

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

23rd May 2023

From the Principal

Our secondary students have been focussing on the Character Strength of *teamwork* this week. Lots has been written about teamwork by many people, but in the context of teamwork being a character strength, people who display this strength are committed to contributing to a team's success. So the people who display teamwork are interested in the goals of the team and not their own goals.

One of the things we need to consider, though, is what teams we are involved in. When we think of teams we automatically think of sporting teams, but there are other teams that each of us are involved in every day.

First and foremost, we are a part of our family's team. So we ask ourselves, am I committed to helping my family reach its goals, whatever they may be? Sometimes the behaviour of children is as such that goals aren't met very easily. The goal can be something as simple as doing the grocery shopping together, but when children are grabbing chocolates off the shelf or complaining or running off, it can be very hard to reach the goal. In the end, the goal of all families is probably to be able to live together in peace and harmony. But are all members of the family team aware of that, and do they contribute to reaching this goal?

I reminded the secondary students last week at assembly that they are also part of the school team, and our goals are to learn in a safe and welcoming environment. However, when a few people are not creating a welcoming space, or are not allowing others to learn effectively, then they let down the team. They are not committed to the success of the team.

Teenagers can sometimes be very individualistic and only have their own goals in mind. Unfortunately some teenagers have encountered great trauma in their life and, as such, have the perception that everyone is against them so they can't possibly work with others in a team situation. There are no quick fixes for these children, and only time and patience and a sense of feeling safe will start to overcome these difficulties.

Finally, we hope that families and school are part of the same team working together to reach the same goal - that the students of Star of the Sea can become welcoming and compassionate people, ready to face the future as people of hope. If either the school or the family are not being supportive of this goal, and leaving the other to do the heavy lifting, then it is unlikely our goal will be achieved.

Thankfully in our Star of the Sea Catholic community there are good conversations that occur that enable the school and the families to work together as a team. Often each week we are making phone calls home to let families know of difficulties that students have had during the day, and families are very supportive of what we are doing to help to improve the situation. In the end, we are all committed to contributing to the success of each individual student.

Richard Chapman, Principal



The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

- Phil Jackson

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Do Good - Seek Justice (Isaiah 1:17)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity May 21-28

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

This week across the world different Christian denominations come together for a 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'. This prayer movement began in 1740 when Christians from different countries were asked to pray together for a better world. It has been celebrated across the world by Christian denominations since 1968.

This year's theme comes from the ecumenical community in Minnesota in the United States. They chose 'Do Good – Seek Justice' because their community has been deeply and painfully affected by racial violence and murders. They want to promote healing forgiveness and justice with a particular focus on the impact of racism.

With the referendum being held on "The Voice" this theme is particularly relevant this year, as it proposes constitutional recognition of Australia's Indigenous peoples as the First Australians and an invitation to give advice on government policies on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

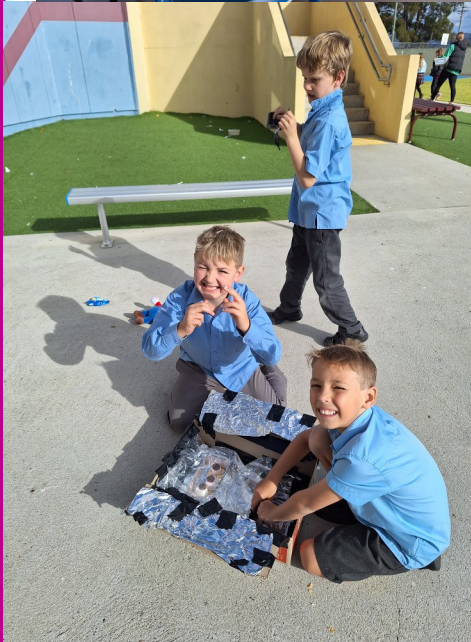
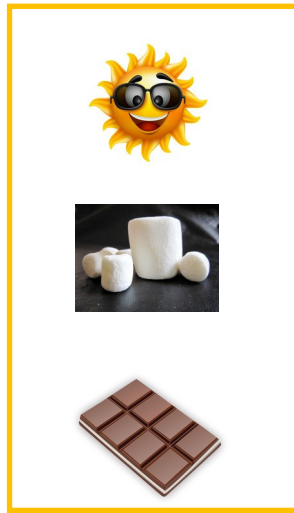
Jesus was adamant that we, the peoples of the Earth, 'may all be one' despite culture and racial differences; 'love one another' and together to 'do good' and 'seek justice' for all, especially for those who have been marginalised, forgotten or damaged now and in the past - unfortunately, often by our various Churches.

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Stars of the Week - 18th May 2023

Kinder	Mia Mathers	For including all members of her class in her play.
Grade 1	Victor Hugo	For being a kind and helpful class member.
Grade 2/3	Chase Davis	For consistently trying heard and working well in all he does. Well done.
Grade 3/4	Sophia Giles	For her excellent focus and participation during our Maths lessons on time. Keep up the great work!
Grade 5/6	Paityn Tunks	For her beautiful reading during the Mother's Day Liturgy. Well done!

Last Friday, Year 2/3 made "solar ovens" with Mr Fleming. The task was to design and make a solar oven that would melt chocolate and marshmallows. Kids did well, the sun less so...



Deputy Principal's Message

At Star of the Sea we want all students to feel a sense of community and belonging. The concept of Teamwork has been a focus in the secondary area and whilst this has a lot to do with the way we act, it also has a lot to do with the way we present ourselves.

A team presents themselves in a unified manner and works together for a common goal. Teams are often distinctively dressed in a uniform. There are many reasons why uniforms are important. When all members of a group or team present themselves in uniform, it provides a unified sense of community and belonging. Wearing a uniform neatly and correctly shows a sense of respect for the organisation a person is representing.

On our recent School Photo day we saw our school community presented exceptionally well, wearing the school uniform neatly and correctly. We want all students to present themselves this way everyday. Parents are asked to work with their children and the school to support the correct wearing of uniform.

Students in both primary and secondary are required to wear their uniform correctly everyday. This means students dress in the formal school uniform every day, apart from their regular sport day.

If there is an issue obtaining an item of the uniform please speak with your child's class teacher or make contact with the school so we can work together to resolve the issue.

Breakfast Club

This term Breakfast Club has operated on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, with Miss Jones and Mrs Robotham serving toast with jam, honey or vegemite, warm milo, juice and sometimes porridge to some very eager students. All students are welcome to join us to grab something for breakfast on these mornings. Breakfast Club operates from the kitchen in the hall. Students are asked to leave school bags outside and to use the hand sanitizer provided when they come in. So far, we have been impressed with the wonderful manners we have seen from students. It is always a joy to see their cheerful smiles first thing in the morning.

Sports Report - Secondary Hockey

On Wednesday May 17th, the secondary students commenced their winter sport rosters. The secondary hockey team played against Cressy District High School. This year the team is made up of players from Year 7 through to Year 10. With some experienced players and some who have never played a game, the first match was an opportunity to join together as a team for the first time. After a training session the previous week, players had some areas to focus on during the match and it was pleasing to see these things demonstrated during the game. One of these things was to work together and support the new players to ensure they were able to participate positively in the game. The more experienced players demonstrated leadership and guidance on the field and supported others to become involved in the game at a level suited to their skills and ability.

It was pleasing to see the team convert solid team work into goals and good defence skills ensured Cressy did not score a lot of goals in response. The final score was 10 - 3 in our favour. Top goal scorer was Miya who scored 5 goals overall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Grimsey family on the safe arrival of Lillian. A sister for Macklin, Savannah and Axle.

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.



Uniform Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Uniform Survey (which is now closed). The Uniform Committee is in discussions about next steps after looking at the results. As with a lot of surveys, they sometimes raise more questions than they answer, so we may have other opportunities in the future for further feedback.

For 2023, there will be no changes to the current school uniform.

If there are to be any changes for 2024, they will be communicated later in the year.

Staff Movements

Mrs Briscoe is on leave all this week.

Mr Chapman is away at meetings on Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs Robotham and Mrs Walters are away at a meeting on Thursday.

Enrolments for 2024

Enrolments for 2024 for all year levels are now open. Families wishing to enrol into Star of the Sea for 2024 can call into the office for an enrolment form or download one from our website: starsea.tas.edu.au.

Catholic Schools Career Expo

Last Friday saw our Year 10s travel down to Hobart to attend the Catholic Schools Career Expo. The many stallholders at the Expo allowed students to find out more about possible careers, with students' eyes opened to the breadth of possibilities for their future. It was a long day but a rewarding one, and we thank Mr Cook for driving the bus and organising the trip.

Seagulls to Chips

Seagulls to Chips is a 12 week leadership program that is all about seizing opportunity. The program is open for 20 young people aged 12-16 each year and operates after school on Tuesdays and at various days/times during Term 3 and Term 4. Seagulls to Chips entails 12 leadership sessions delivered by experts in the field, supporting and mentoring the young people to create their own opportunities to be leaders in George Town. Successful applicants receive branded apparel including socks, t shirts and hoodies. Applications close Friday 23rd June. To apply visit Our Futures on the George Town Council website.

Walk Safely to School Day

The day began early for a group of students on Friday May 19th as they met together for breakfast before participating in the National Walk Safely to School Day. Sharing egg and bacon rolls, fruit and juice for breakfast before school was a fantastic way to end the week. A quick play on the equipment helped to keep people warm before we headed off on our walk to school. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the event, and to the staff and parents who assisted in cooking breakfast and supervising our students throughout the morning. Mrs Robotham has already had students ask for another similar event, so we will look at another opportunity to do this, later in the year.



Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that pre ordered black jackets have arrived and can be collected from the Uniform Shop.
The Uniform Shop is open on Thursdays 2:00-4:00pm.

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 24th May

Year 9/10 Netball Star v DHSA
Senior Boys Netball Bye
Year 9/10 Hockey Bye

Upcoming Games: Thursday 25th May

Year 9/10 Soccer Star v KMH
Year 9/10 Netball Star v QHS

Results from Wednesday 17th May

Year 9/10 Netball Star 21 - Riverside HS 7
Senior Boys Netball Star 1 - Deloraine HS 43
Year 9/10 Hockey Star 10 - Cressy 3

Results from Thursday 18th May

Year 7/8 Soccer Star 8 - Brooks 0
Year 7/8 Netball Star 9 - Prospect 1

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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
Monday 24th July	Term 3 begins