

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

2nd May 2023

### From the Principal

At this time of year the words "tradition" and "traditional" are thrown about quite a bit. We hear about the "traditional" Anzac Day football match between Collingwood and Essendon. Dawn services are said to be "traditional," and it is a "tradition" to have a minute's silence after the Last Post is played.

Schools, too, like to use these words a lot. We hear of "traditional" schools, "traditional" uniforms and "traditions" within the school. Despite all of this, no one ever makes it clear what they mean when they use these words.

Coming from the Latin meaning to give across, a tradition is the transmission of customs or beliefs across generations - that is, we give our customs and beliefs across generations. But the questions we need to keep asking ourselves are, why do we want to transmit these customs or beliefs to the next generation? How do they create a sense of belonging?

Because the reality is that the words themselves can be abused as well. Over the years people have used the idea of "tradition" to cover all manner of sins. University Colleges often had O-Week traditions which would probably be described now as people giving a green light to sexual assault. Similarly, traditions that were once within the Army are now seen as forms of physical or mental abuse.

Along with this, the use of the word "tradition" is often used as a cover for laziness. People claim that things are traditions, not because they think it is important to pass these on to future generations, but because they are too lazy to think of ways to do things differently or better. Not only this, but sometimes we claim that things are traditional after being done only once or twice! The phrase "we should make this a tradition" is not unusual, without any thought of why such a custom actually needs to be passed onto future generations.

So what traditions should be kept in a school, and which ones should be thrown away? There are probably no hard-and-fast rules with this, but we want to hang onto traditions that we feel help students create a sense of belonging to the school. For people to feel they belong to the school, they should feel that they can actively participate in a tradition. There is no point having a tradition that people feel left out of, as it gives the message that our school is not a place where everyone feels welcome.

Also, our traditions should pass on our customs and beliefs to each new group of students, so we have to discern what are our important customs and beliefs. This not only means what is important to us as a school, but it also means what traditions we need to pass on from the Catholic Church.

In our Star of the Sea community, tradition is important, but not as a way of discriminating or as a form of laziness, but of making sure everyone feels welcome and a sense of belonging to the school. It is these things that we want to pass onto future generations of students at Star of the Sea.

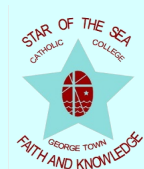
**Richard Chapman,  
Principal**



*Tradition is not  
the worship of  
ashes, but the  
preservation of  
fire. -*

**Gustav Mahler**

*Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.*



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*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

## Project Compassion Thanks You

Thank you to all those who generously supported our Project Compassion fundraiser and awareness campaign, 'Turn on the Taps'. We managed to raise \$364 to go towards helping people to access fresh drinking water.

The winners of our 'Come Dressed in Blue, competition were:

Secondary: Lisa Kamel

Primary: William Singline

The winners of colouring competition were:

Bienvinido, Charlotte, Evie and Paityn



Heart  
Spirituality  
Attentiveness



Hospitality  
Compassion

## Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching.

We will be having our Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

We would really appreciate your donations of appropriate gifts for mums.

Any donations can be left at the front office.

Thank you for your generosity.





## Easter Egg Hunt



## Easter Egg Raffle

Our Easter Egg raffle was a great success with around \$700 being raised for Project Compassion.

The winners were:

- 1st Prize** - Robert Tame
- 2nd Prize** - Ricki Watson
- 3rd Prize** - Sonja Burcul





## Deputy Principal's Message

Welcome to another busy term at Star of the Sea. There are a number of exciting opportunities happening for students this week. Our Year 7 students are heading off to camp and our Year 5 & 6, Year 8 students and the Year 9 & 10 Drama class are heading to the Princess Theatre to see School of Rock on Wednesday. We also have sport beginning in a few weeks time and our cross country coming up.

With so much happening it is important for students to focus on being organised and prepared for what is on each day. Students are encouraged to plan ahead so that the changes to routine do not come as a surprise. Conversations about what is happening at school can assist students to feel comfortable with new experiences. We want students to be involved in all of the opportunities that are offered to them as this is how new skills are developed and how new learnings are gained.

Students are expected to be in their winter uniform now that we have moved into second term. All students are expected to wear their uniform correctly. There are some areas of the uniform that students could be doing better with, including ensuring that the formal school uniform is worn everyday, apart from the day secondary students have sport. On sport days, the correct sport uniform needs to be worn. Please support your child to arrive at school dressed appropriately in their correct uniform and wearing this as neatly as possible. If there are concerns with not having the correct uniform items, please talk to your child's classroom teacher or contact us at the school to discuss how we can be of support.

## Staff Movements

Year 7 Camp starts tomorrow and will see Mrs McGillivray, Mrs Armstrong, Kara Long and Alec Daniels out of the College for the rest of the week. Most classes will be covered by staff within the College. Mrs Robotham is away next Tuesday.

## Uniform

We have now entered the cooler months and, as such, Winter Uniform is now expected to be worn.

- Winter uniform for boys is grey shorts or trousers, shirt, and jumper or blazer.
- Winter uniform for girls is skirt, shirt, stockings, and jumper or blazer. Girls are also able to wear grey trousers.
- The black College jacket can be worn for warmth outside, but is not designed as an inside piece of clothing.
- Non-school articles of clothing should not be worn for extra warmth.
- Students should only wear PE uniform on days they have PE (except for Kinder) or if they have a note explaining why. PE uniform can be plain black shorts or track pants.
- Shorts should be an appropriate length for exercise (e.g. about mid-thigh). Tights and Skins should not be worn.

The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm. Please feel free to contact the College if there are any difficulties around having the correct uniform.



## Uniform Survey

A message was sent last week on Compass asking parents to provide feedback around a couple of specific questions around the College uniform. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, we would love your feedback. Responses will close on Friday.

## School of Rock Excursion

Tomorrow our Grade 5/6s, Year 8s and the 9/10 Production class will travel to Launceston to see St Patrick's College's production of The School of Rock. It's a great opportunity for us to support our fellow Catholic schools. Mrs Robotham has also been adding her support to the production by helping out with the choreography.

## Youth Advisory Forum

Tomorrow our College Leaders will participate in the Youth Advisory Forum for the George Town Council.

## 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.



### Kinder Information Morning

Do you have children turning 5 years old next year, or know someone who does? We are holding our Kinder Information Morning next Wednesday 10th May in the Kinder Room at 10:30am (straight after SetUp). Families are welcome to come along and find out more about enrolling their child in Kinder at Star of the Sea for 2024.

### Enrolments for 2024

Many families around George Town would have received a pamphlet in the mail during the holidays letting them know that enrolments for 2024 for all year levels are now open. Call into the office for an enrolment form or download one from our website: [starsea.tas.edu.au](http://starsea.tas.edu.au).

### Year 7 Camp

Our Year 7 Camp starts tomorrow and runs until Friday, with the students travelling to Camp Clayton near Ulverstone. We wish them well and thank the staff who have organised and are participating in the camp alongside the students.

### Cross Country

Next Tuesday we will hold our College Cross Country. This will not be a Colour Run as with usual years, with another event later in the year being planned which will include the Colour Run. More information will be provided later in the week via Compass.

### Updates to our Website

Our website has undergone some updates recently due to new compliance regulations. Because of this we have made clear links on our home page to information regarding Child Safety and Complaints. This is not because we have suddenly had an influx of complaints! It is a statewide move by Catholic Education Tasmania. Our website can be found at [starsea.tas.edu.au](http://starsea.tas.edu.au).

### Mothers Day

Next Thursday we will celebrate mothers and special women in our students' lives.

Our Mothers Day stall will be held during the day with gifts, at this stage, ranging from \$1 to \$5. If any families would like to donate gifts they can do so at the College Office.

We will also hold a Mother's Day Prayer and Afternoon tea. The prayer will be held in the Church and begin at 2:15pm with afternoon tea in the Hall to follow.

Please fill out the attached invitation so we can cater for everyone.

### Work over the Holidays

Many families will have noticed that parts of the school had a paint job over the holidays which has freshened up the outside of the Secondary campus. We have also had a fence replaced in the secondary play area along with other minor work.

### Early Notice - School Photos

Our school photos are scheduled for Tuesday 16th May (two weeks from today). On this day all students are expected to wear full winter uniform. For consistency, students are required to wear either a blazer or jumper. Kinder students wear PE uniform as usual. Students not wearing the full uniform may not be able to have their photo taken. Ordering and payment is online. Once ordered, parents will receive an email confirming their order, so all orders and payments are traceable.

**Do not send money for photos to the office, it will not be accepted.**

Family Photo orders must be done by 4:30pm on Monday 15th May, the night before Photo Day, so we can organise a list of Family Photos that need to be taken. **Any Family Photos that have not been ordered and paid for before the cut-off will not be taken. Unfortunately, we cannot make any exceptions on the day.**

# Term 1 - 2023 Awards



## Application to Learning Awards

Kinder	Sebastian Cunningham	Prep	Rafael Tilain
Grade 1	Carter Upston	Grade 2	Danica Sweet
Grade 3	Lindsie Barrett	Grade 4	Chelsie Jenkins
Grade 5	Scarlett Baillie	Grade 6	Paityn Tunks

## Merit Awards

### Year 7

Ruby Clarke	Effort and Application
Indiana Cartwright	Effort and Application
Kobe Lewis	Effort and Application
Alyssa Wayne	Effort and Application

### Year 9

Caeden McCutcheon	Effort and Application
Emma Thomas	Effort and Application
Drew Daniels	Effort and Application
Shakiah Roney	Effort and Application
Kobi Barrenger	Application to work

## **Athletics Champions**

Year 3	Thomas Smith	Evie King
Year 4	Oscar Smith	Zoe Gillies
Year 5	Sabian Hawes	Allira Grayce Harris
Year 6	Keegan Leslie	Paityn Tunks
Year 7	Elijah Parker	Alyssa Wayne
Year 8	Hayley Daniels	Macklin Grimsey Boersma
Year 9	Caeden McCutcheon	Matilda Clarke
Year 10	Nikiah Edwards	Izaak Holz

### Year 8

Samara Davenport	Effort and Application
Lillian Hockey	Effort and Application
Brianna Currie	Effort and Application
Harry Clark	Effort and Application
Jack Lindfors	Work Ethic
Henry Lindfors	Work Ethic
Macklin Grimsey-Boersma	Great Effort in Science

### Year 10

Nikiah Edwards	Effort and Application
Ashley Byard	Effort and Application
Madison Milner	Effort and Application
Tempress Tunks	Effort and Application
Hayley Ford	Effort and Application
Robert Tame	Effort and Application
Luke Chapman	Effort in Maths
Alexander Rigby-Smith	Effort in Maths
Izaak Holz	Personal Growth

# C A L E N D E R

## TERM 2 2023

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th May	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday 9th May	Star of the Sea Cross Country
Wednesday 10th May	Kinder 2024 Information morning
Thursday 11th May	Mother's Day Stall, Prayer and Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 16th May	School Photos
Wednesday 17th May	9/10 Winter Sport commences
Thursday 18th May	7/8 Winter Sport commences
Friday 19th May	National Walk to School Safely Day
Wednesday 24th May	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
Tuesday 30th May	Inter-High Cross Country
Wednesday 7th June	TPSSA Cross County Carnival
Thursday 8th June	Real Talk visit (Secondary)
Monday 12th June	King's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Friday 30th June	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
Sunday 2nd - Sunday 9th July	NAIDOC Week
Friday 7th July	End of Term Assembly Term 2 ends for students

## Shout Out Term 2, Week 1, 2023

Danica Sweet	For great ideas when participating in maths games.
Maliah Cunningham	For being an awesome helper
Chantz Brown	Working well during maths
Lindsie Barrett	Following instructions well
Hazel-Mae Provis	Excellent work in maths
Archie Davidson	Being an excellent listener at lunchtime when asked to do something in the yard
Chantz Brown	For another excellent lesson in maths
Eathen Maney	Being focused during literacy
Oscar Millen	Excellent writing skills
Elijah Bromley	Excellent writing
John Lethborg	Excellent writing
Darcie Power	Being focused during literacy
Thomas Singline	Picking up rubbish at lunchtime
Logan Hawkins	Picking up rubbish at recess
Sophia Giles	Picking up rubbish at recess
Darcie Power	Picking up rubbish
Kiara Fisher	Picking up rubbish at recess
Evie King	Picking up rubbish at recess
Lachie Smith	Picking up rubbish at recess
Bradley Maney	Being thoughtful and respectful of school equipment
Chantz Brown	Fantastic focus on learning tasks
Ryder Hawkins	Putting extra effort into his work
Ashton Ratcliffe	Putting extra effort into his working
Brooke Baillie	Putting extra effort into her work
Ryder Hawkins	Looking out for the younger students
Ashton Ratcliffe	Looking out for the younger students
Eathen Maney	Fantastic listening during class time
Finley Upston	Being respectful and listening
Finley Upston	Great work during health

You are a star

## Mother's Day Invitation

Thursday 11th May

2:15pm in the Church followed by afternoon tea in the hall.

**Mothers and special women in our student's lives are invited to attend a prayer service in the church followed by afternoon tea in the hall. Please complete the following slip for catering purposes.**



For catering purposes please RSVP by Tuesday 9th May

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Mother's Day afternoon tea with my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_



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# SCHOOL PHOTO HELP STATION

## PHOTO DAY INFORMATION



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Select - Order Your School Photos, choose your State, enter your Access Key
- 2 NO credit card fees apply for Online Orders
- 3 There is one Access Key for all students and family photos - please enter student's details correctly when placing your order.
- 4 Once you have ordered online please keep your Order Reference Number which will be emailed to the email address used when placing the order. You do not need to advise the School or Leading Image of your Order Reference Number.
- 5 If you lose your Access Key, please contact the School Office to retrieve it. Leading Image does not give out Access Keys over the phone due to students' privacy.
- 6 Only parents who have ordered a family photo and pay for it before photo day will have a photo taken
- 7 Family packages must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.
- 8 The Family Discount is available to all families who have three or four students attending the school, where parents pay for two students and receive their third and fourth students' packages for free.
- 9 We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo - any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.

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