

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

30th May 2023

From the Principal

Separation is a fact of life. Death and final goodbyes will affect us all. All of us will experience times when we say goodbye to someone, never to see them again. Sometimes this is due to death, but sometimes it is due to someone moving a long way away and both parties know that they will never see each other again.

Although this is a difficult time, people we love are never truly gone. There is always something from them that lives on in us. You cannot love someone and not be affected by them. The experience of love changes us, hopefully for the better, and the people that we are are a result of those we have loved.

Similarly, when Jesus died, rose and ascended into heaven, the disciples were not left unaffected by the experience they had with him. In fact, the opposite occurred. Their experience of Jesus led them to go and tell the good news, and they journeyed around the known world spreading the news, converting people to Christianity and giving birth to the Church.

In the case of the disciples, Jesus remained in them not just through their memories of him, but through the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, which the Catholic Church celebrated on Sunday, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and remained with them, giving them the courage and fortitude to go out and spread the good news. The bonus for us is that the Holy Spirit wasn't exclusive to the disciples 2000 years ago. That same Spirit is available to us all here and now. We can choose to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and receive its gifts and fruits.

But why would I want to open my heart to the Holy Spirit?

One of the parts of the story of Pentecost which is often forgotten, but says a lot about God, is that, after the Holy Spirit had come upon the disciples, they started speaking in the native languages of everyone in the crowd. Indeed, the people in the crowd were amazed that they heard the disciples' message in their own language. The message that Luke, the author of the story, is trying to get across, is that the Holy Spirit united everyone. It brought everyone together. So whilst the disciples were now separated from the physical Jesus, this separation had led to unity.

Death and separation can certainly be hard, but it can also bring about unity. We often hear stories of families coming closer together after a death, or stories of new friends stepping in when old friends have gone. But we also hear stories of death driving people and families apart. When we grieve individually, this can happen. When we are united in our grief, it brings us together.

The celebration of Pentecost reminds us that God has never left us. Despite the difficult times that we face in our lives, God is always there, united with us in our difficult times. May remember to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit so that we may feel the comfort of this unity with God.

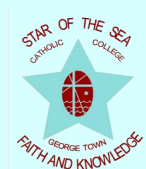
Richard Chapman, Principal



Without Pentecost the Christ-event - the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now. -

Henri Nouwen

*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

National Reconciliation Week 2023

God of the Dreaming,
your beloved Son ascended to you in glory.

Help us to lift our horizons to align our lives more closely with you
as we journey together to bring about authentic Reconciliation
within our nation.

As together we create our next chapter,
let it be blessed by our Lord Jesus.

Amen.



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 25th May 2023

Kinder	Zhen Gbenimacho	For joining in well at literacy times and learning new sounds.
Prep	Archie Davidson	For being so engaged in his alphabet and handwriting learning.
Grade 1	Marli Leslie	For working hard and making excellent progress in InitialLit.
Grade 2/3	Mia Barker	For working so consistently at tasks and showing good initiative.
Grade 3/4	Chelsie Jenkins	For her focus and excellent work ethic during our InitialLit lessons. Keep up the great work!
Grade 5/6	Bradley Maney	For the fantastic improvement he has made to the neatness of his writing. Keep up the great work!

BBA Tree Planting Day

On Thursday 18th May our Prep and Grade 5/6 students participated in the annual Tree Planting day organised by Bell Bay Aluminium. Below are some amazing images taken by Rob Burnett of our students 'digging in'.



National Simultaneous Storytime - The Speedy Sloth

On Wednesday 24th May, our Primary students participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime for 2023,

The book was The Speedy Sloth.



Deputy Principal's Message

Unity describes what happens when we come together. Mr. Chapman has written about the way we are united in our faith, by being open to the Holy Spirit and to the opportunity we have to work together as a Catholic community. During this week, we also recognise that it is National Reconciliation Week, a time when we are called upon to reflect on our shared cultures, histories and experiences. We are also called upon to consider our own role in supporting reconciliation in Australia. So what is reconciliation? For Catholics, the sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, where we seek to restore peace. When we think about Reconciliation Week in terms of our nation, we are called to consider the ways we can strengthen relationships to pave the way for a more peaceful future. This includes honouring the past and being aware of the challenges that historical circumstances and contemporary experiences have created. This is not to suggest that we can heal the damage that has been inflicted, rather that through our thoughts and actions we can work to reconcile relationships for all people who live in this country.

Our role in supporting reconciliation is to carry in our hearts and minds and to demonstrate through our actions, respectful relationships with others. Being respectful to everyone we encounter is a first step in demonstrating our personal commitment to reconciliation in our country. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is Be a Voice for Generations. This theme encourages us to be a voice for reconciliation in our everyday lives, in our homes, our workplaces, our schools and in our community. It is up to us all, to work together to ensure we establish, develop and maintain respectful relationships and to honour each person we encounter by showing them respect.



Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 31st May

Year 9/10 Netball Star v Cressy DHS @ Hoblers
 Senior Boys Netball Star v Campbell Town DHS @ Hoblers
 Year 9/10 Hockey Star v Deloraine HS @ SLHC
 (SLHC is St. Leonards Hockey Centre)

Results from Wednesday 24th May

Year 9/10 Netball Star 9 v DHS A 21
 Senior Boys Netball Bye
 Year 9/10 Hockey Bye

Upcoming Games: Thursday 1st June

Year 7/8 Soccer Star v Kings Meadows HS @ Brooks
 Year 7/8 Netball Star v Brooks HS @ Hoblers

Results from Thursday 25th May

Year 7/8 Soccer **Cancelled due to weather**
 Year 7/8 Netball **Cancelled due to weather**

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TERM 2 2023

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

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

We welcome three UTas prac teachers for the next 4 weeks.

Miss Monique Schouten returns to work with Mrs Davis and the Grade 5/6s.

Mr Matthew Howard will work with Mrs Honeychurch in the 3/4 class.

Miss Hollie Singline will work with Mrs Sikkens in the Grade 1 class.

Mr Cook will be on leave from tomorrow until the end of the week.

Mrs Honeychurch and Mrs Condric will be on leave next Monday.

Relief Teachers

We often have to call upon relief teachers when our regular teachers are unavailable through sickness, Professional Development, meetings or leave. We often call upon the same relief staff so they get to know the students and the students get to know them. Our regular relief staff include:

- Mr Fleming who has taught at the school previously and has many years experience in the Department of Education.
- Mr Duncan who retired from full time teaching at Star of the Sea last year.
- Ms Parish who has worked as relief at Star of the Sea for many years.
- Ms Gay and Mrs Armstrong also provide relief on days they are not usually teaching at the school.

Emergency Practice

Within the next few days we will hold an unannounced emergency practice with staff and students, to test our response to a potential scenario where staff may identify a threat which would warrant the school to go into lockdown (opposite to evacuation).

Like for fire evacuation drills, we recognise the worth to test this process.

We have plans in place to make this practice as least disruptive as possible.

If you have queries please call our Safety Officer, Katie Gardner on 0456 849 497.

College Board

The College Board held its AGM last Wednesday.

Mr Andrew Parkes was elected Chair.

Mrs Nikki Laughren was elected Secretary.

We thank all of the Board members for their service to the College.

Parent Engagement Group

If any parents or carers would like to join our Parent Engagement Group, please have your slips into the office by the end of this week.

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.

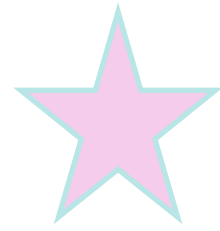
Uniform Shop

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.

Shout Outs - Week Term 2, 2023

Brock Holden	For being a great helper
Maliah Cunningham	For being a great helper
Charlotte Judd	For being a great helper
Logan Hawkins	For perfect name writing
Archie Davidson	For perfect name writing
Rafael Tilain	For perfect name writing
Chad Jenkins	For being proactive in all areas of learning
Marli Leslie	For getting back to learning after returning from holiday
James Moore	For being super still at writing practice
Jaxon Hillard	For excellent listening
Ashton Ratcliffe	For finishing his literacy work without distractions
Lindsie Barrett	For cleaning the classroom
James Moore	For perfect name writing
Isabelle Saunders	For getting all of her 3 letter words correctly
Thomas Singline	For cleaning the classroom
Charlotte Judd	For amazing help in the morning
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	For being a lovely helper
Logan Hawkins	For always being good at learning times
Dante Saunders	For getting all of her 3 letter words correctly
Raymond Simpson	For helping to put the outside equipment in the shed
Archie Bennett	For being kind to others
Elsie Sherriff	For perfect name writing
Maliah Cunningham	For being so kind
Archie Davidson	He went for a run when he was sad, but came back to do his writing
Hamish Bannon	For being super still at writing practice
Chase Davis	For his great work in PE
Malakai Hyland	For working really well in class time
Mrs Taylor	For doing good teaching to make learning fun
Lucas Ratcliffe	For telling the truth
Mason Giles	For perfect name writing
Hamish Bannon	For perfect name writing
Eliana Dodge	For perfect name writing
Lucas Ratcliffe	For perfect name writing
Zoe Provis	For perfect name writing
Chanden Prismall Jackson	For perfect name writing
Hunaisha Ahmed	For cleaning the classroom
Savannah Grimsey-Gray	For cleaning the classroom
Chelsie Jenkins	For her help when another child hurt themselves in the playground
Archie Bennett	For improvement in his sounds!
Oliver Hewitt	For packing outside equipment into the shed
Ella Hugo	For helping to put the outside equipment in the shed
Zayden Kerr	For beautiful respectful singing
Keegan Leslie	For beautiful respectful singing
Maverick Watson	For beautiful respectful singing
Bernard Moore	For beautiful respectful singing
Lucas Vincent	For being a good friend
Lucas Ratcliffe	For being respectful when someone else won the prize
Chanden Prismall Jackson	For being respectful when someone else won the prize
John Lethborg	For being kind to others
Ella Hugo	For showing kindness towards her classmates
Kailan Wheeldon	For being super engaged in math activity
Jaxon Hillard	For being resilient
Chad Jenkins	For excellent reading
Marli Leslie	For excellent reading
Oscar Millen	For excellent work during InitialLit
Kailan Wheeldon	For being resilient
Isabelle Saunders	For improved hand writing



You are a Star



Secondary Students Congratulations Cards 2023



Pixie Watson, Ruby Clarke & Indiana Cartwright

