

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

28th March 2023

From the Principal

As a Catholic, I deal in hope. I am following in the footsteps of Christians who, over the past 2000 years, have been dealers in hope. People in my business offer people hope and, more regularly than not, ask for nothing in return. If we do ask for something in return it is simply to be open to an invitation to a relationship with God. Because if people take up that invitation, they don't need hope from me anymore. They can get it directly from the source.

At last Thursday's Secondary Assembly, the students were asked to reflect upon the character strength of hope. People who have hope are realistic and also full of optimism about the future. They believe in their actions and feel confident things will turn out well. In life, we can sometimes feel powerless to change a situation and therefore lose hope. For some, the war in Ukraine has sapped away their hope, as they feel powerless to do anything about it. For others it might be floods or fires which have affected them or people they know. Or it could be hearing about a loved one who only has a short time to live.

But while some people can lose their hope in these situations, others are still able to hang onto hope. It is usually these people who have hope as one of their character strengths. Where they get their hope from is difficult to know, but for Christians, our hope comes through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is timely that we talk about hope at this time of year. When Jesus died on the cross around 2000 years ago, his followers lost hope. Many ran away. But his rising from the dead just a few days later was the ultimate "hope-booster." All of a sudden everyone who was pessimistic about the future, everyone who thought God had abandoned them, everyone who thought their actions would not change anything, had an injection of hope. Jesus' resurrection tells us that, no matter how dark things seem, no matter how dreary the future looks, it's okay. God's got it under control.

Often we don't see God's hand at work in the world around us. We see misery and suffering, war and misfortune. But we are called to look closer. We are called to look at the loving actions of those around us. We are called to see the way people look after each other, support each other and are kind to each other. Because when we see these things we see God working in the world and we know that we can be hopeful about the future.

Our school's Vision statement talks about us looking forward to the future as "people of hope." Sometimes we can look at what is happening in our lives here and now and lose hope. But now is not our future. We have control over how we want our future to turn out. We write the book of our lives, and because of this we can write a book of hope.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to keep reminding our students that there is hope in the future, not only through the words we speak but through the example of our actions.

**Richard Chapman,
Principal**



Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

Desmond Tutu

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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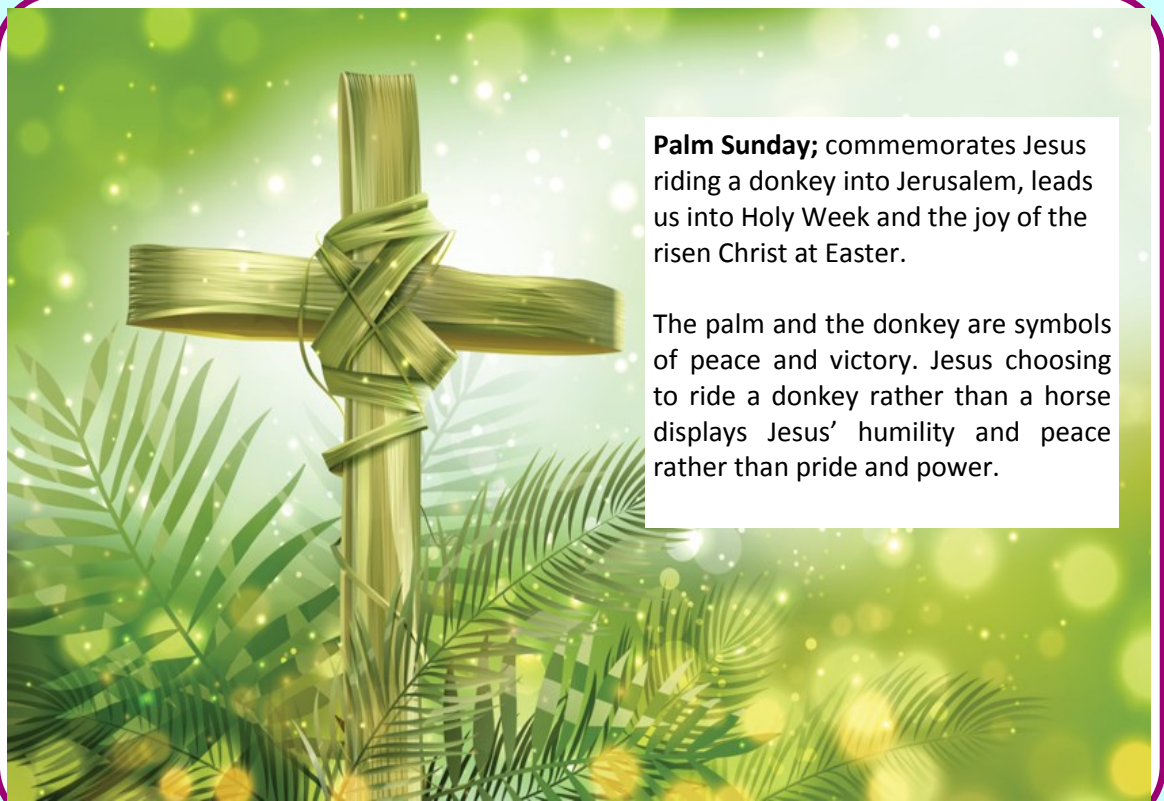
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Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion



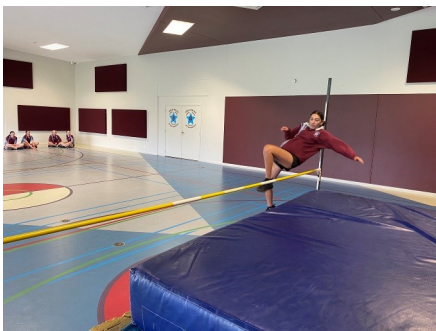
Palm Sunday; commemorates Jesus riding a donkey into Jerusalem, leads us into Holy Week and the joy of the risen Christ at Easter.

The palm and the donkey are symbols of peace and victory. Jesus choosing to ride a donkey rather than a horse displays Jesus' humility and peace rather than pride and power.

Stars of the Week - 23rd March 2023

Kinder	Oliver Hewitt	For his wonderful imaginative play.
Prep	James Moore	For being so ready and engaged for learning times.
Grade 1	Lachlan Smith	For excellent participation during Fr. Bala's visit.
Grade 2/3	Maliah Cunningham	For always having a positive attitude in all she does.
Grade 3/4	Chantz Brown	For her excellent work during Maths time. Keep up the great work!.
Grade 5/6	Maverick Watson	For his positive attitude towards all classroom learning activities. You consistently demonstrate exceptional leadership skills!.

Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival



Staff Movements

Mrs Harmer and Mrs Radford are on leave this Thursday.
Mrs Halley will be on leave from next Tuesday until the end of term.

Term Holidays

Term 1 will end next **Thursday 6th April**.

Term 2 will start for students on **Wednesday 26th April**. Staff will be on site on Monday 24th April for a Spirituality Day, while Tuesday 25th April is a public holiday for Anzac Day.

Kinder Enrolments 2024

If you are interested in enrolling your child into Kinder next year, or know someone who is, we will be holding a Kinder 2024 Information Morning on Wednesday 10th May at 10:30am in the Kinder Room (straight after SetUp). Children are welcome to attend with their parents. Come along to find out about what Star of the Sea can offer. Children need to be turning 5 next year to attend Kinder.

TPSSA Athletics

This Friday a number of our Years 3-6 students will compete in the TPSSA Athletics Carnival. We wish them well and know they will do their best.

Winter Uniform

Next term our students are expected to wear winter uniform. If your child has outgrown last year's, a reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm.

End of Term Assembly

Next week we will hold our End of Term Assembly in the Church on Thursday 6th April at 11:45am. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

Holy Week 2023 for Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, George Town

Palm Sunday - Sunday 2nd April

- Mass at 11:00am.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday - Thursday 6th April

- Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet at 6:00pm.

Good Friday - Friday 7th April

- Stations of the Cross at 9:30am
- Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - Saturday 8th April

- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confession) available from 10:30am to 11:30am.
- Easter Vigil at 6:30pm

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9th April

- Mass at 11:00am



Shout Outs - Week 5 & 6 Term 1, 2023

You are a Star

Ruby Davidson	Grade 4	Learning DRABCD
Oliver Hewitt	Kindergarten	For helping Miss Justine clean up
Kirra Harris	Grade 2	For being thoughtful and sharing her spare hat with others
Archie Bennett	Grade 1	Excellent sound work
Malakai Hyland	Grade 3	Amazing behaviour at assembly
Rilee Brown	Grade 3	Helping to clean the classroom
Hazel-Mae Provis	Grade 3	Working well during maths
Chantz Brown	Grade 4	Working well during maths
John Lethborg	Grade 1	Making good choices in the playground
Tristan Ackerly	Grade 3	Great assistance in the classroom in the morning
Mia Barker	Grade 2	For great help sorting
Oliver Bennett	Grade 2	Engaged learning while playing memory
Lucas Vincent	Grade 1	Excellent InitialLit group work
Kiara Fisher	Grade 1	Excellent InitialLit group work
Amelie Olivera	Grade 1	Excellent InitialLit group work
Kailan Wheeldon	Grade 1	Excellent InitialLit group work

Secondary Students - Congratulations Cards 2023

Pixie Watson and Indiana Cartwright

Well done!

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End of Term Assembly

Thursday 6th April

11:45am

In the Church

Families and friends are most welcome to attend as we recognise the tremendous efforts of the students in Term 1.

LAST WEEK



Easter Raffle 2023

Tickets are \$1 each and will be sold by the Year 10s at lunchtimes in the Primary and Secondary Playgrounds.

Tickets are also available from the college office. Students may take home a book of 10 tickets.

Please request a book if you would like one.

Proceeds will be split between student leader fundraising and Project Compassion.

The Raffle will be drawn at the End of Term Assembly April 6th.



CALENDAR, TERM 1, 2023

Friday 31st March	TPSSA Athletics Carnival St Leonards
Tuesday 4th April	Caritas fundraiser
Wednesday 5th April	NHSSA Div. 3 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 5th April	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
Thursday 6th April	Holy Thursday - End of Term Assembly - Term 1 ends
Monday 24th April	Staff Spirituality Day—student free day
Tuesday 25th April	Anzac Day
Wednesday 26th April	Term 2 begins for students

SetUp for Success

'Setup for Success' is on every Wednesday during term time between 9:00am and 10:30am in the Kinder room and is for children from birth to 5 years of age. It is completely free and all are welcome. Mrs Selina Taylor will run 'Setup' this year

