

# Star of the Sea Catholic College

## Newsletter

9th May 2023

### From the Principal

Many schools boast of, or complain about the lack of, school spirit. In saying that, what people actually mean by school spirit is not always clear. It is worth exploring what it is, and is not, and why it is important to have some of it. However, like most things in life, you can have too much of a good thing.

When some people talk about school spirit they are thinking about it in an old fashioned way. In the past, children from different schools didn't mix as often. This was partly due to the influence of religion on families, which would see Catholics not mixing with Protestants. Because of this, cultures were built up within schools where students were told that their school was the best. Schools then had to try and prove this by winning various sporting events, and other students had to come along to cheer to "show their school spirit."

This obviously had, and still does have, dangers attached to them. If we don't allow students to mix with other schools we quickly start to think of the students in other schools as "the other," people who are not like us. And if they are not like us, then we should exclude them or look down on them or not treat them as human beings. And for a long time in certain parts of Australia, that is exactly what happened. It still happens today in isolated pockets, but with religion having less of an influence, students from different schools know each other a lot more.

It also posed a problem, and still does, when schools depend upon winning sporting events to "prove" themselves. When this happens, students are treated as commodities, whose only role is to boost the image of the school. This leads to feelings of guilt when they don't win.

The other danger with school spirit, especially in Catholic schools, is that the school itself takes the place of God. Students are expected to give reverence to the school, to proudly promote themselves as people of a particular school, as opposed to seeing themselves as loved children of God.

However, a little school spirit can go a long way. What school spirit does do is give students a sense of belonging. School spirit allows them to feel part of something bigger than themselves, and it is this sense of belonging that is important for their mental health.

So do we have school spirit at Star of the Sea? I hope so, but I also hope not too much. I sometimes go to sporting events and see students cheering on our school students as they give it their best, but I equally see them mixing well with students who they know from other schools. But most importantly, I hope our students never have the idea that they have to perform for our school. I hope they perform to their best for their own sense of self-esteem, and not to build up the school.

Because in the end, God calls us to be the best people we can be, not for the glory of Star of the Sea, but for the glory of God. God is glorified when we try to be fully human, fully alive.

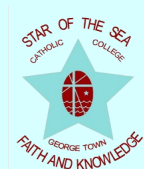
**Richard Chapman,  
Principal**



*When students  
can feel a sense of  
belonging, they  
feel as though  
they can make a  
difference in their  
world. -*

**Adrienne Henck**

*Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.*



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# Religious Education and Faith Development

## A Blessing for Mothers

*O God in whom our souls find childlike rest,  
We celebrate the gift of motherhood.  
We thank you for the ability to nurture life,  
For the wisdom to teach and guide,  
For the patience to encourage and heal.*



*Bless all mothers who have nourished  
our lives with these qualities.  
Bless mothers all over the world today  
with good health,  
with the support of their families,  
With joy and laughter and with love.*

*May all who have nurtured life in others  
be themselves nurtured one day  
in your strong embrace, there, for all eternity,  
to rejoice with their family and friends.*

*Amen*

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Spirituality  
Attentiveness

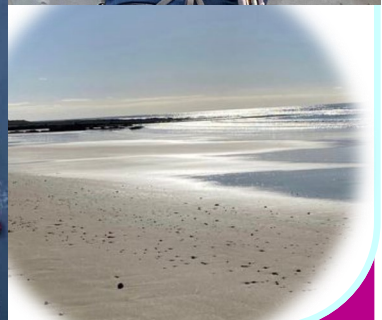
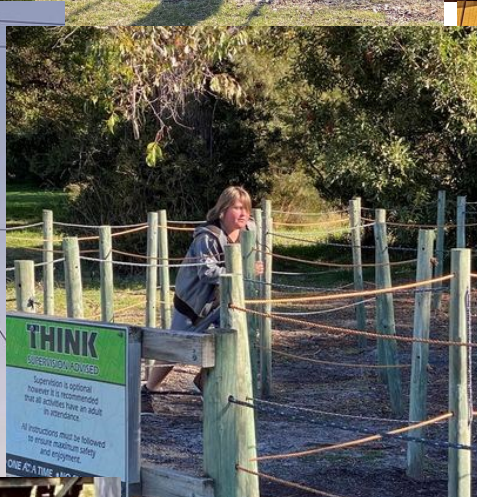


Hospitality  
Compassion

## Stars of the Week - 4th May 2023

<b>Kinder</b>	Raymond Simpson	For working so hard during PMP lessons.
<b>Prep</b>	Zoe Provis	For always being willing to help with jobs and activities in the Prep classroom.
<b>Grade 1</b>	Jaxon Hillard	For a great start to Term 2.
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	Charlotte Judd	For a wonderful start to Term 2.
<b>Grade 3/4</b>	Eathen Maney	For his excellent focus during Literacy lessons. Keep up the great work!
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Imogen Ackerly	For her excellent attitude towards getting her Penpal letter checked and edited. Keep up the good work!

# Year 7 Camp



## Deputy Principal's Message

As winter approaches, we can sometimes feel more inclined to stay indoors and this can lead to a reduction in physical activity. Cool, crisp mornings, shorter daylight hours and icy winds are all good excuses for not venturing out. However, it is important to remember that regular physical activity is beneficial to us all, even if the weather makes it less enjoyable.

Regular physical activity assists children to improve and maintain good cardio health, build strong bodies as well as reducing the risk of developing certain health conditions, such as type two diabetes. Regular physical activity supports positive mental health and it can contribute to a reduction in anxiety. Engaging in physical activities with others promotes social connection and a general feeling of belonging amongst the community.

Today students have had the opportunity to participate in the cross country. Taking part in their age appropriate event has enabled students to challenge themselves to complete the set distance to the best of their ability. Congratulations to all students who participated and to everyone who challenged themselves to complete the course in the best time they could.

In week four students involved in winter sport will commence their rostered matches. Please ensure your child has the correct items required for their relevant sport, including the required footwear, uniform items and protective gear, such as shin guards and a mouthguard, if required. If there are any concerns related to obtaining the required items, please contact the relevant staff member to discuss options for support.

## National Walk Safely to School Day - Friday May 19

Another opportunity our community will have to join together for physical activity is Walk Safely to School Day. This year we are hosting the walk on Friday May 19 and all members of our school community are very welcome to attend. The event will commence with a shared breakfast, which will be catered for by the school, at Windmill Point (Pirate Park) from 7.30 am. Our walk will follow this from approximately 8.15 am and will conclude once we arrive at school. If you would like to join us for this event please RSVP to the school office by Wednesday May 17th. Look out for more information on Compass in the coming week.

### Staff Movements

Mrs Briscoe is away on Professional Development on Thursday.

Mr Chapman is away for meetings on Friday.

Mrs Walters is away on Professional Development next Tuesday.

### School Photos

Our school photos are scheduled for Tuesday 16th May. 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.

*Please read back page for more information on how to order photos. No orders or money will be accepted at the College Office. Family photos need to be ordered prior to photo day. Access code has been sent via Compass.*

### Kinder Information Morning

Do you have children turning five years old next year, or know someone who does? We are holding our Kinder Information Morning tomorrow, 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).

### Mothers Day

This Thursday we will celebrate mothers and special women in our student's 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 last-minute gifts they can do so at the College Office.

## 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.

## The Monsters of Hodgepodge Forest

Last Friday the 9/10 Production class and the Grade 1s put on a performance for the Grade 1 families and the Prep students called "The Monsters of Hodgepodge Forest". It was a great opportunity for the students to perform in front of others and it was very well received. A big thank you to Ms Gay for her work around this and to all of the Grade 1 families who helped with their children's costumes.



## 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.



## C A L E N D E R TERM 2

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 2, 2023

Chelsie Jenkins	Excellent work during literacy
Isabel Walker	Excellent number work
Thomas Smith	Listening and engaging in talking about ANZAC Day
Jaxon Hillard	Excellent number work
Dyson Bromley	Excellent work during literacy
Amelie Olivera	Helping in the classroom
Logan Hawkins	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Archie Davidson	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Lucas Ratcliffe	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Hamish Bannon	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Noah Vincent	Excellent listening
Zoe Provis	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Eliana Dodge	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Rafael Tilain	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Mason Giles	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
James Moore	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Chanden Prismall Jackson	Excellent and respectful behaviour in the ANZAC Assembly
Hazel-Mae Provis	Telling the time during the math lesson
Bienvinido Bennett	Excellent concentration during literacy
Malakai Hyland	Working really well in class time
Ella Hugo	Quietly reading at rest time
Sebastian Cunningham	Packing up the classroom toys
Harrison Walker	Cleaning up the paint area
Mia Mathers	For being a fantastic help in cleaning up the classroom
Lucas Davis	For being a fantastic helper cleaning up the classroom after indoor play
Raymond Singline	Quietly reading at rest time
Noah Vincent	Cleaning up the paint area
Lenny Hardinge	For joining in the cross country practice
Axel Grimsey-Gray	For trying so hard at cross country practice
Lincon Penfold	Learning your classmates' names
Aylah Summers	For your fantastic cutting skills
Oliver Hewitt	Fantastic artwork
Zhen Gbenimacho	Good resting and quiet reading
Chase Davis	For being a wonderful helper in our class
Mason Giles	For following instructions respectfully
Kirra -Lyla Harris	For her great work in health
Lachlan Smith	Excellent reading
Chad Jenkins	Excellent reading
Isabelle Saunders	Excellent sound work
Archie Bennett	Excellent sound work
Dante Saunders	Excellent sound work

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 students 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 Wednesday 10th May.**

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

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

No \_\_\_\_\_

Star of the Sea College

# Walk Safely to School Day

Bacon and  
egg rolls,  
fruit and  
juice  
provided

Friday May 19

7.30 am

Windmill Point

(Pirate Park)

on the Esplanade

Followed by  
a safe walk  
to school  
together

**Bookings are  
essential**

RSVP to the school office  
on 63821242



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# ONLINE ONLY

School Photo Ordering is now online only. Take advantage of the many benefits of the

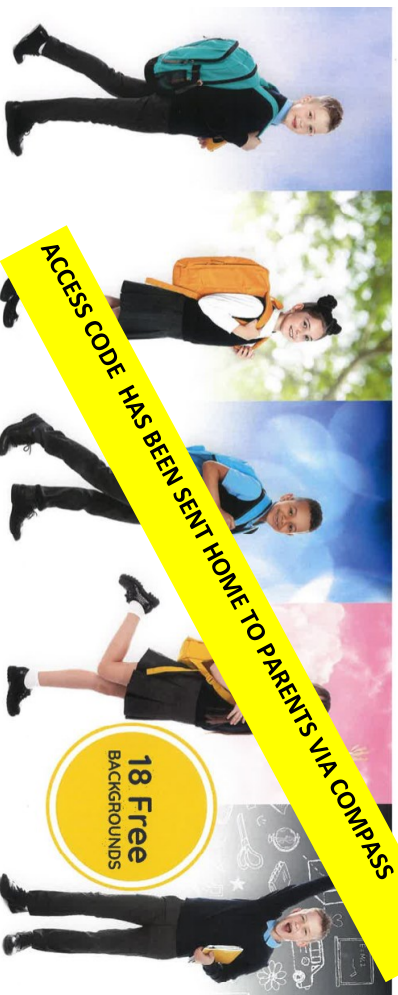
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## How to ORDER ONLINE

- 1 Go to: [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click "Order Your School Photos" and select your State.
- 3 Enter your ACCESS KEY



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# SCHOOL PHOTO HELP STATION

## PHOTO DAY INFORMATION

- 1 To place an order for school photos go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au) 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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