

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

13th June 2023

From the Principal

Every so often it is good for us to stand back and reflect upon the messages which we give our children, especially around the idea of success.

We all want our children to be successful, but we don't often think about what we mean by that. Does that mean we want our children to be famous? We want them to make a lot of money? Or do we want them to have social status? Most of us want our children to be successful at school, but even that can mean different things for different families. For some families it means their children getting high marks, while for other families it can simply mean their children getting through school.

But schools have got to be careful when it comes to the messages they give about what success looks like. Some schools value sporting success, and may even set up Sporting Hall of Fames within their school, where past students who went on to have success in the sporting arena are remembered. But this is problematic. When promoting this to the school as a whole it is suggesting to everyone that, if you achieve success in the sporting arena you will be remembered by the school. If you don't achieve success in the sporting arena, you won't be remembered.

But of course sport is just one area where people can achieve success. People can be successful in many areas of life. They can be successful teachers or nurses, successful in hospitality or successful in raising a family. So if the only "Hall of Fame" that schools set up is a sporting one, we can give the message to the students that being good at serving the community is not important, or being good at raising a family is not important.

Unfortunately, as a country we have been given these sorts of messages for quite a while. Currently, Australia is suffering a nation-wide shortage of teachers. But this is no great surprise given that for many years we have never seen schools set up a "Hall of Fame" for students who have gone on to become teachers, despite teaching having such an enormous impact on many students' lives over the course of a teacher's career.

In the end, schools will set up "Hall of Fames" for what they value. If they value sporting success, it will be for sport. If the school values drama, it will be for acting. If they value fame, it will be for anyone from their school who has become famous! But what if we set up a "Hall of Fame" for people who have gone on to have a big impact in their community for the service they offered? My father was recently in hospital in Victoria, and one of the nurses was (I kid you not) a past College Captain of Star of the Sea Catholic College, George Town. This person had done many things before taking up nursing, isn't famous, but is providing a vital service to that community. Surely this is successful.

Does God want us to be successful? Of course! But God's measure of success is not the same as ours. Famous people don't get into heaven any quicker than those who live on the margins, like the homeless and forgotten. It is perhaps the reverse! God's measure of success is that we truly become the people God calls us to be, and whether that means we become famous or just simply serve our community as best as we can, we can all achieve the success God wants us to.

Richard Chapman, Principal



"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well." -

Martin Luther King Jr.

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*



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Religious Education and Faith Development

Feast of the Sacred Heart

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us that God's love is deeper and wider than we can ever imagine. God loves us so deeply and showed this by giving us His son, Jesus, to show us how to live.

Nano Nagle, whose charism permeates every aspect of life in our college, had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She had heart spirituality. A heart spirituality acknowledges that we are all equally loved by God, and we are all part of the same human family, and this places us in relationship with all.

Her reliance on the Sacred Heart of Jesus set a fire in her own heart and compelled her to reach out to the poor and uneducated. She knew the importance of education and it drove her to set up her own school to educate young girls in Cork. Nano understood God's love is one that doesn't give up on us, accepts us unconditionally and gives us hope for a better tomorrow. The love that Jesus offers is the love that Nano experienced and the love she shared with her community.

May the kindness, compassion and hospitality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus bring fullness to our lives and the lives we share with others.



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

Stars of the Week - 8th June 2023

Kinder

Noah Vincent

For trying hard to write his name.

Prep

Elsie Sherriff

For doing her own writing in her news writing book using her spelling strategies.

Grade 1

Kailan Wheeldon

For an excellent improvement in reading.

Grade 2/3

Alby Hawkins

For working well in class and for amazing handwriting.

Grade 3/4

Evie King

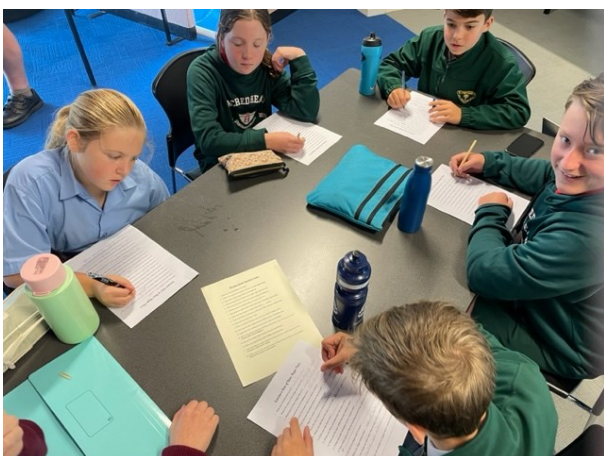
For her effort and determination across all subject areas.

Grade 5/6

Carlie Lowe

For working to the best of her ability during all literacy and writing tasks. Your sentence construction is always at an exceptionally high standard. Keep up the great work!

Last Friday saw our Grade 6s join with Grade 6s from Sacred Heart and St Finn Barr's to find out more about Nano Nagle and the Presentation charism. Students had the chance to do a virtual tour of *Nano Nagle Place*, a museum in Cork, Ireland, as well as creating their own piece of art about Nano Nagle. A great time was had by all. A big thanks to Mrs Armstrong and the Garde 5s for organising lunch, and to the Year 9s and 10s who helped out with the day.



Deputy Principal's Message

Vaping is a health concern that is placing many people around the world at risk. E-cigarettes or vapes as they are also known, contain dangerous, toxic and highly addictive chemicals that can seriously impact developing bodies and is a growing concern in Australia, particularly among children and adolescents. (Lung Foundation Australia, 2023) While the long-term health effects of vaping are not yet known, what is known is that vaping is associated with symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, mouth and airway irritation, chest pain and heart palpitations. (Vaping and Young People, 2023)

Tasmanian laws prohibit the use of e-cigarettes, vapes and smoking in public places. It is illegal to give or to sell e-cigarettes and vapes to a person under the age of 18 and it is illegal for a person under 18 years of age to buy, possess, or use e-cigarettes, including vapes. (Tasmanian Department of Health, 2023)

Smoking and vaping are prohibited at Star of the Sea. Under no circumstances are students to have items such as cigarettes or vapes at school. Students found with these items or found to be using these items at school will be in breach of Tasmanian laws. Suitable consequences will be imposed on students who do not comply with these laws and expectations.

Parents are encouraged to access further information about the risks associated with vaping. There are a number of useful resources that can support parents develop knowledge and understanding about this concern. Please access the resources available at the following links for more information:

Lung Foundation Australia
Tasmanian Department of Health
Quit Tasmania
Australian Alcohol and Drug Foundation

References:

E-cigarettes and vaping (2023) Lung Foundation Australia. Available at: <https://lungfoundation.com.au/lung-health/protecting-your-lungs/e-cigarettes-and-vaping/>

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Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 14th June

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

Upcoming Games: Thursday 15th June

Year 7/8 Soccer Star v Brooks @ BHS
Year 7/8 Netball Star v Newstead CS@ Hoblers

Calendar Term 2 2023

Wednesday 28th -Friday 30th June	Year 10 Camp
Friday 30th June	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
Sunday 2nd - Sunday 9th July	NAIDOC Week
Monday 3rd July	Year 10 Work Experience week
Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th July	Year 9 Camp
Friday 7th July	End of Term Assembly Term 2 ends for students
Tuesday 25th July	Term 3 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.



Welcome

We welcome Titan (Year 8) and his family to the Star of the Sea community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman will be away at meetings on Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs Frankcombe, Mrs Condric and Mrs Briscoe will be away on Thursday.

Mrs Frankcombe and Mrs Tame will be away next Monday.

Year 10 Transition

Next Monday and Tuesday the Year 10s will have their taster days at Newstead College and Launceston College. Thanks to Mr Cook for organising these.

The Twits Performance

On Thursday our Years 2-6 students will be travelling to the Princess Theatre in Launceston to watch a performance of *The Twits*. It should be a great opportunity for the students!

Mid Year Reports

This year Catholic Education Tasmania is looking at ways to improve its reporting process to give parents and carers better information with regards to their children's progress throughout the year. Because of this, the following two major changes will occur with reports at Star of the Sea Catholic College this year:

- Our Mid Year Reports (which will be released on Compass at the end of this term) will only feature Class Teacher comments. There will not be comments for any subjects, just marks.
- Late in Term 3, families of students in Years Prep to 10 will be provided with a *Learning Snapshot* for their child/ren. This will take the form of a portfolio which will contain one (1) piece of assessed work from each subject the student participates in. These will be sent home in hardcopy form.

We hope that by doing this, families will have a better indication of their child's progress throughout the year, not just twice a year in the form of a report.

Annual Report

The 2022 Annual Community Report is now available on the College website (www.starsea.tas.edu.au). The report is designed to provide a snapshot of 2022 and includes information that allows our school to stay compliant and registered.

Year 9/10 Performance - *The Other Side*

The Year 9/10 Performance class presented their Drama piece called *The Other Side* to Year 7s and Year 5s.



TPSSA Cross Country

Last Wednesday 18 students represented Star of the Sea at the Tamar Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival. All students were fantastic at trying their best, supporting their peers and celebrating each other's efforts. All students completed their races with determination and should be proud of their efforts.

Top 10 finishers were:

- Oscar Smith - 3rd/Year 4 boys
- Keegan Leslie - 4th/Year 6 boys
- Thomas Smith - 5th/Year 3 boys.
- Zoe Gillies - 10th/Year 4 girls

