

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

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From the Principal

True hospitality consists of giving the best of yourself to your guests.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.



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Last week I had to do a bit of driving, so I searched for music or podcasts to listen to and came across a musical called *Come From Away*. And as I sat in the car listening to the songs and finding out a bit more about the actual events the musical is based upon, I discovered that the story was one that could easily be what our Vision statement is based upon - *attentiveness, hospitality and compassion*.

As most of us would know, on September 11th 2001, two hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Centre in New York City, whilst a third crashed into the Pentagon and a fourth crashed into a field after passengers took back control of it from the hijackers.

What we may not know or remember is that, very soon after the initial incidents, the airspace over America was shut down. So the planes that were already in the air and travelling to America were not allowed to enter US airspace. They had to find somewhere else to land. So 38 planes were diverted to Gander International Airport, which is the airport that serves a place called Newfoundland, an island off the east coast of Canada.

Because the planes couldn't take off, the passengers disembarked in Gander. Gander itself only had a population of under 10,000 people. The number of people on the planes was about 7000.

So over the next five days, the people of Gander and the surrounding communities banded together to welcome the plane passengers - the *come from aways*. They provided food, clothing, shelter, and phones to contact loved ones. At a time that people were anxious over what had just happened and what would happen next, the community provided hospitality and compassion.

It is a story that is played out many times around the world. We often see that when natural disasters strike, like bushfires or floods, people put their hands up to help. They might offer food or shelter, or just a person to talk to.

The people of Gander didn't have to be too attentive to see the immediate needs of the plane passengers - they landed right on their doorstep. However there are always people in our community who are in need of hospitality or compassion who we do need to be attentive to.

This week's Presentation Feast Day gives us the opportunity to be attentive to the needs of others. For even though the day is based around joy, students bring along something for a Christmas hamper so that others may have an enjoyable Christmas.

In the Star of the Sea Catholic community, we are constantly called to be attentive to the needs of others, so that those who need our hospitality and compassion are never left wanting.

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

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.



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

We will be beginning our College Feast Day with a Mass on Friday 25th November at 9.40am.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Stars of the Week - 17th November 2022

Kinder	J'Kobi Carnie	For trying really hard during literacy lessons.
Prep	Carter Upston	For being an amazing listener and always displaying excellent behaviour on the mat.
Grade 1	Alby Hawkins	For his amazing artwork.
Grade 2	Thomas Smith	For working hard during literacy activities.
Grade 3/4	Allira-Grayce Harris	For excellent focus on all literacy tasks. Well done, Allira
Grade 5/6	Carlie Lowe	For always working to the best of her ability during literacy activities.

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion



Bush Blitz

On Thursday 17th November some of our Year 5/6 & 7 students attended the Tasmanian Bush Blitz expedition at Nindethana Camp

Jai Jacobs: The best thing was the bush walk where I looked for the different plants and the most interesting thing was getting off the bus and seeing Big Bird.

Maverick Watson: The best thing was making ochre hand prints, it was like paint but it dried really quickly. The most interesting thing was the end presentation, all the slides were back to front in the beginning, which made Tasmania look strange.

Bernard Moore: The best thing was making a new friend called Harry T and playing soccer at lunch time. The most interesting was sucking the bugs into a special contraption we made and looking at the bugs through a special microscope attached to the presenter's mobile phone.



Staff Movements

Mrs Harmer will be away from tomorrow for the rest of the week. She will return next Tuesday.

Miss O'Toole will be away from Thursday for the rest of the week. She will return next Tuesday.

Mr Taylor will be away next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, supporting the Grade 5/6 Camp and attending meetings.

Mrs Hoffman will be taking two weeks leave from next Monday. In her absence the Kinder class will be taught by Bronwyn Witt.

Mrs McGillivray will be taking leave for the remainder of the week and all of next week.

Advent Prayer

From next Monday, we will gather the school every Monday morning for 10 minutes for Advent Prayer in the Primary Gallery. Parents and carers are welcome to join us to prepare for Christmas.

K-2 Swimming

K-2 swimming continues this week. It will not be held tomorrow (Wednesday) due to the pool being unavailable, and will finish on Thursday and Friday.

Observed Fire Drill

Weather permitting we will be conducting an observed Fire Evacuation tomorrow at 10:30am. This is to make up for the one that was rained out earlier in the year.

Primary and Secondary Triathlons

Some Primary students and Secondary students will be competing in triathlons on Thursday and Wednesday respectively. We wish them well and thank Miss O'Toole and Mr Cook for organising the students to compete.

Trivia Night

A big thank you to our Year 10 Leaders who organised and ran last Friday's Trivia Night. It was a great success with lots of fun had by all. A special thanks to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Harmer who helped out in the kitchen for the night.

Sporting Teams

Congratulations to both the TPSSA Swimming team and NHSSA Athletics team who competed last week. All students competed well with some great results on the day. Thank you to Mr Cook and Miss O'Toole for their organisation.

2023 College Captains

The process for choosing the 2023 College Captains has begun, with nominations occurring last Friday and, all going well, speeches and voting occurring this Friday.

9/10 Electives 2023

Last Friday students in Years 8 and 9 were handed their electives handbook for them to consider what elective subjects they want to do next year. The handbook details all of the subjects on offer, what is involved in them and how they can help into the future. We would encourage parents and carers to discuss subject selection with their children.

Presentation Feast Day

Our Presentation Feast Day is being held this Friday. More information is available in this newsletter, but please note:

- Kinders are welcome to join us for the activities in the afternoon.
- Parents/carers/families are welcome to join us for the Mass at 9:40am in the Church.

Enrolments

Enrolments for 2023 for all year levels are now open. We are currently conducting our enrolment interviews and transition days are occurring as well.

If you are hoping to enrol your child into Star of the Sea in 2023, we would ask that forms are in asap. Enrolment forms can be picked up at the office or from our website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au).

Transition Days

This Wednesday will see the last day for *Little Stars*, with our 2023 Kinders and SetUp families gathering for a Christmas party in the last week of school.

This Thursday will see our Year 7s for 2023 taking part in a full day's transition here at Star of the Sea.

Compass Events

There have been some changes in the way we operate regarding consent for excursions and events at the College. With the Compass system, all consent and payments will now be conducted on the online platform.

This will save copious amounts of paper, admin time and hopefully streamline and make things easier for families.

There will be three types of events to consent for:

1. **Compulsory events/excursions that don't require a payment.**
2. **Compulsory events/excursions that do require a payment.**
3. **Opt-in events/excursions that require a payment.**

To give consent/pay you will need to open Compass and click on "Events." The particular event for your child should be listed. With options 1 & 2, the Compass event will direct you to "Give Consent" or "Give Consent and Pay".

With option 3, your child will be "Invited" to attend. You will need to accept this invitation. It will then direct you to "Consent & Pay".

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.



STAR OF THE SEA



PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Feast Day Program

Date: Friday 25th November

9:40am - 10:40am Mass in the Church (Parents welcome to attend)

12:40pm - 2:30pm Shared Lunch and Primary Oval Activities (Parents welcome to attend)

Attire: Students are able to wear casual clothes. They must bring in a non-perishable food item for the Vinnies Christmas Hampers to be able to do so. Hats and sunscreen are encouraged.

Primary Students will need to have a hat on when they are outside as per our Sunsmart Policy.

Lunch: Food items include a sausage sizzle, hamburgers, subway and pizza. Each item is \$2 each so students need to bring money for this. The canteen will be available for lunch orders and Secondary Students can access it as normal, however if cooked or prepared lunch is needed students need to order their lunch. Primary students will not be able to access the canteen during the day, they will need to follow normal processes and put a lunch order in if they need to. Bottles of water will be available but we encourage students to bring their own drink bottles on the day.

Parental engagement: Parents are welcome to attend Mass and the Primary Oval Activities. Unfortunately we have catered only enough food for the students and therefore parents and siblings will not be able to buy food on the day.

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 5

Lucas Ratcliffe	For always wearing his hat
Allira-Grayce Harris	For winning German bingo
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	For winning German bingo
Ruby Davidson	For winning German bingo
Ashton Ratcliffe	For winning German bingo
Oscar Smith	For winning bingo with lamp, chocolate and pear
Ruby Davidson	For finding many words inside a large word
Ryder Hawkins	For being focused and engaged in learning
Wyatt Parkes	For excellent reading
Alby Hawkins	For excellent reading
Demitrius Quilty-Maguire	For completing his literacy task
Charlotte Judd	For being honest

Well Done!

PBS Focus is **Respectful**

* We are respectful when we raise our hand to speak in class and not call out.

This weeks Shout Out winners are:

Rilee Brown - for quiet sitting - \$2 canteen voucher

Vanessa Linley - for excellent reading - pick from the prize box

Well done!

Secondary Students

Congratulations Cards 2022

Lucinda Hockey & Lisa Kamel

Well done!

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
Tuesday 29th November	Grade 5/6 Camp	Monday 12th December	Year 10 Leavers Dinner
Till Thursday 1st December		Tuesday 13th December	Secondary Big Day Out
Term 4		Thursday 15th December	End of Year Assembly Last day for students
		Friday 16th December	Last day for staff