

Star of the Sea Catholic College

Newsletter

20th June 2023

From the Principal

If you are like me, when the alarm goes off in the morning in the middle of winter, and it is dark and cold and raining outside, you don't exactly get up with a lot of enthusiasm. Instead, you consider how much you would like to curl up in front of the fire for the day. But, you drag yourself out of bed and, by the time the working day has begun, it is a bit lighter outside and you approach the day as best you can.

In a perfect world, the moment we wake up we would be asking ourselves, "I wonder what today will bring?" before leaping out of bed to find out. Life would be an adventure and we wouldn't be able to wait to find out what happens next.

The thing is, some people are able to live their lives like this. These people live their lives with zest, or enthusiasm, and it is this character strength that the secondary students were introduced to last week at assembly.

But enthusiasm is more than just getting out of bed in the morning in a somewhat positive mood. Enthusiasm is also about approaching every task as best we can, not half-heartedly. We have probably all met those people who will participate in something because they are forced to, but don't really contribute in any meaningful way.

Like a lot of positive character strengths, enthusiasm builds enthusiasm. Once someone has enthusiasm in a group, it can be pretty contagious and help others to approach tasks wholeheartedly. I have found this in my own work. Sometimes I attend principal meetings and sit quietly and passively. In almost all cases, I go away from these meetings thinking they were a waste of time. However, more and more I attend these same meetings and ask questions or make comments. When I do this, not only do I find myself more engaged and enthusiastic about the meeting, I also find others around me start to get themselves involved in what is going on.

It has been shown that, if you want to have satisfaction in life, approach things enthusiastically. And this goes for all areas of our lives, whether it be our jobs, our home life, or any hobbies we may be involved in.

Last week I was invited to watch a couple of Under 6 soccer teams from George Town play each other. It was obvious to see the enthusiasm a lot of them had for the game, and this was encouraged by the two referees who also displayed enthusiasm for what they were doing. Everyone's enthusiasm led to everyone having an enjoyable time.

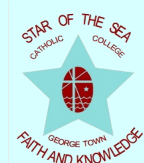
God wants us to have life to the full. In order for us to do this we need to approach all that we do in an enthusiastic manner. If we approach life in a half-hearted manner, we are unlikely to be satisfied with it. As part of the Star of the Sea Catholic community, let's show our children how to take on life with enthusiasm by being role models for it ourselves.

Richard Chapman, Principal



There is real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment. - Norman Vincent Peale

*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
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Religious Education and Faith Development



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

What does it mean to be free? To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution are just some of the examples of what it means to be free.

Every day, millions of people across the world embark on dangerous journeys for the sole purpose of finding safety and freedom. From Australia to nations across the globe, settling into a new environment after experiencing the perils of a refugee's journey can also provide the opportunity to live, to love and to dream.

This week, let us raise awareness about the plight of Refugees and highlight their journey of finding freedom, whether it be settling in a new country, a new home, a new career, or finding love and new friendships. In our own lives, we have so much! Let us show compassion to those who search for freedom and celebrate the courage and resilience that they bring to our wider community. Freedom should not be an ask; it should be a way of life.

God of the seeker, God of the oppressed,

You give hope to all who search for freedom and justice.

Fill our hearts with your compassion that we might always be open to welcome the stranger in your name.

Grades 2 to 6 Excursion to Princess Theatre

On Thursday June 15th, students from Grades 2 to 6 travelled to Launceston to view a performance of *The Twits* which was presented by shake and stir theatre co. Based on Roald Dahl's book of the same name, *The Twits* was an engaging, colourful and thoroughly entertaining performance that captured the interest of our students from the start. One of the reasons we take students to see live theatre performances is to give them the opportunity of experiencing the emotions that occur when engaging in performances. Our students displayed excitement, wonder, curiosity and awe during this performance and it was wonderful to see these emotions playing out on their faces as they engaged in the show.



Prep & Grade 1 visit Seahorse World and Platypus House

Also on Thursday 16th June, the Preps and Year 1 students travelled to Beauty Point to explore Seahorse World, Echidna Garden and Platypus House. The students learned so many facts about monotremes and were amazed at the Seahorses! Do you know what a Cloaca is? Do you know if the male or female Seahorses give birth to the baby seahorses? Do you know how to hold a Seahorse? We do, just ask us. We can highly recommend a visit to Seahorse World and Platypus House!



Deputy Principal's Message

Kindness Day

Next Monday, June 26th, Star of the Sea will celebrate Kindness Day. There will be a range of activities for students to participate in as well as a BBQ which will be available at lunchtime. Students are encouraged to wear something pink on the day to share the kindness across the school.



Stars of the Week - 15th June 2023

Kinder	Lincon Penfold	For knowing the letters of the alphabet and recognising lots of words.
Prep	Lucas Ratcliffe	For putting so much effort into his weekend news drawings and telling his teacher so many details to write in his book.
Grade 1	Dante Saunders	For persevering with her sound work.
Grade 2/3	Kirra-Lyla Harris	For a huge effort with all her work and completing it carefully and more quickly. Well done!.
Grade 3/4	Zoe Gillies	For her effort and focus during our Math lessons. Keep up the great work!
Grade 5/6	Ruby McDonald	For her amazing attitude towards completing note taking activities and seeking assistance when unsure of the meaning of a word. Keep up the good work!

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.



Staff Movements

Mr Cook, Alec Daniels and Maddie Jones are away today and tomorrow for Professional Learning.

Mrs Briscoe is on leave tomorrow and next Monday.

Mrs Condric is away next Monday and Tuesday.

Enrolments for 2024

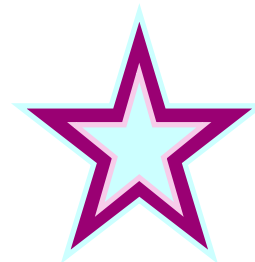
Enrolments for 2024 for all year levels are now open. Families wishing to enrol into Star of the Sea for 2024 can call into the office for an enrolment form or download one from our website: starsea.tas.edu.au.

Year 10 Transition

Yesterday and today our Year 10s had taster days at Launceston College and Newstead College as they start to consider their options for 2024. Thank you to Mr Cook for organising these and to Mr Cook and Mrs Tame for attending them.

Shout Outs Week 8 - 2023

Dyson Bromley	For cleaning the classroom
Hazel-Mae Provis	For brilliant drama work
Malakai Hyland	For working hard in Maths
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire	For working hard in Maths
Danica Sweet	For great "challenge" work
Kailan Wheeldon	For using his manners and being helpful
Kiara Fisher	For excellent reading
Lachlan Smith	For excellent reading
Marli Leslie	For excellent reading
Chantz Brown	For working really well on her handwriting
Oliver Bennett	For being a kind and careful helper
Mia Baker	For being courageous and joining a different group
Carter Upston	For excellent addition and subtraction
Isabel Walker (Grade 1)	For excellent addition and subtraction
Ashton Ratcliffe	For a great choice to be a respectful listener
Chantz Brown	For great focussed listening



You are a Star

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

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Winter Sport

Upcoming Games: Wednesday 21st June

Year 9/10 Netball	Star v Queechy HS @ 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)

Upcoming Games: Thursday 22nd June

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

Primary School Students are invited to complete an entry for the Threatened Species Art Competition

The Australian Conservation Foundation is delighted to announce that entries for the Wild at Art threatened species art competition for kids opens on Monday 17 July!

Wild At Art is Australia's biggest wildlife art competition for children aged 5-12.

Entries will be accepted up until Threatened Species Day which is on Thursday 7 September. Students are invited to create an original artwork of one of Australia's many threatened native animals or plants, along with a short written component on their chosen threatened species. Wild At Art is an opportunity for primary school children to learn about Australia's threatened wildlife and speak out for a future where plants, animals and people thrive.

More information about the competition can be found by visiting: <https://www.acf.org.au/wild-at-art-competition>

