Friday sees the Year 10 College Leaders host a Trivia and Pizza Night in the Hall. It should be a great evening and we encourage everyone to support them by forming a table!

Teacher Transfer

Catholic schools have the opportunity for teachers to transfer between schools should the teachers and principals all agree.

For 2023, Mrs Romein is involved in one of these transfers.

Mrs Romein will teach at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Launceston for 2023. Transferring to Star of the Sea from Sacred Heart is Mrs Helen Halley, a teacher of great experience in many different schools. This transfer is initially for 12 months with an option for it to be ongoing.

We are sure it will be a time of great growth for both Mrs Romein and Mrs Halley. We wish Mrs Romein well and look forward to welcoming Mrs Halley to our Star of the Sea Catholic community.

Staff Movements

Mrs Romein and Ms Baker are out on Wednesday and Thursday for Professional Learning.

Mr Chapman is out Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr Taylor will take on Mr Chapman's responsibilities while he is away.

Primary Classes 2023

We are now in the position where we can inform parents of primary class structure and teachers for 2023. As usual, we will have a mixture of composite classes in the Primary school, which is not a new thing for our community. The classes are structured to create the best possible learning outcomes and to avoid classes being too big. The classes for 2023 are:

<u>Kinder</u>	Mrs Trudy Hoffman
<u>Prep</u>	Mrs Kerrin Edwards and TBA
<u>Year 1</u>	Mrs Louise Sikkens
<u>Year 2/3</u>	Mrs Helen Halley
<u>Year 3/4</u>	Mrs Claire Honeychurch
<u>Year 5/6</u>	Mrs Lynelle Davis

This structure will see our current Year 2s split up for Year 3. We will inform parents of these students in the coming weeks which class their child will be in.

TPSSA Swimming

The TPSSA Swimming Carnival is being held tomorrow and Star of the Sea will send a small group to compete. We wish them well!

NHSSA Athletics Carnival

The Division 3 Athletics Carnival for NHSSA will be held on Thursday. We wish the team all the best and know they will represent the school well.

Transition to Star of the Sea

Our Little Stars continue their transition to Kinder every Wednesday afternoon.

Our 2023 Year 7s will have another transition morning this Thursday and a full day next Thursday 24th November.

Moving in 2023?

If your child is moving schools in 2023, could you please inform the office. This will help us to organise our classes for next year.

Just Leadership Day

Last Friday ,11th November 2022, a group of Year 5 students travelled to St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School and participated in a 'Just Leadership Day' with Year 5 students from five other schools. The students learned about leadership and Catholic Social teaching on how to assist those in need in our world. Plus, we all got to wear some crazy socks!

Comments from our Year 5 students:

"I loved meeting students from other schools, in particular, meeting one with a similar cultural background to me." (Bernard)

"We had a great day learning leadership skills and making new friends." (Mav, Paityn, Rosey)

"I really enjoyed playing leadership games and learning about Caritas and Catholic Mission." (Chase)



Stars of the Week - 10th November 2022

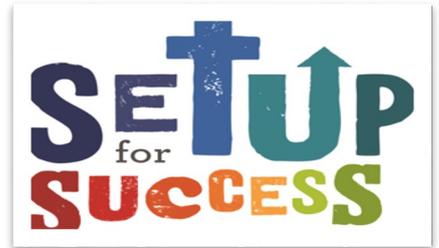
Kinder	Elsie Sherriff	For her clever problem solving skills
Prep	Marli Leslie	For becoming more independent with her writing and for her beautiful, neat work presentation
Grade 1	Charlotte Goodger-Austin	For a great start at Star of the Sea
Grade 2	Arthur Millen	For his improved focus during Math and Literacy lessons. Keep up the good work
Grade 3/4	Oscar Smith	For fantastic and informative contributions during whole class discussion time
Grade 5/6	Imogen Ackerly	For the thoughtful and insightful contributions she makes during classroom learning

Wednesday 16th November	TPSSA Swimming Carnival	Tuesday 29th November	Grade 5/6 Camp
Thursday 17th November	Year 7 Transition morning NHSSA Athletics	Till Thursday 1st December	
Friday 25th November	Presentation Feast Day	Thursday 8th December	Last day for Year 10 Year 10 Presentation evening
Monday 28th November	Year 10 Exam week begins	Friday 9th December	George Town Christmas Parade
<u>Term 4</u>		Monday 12th December	Year 10 Leavers Dinner
		Tuesday 13th December	Secondary Big Day Out
		Thursday 15th December	End of Year Assembly Last day for students
		Friday 16th December	Last day for staff

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.



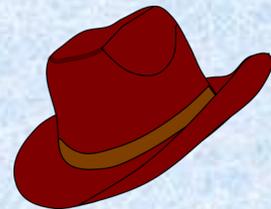
Shout Outs Term 4 Week 4

Dyson Bromley	Picking up other people's lunch boxes after lunch
Connor Brown	Being supportive
Indiana Cartwright	Being supportive
James Moore	Fantastic packing up
Chanden Jackson	Quickly tidying the home corner
Brooke Baillie	Being a quick flash
Rilee Brown	Being a slow revealer
Arthur Millen	Being a quick flash
Thomas Singline	Being a quick flash
Isabel Walker	Being respectful during assembly
Logan Hawkins	Perfect behaviour during assembly
Brock Holden	Being a quick flash
Darcie Power	Being a slow revealer
Evie King	Being a slow revealer
Rilee Brown	Quiet sitting
Evie Evans	Showing respect

Well Done!

PBS Focus is Sun Safe

* We wear our hats outside or stay out of the sun



This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Maliah Cunningham - for quickly solving subtraction sums - 30min personal free time

Leo Batte - for excellent reading - game for the class

Well done!

Star of the Sea Trivia fun and Pizza night.



LAST CHANCE!!!!

Grab a table of 8 and/or a minimum of 6
get your family or friends together.

RSVP your Pizza choices (\$7 each) and Garlic bread (\$4 each)
Pizza choices will be Meat-lovers, Ham and Cheese and Hawaiian.

There will be cans of drinks available for purchase
and free snack foods throughout the night.



So, on the RSVP we will need:

- your pizza choices
- your dietary requirements
- if you want garlic bread.
- most importantly the number of people at your table

Send your RSVP to keegan.jacobs@cathstu.tas.edu.au



STAR OF THE SEA



PRESENTATION DAY

PHOTO BOOTH

FACE PAINTING

GUESS THE LOLLIES

CELEBRATION MASSES

BASKETBALL COMP

HORSE AND CART RIDES

BADGE MAKING

DISCO

SHARED LUNCH \$2 EACH

FRIDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER

CASUAL CLOTHES
DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD


Venerable Nano



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2022 Fee Invoices and Billing - NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

Dear Parents,

Over the holidays our school has gone live with a new finance system - TechOne.

COMPASSPAY

Our new Finance Management System, TechOne, is integrated with Compass, so from today it is possible to view your account balance and pay your school fees, and as well as pay for some excursions and camps, via the Compass Parent App. Please see the attached infographic which shows how to navigate to School Fee payments in your Compass App.

Please NOTE, if you already have a CDF Direct Debit, CentrePay or other Automatic Payment Plan in place, you do not need to action any payments for School Fees through Compass. It simply provides another option for those parents who wish to pay via Credit or with Debit Card, as well as a way of accessing your account balance at any time.

MONTHLY STATEMENTS

Accounts with a balance or with any movement since the last statement was sent, will receive a statement via email the first week of each month to the email address registered for you in Compass for each parent/guardian on the school fee account.

Any balances owing or credit balances that have been brought over from our old finance system will be reflected as opening balances on your initial statement from TechOne (to be sent the first week of November).

Please check we have recorded balances and payments correctly to your account and get in touch should you have any queries at all.

POSSIBLE DEBTOR ACCOUNT NAME CHANGE

You may notice that your account name has changed. This may be due to legal requirements regarding who signed your child's enrolment form and if these individuals have a parent profile in Compass.

Where possible, we tried to retain what we had in QuickBooks to rollover into the System, but at times this was not possible. We may have already contacted you regarding changes to your account name.

If you have any questions or concerns around this, please get in touch and we will be happy to investigate and clarify the change.

BPAY CUSTOMER REFERENCE NUMBERS (CRNs)

For anyone that pays via BPAY, you will notice your new statement (the first TechOne Statement will be for October and sent the first week of November) will have a new BPAY Customer Reference Number (CRN). This new number will be active from 1st November. Until then, you can continue to use your old BPAY CRN number. After this date your old BPAY CRN will no longer be valid. If you have scheduled future BPAY payments, you will need to amend for a new BPAY CRN after the 1st of November.

FEE ASSISTANCE

Please remember we have fee assistance and concession card discounts available to anyone in our school community who may need to make use of these. While it may be a difficult conversation, we are here to help. Forms are available from the Finance Office or contact me for a confidential discussion.

Please get in touch if you have any queries at all regarding any of these changes.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kathryn Condlie
 School Finance Officer

