

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 12th September 2023

From the Principal

Last week we informed our community about the death of Leonie Darcy, a past music teacher at Star of the Sea and the organist at our Catholic Church for around 40 years. Her death has got me thinking about the legacy she leaves behind, the importance of music in people's lives, and the lessons we learn from music.

One of the things we often forget about music is its ability to bring people together and to make people feel part of something bigger. Just ask any football fan who has sung their club's theme song at the end of a winning game, or anyone who has joined in with the national anthem, and they will tell you how music can give you a sense of belonging. At school we often sing the Andrew Chinn song, *Light the Way*, which everyone joins in with as it gives them a sense of belonging to the bigger school community.

From that point of view, music in church is no different. Leonie spent about 40 years playing the organ for the Catholic Church in George Town, and it was through her dedication to this task that people were brought together. Whether they liked the music or not, when everyone sang *Here I Am Lord* or *Strong and Constant*, it played a part in building the parish community and everyone left with a smile on their face. I have experienced this myself when doing the music ministry at church, although these days it seems to be *Be Thou My Vision* which gets people singing along.

When we learn music or to play a musical instrument, it teaches us lessons about life. Learning any instrument takes a lot of practice. It takes a lot of time making sounds that don't really sound like music, before making sounds that do. The people who succeed in being able to play an instrument usually have one thing in common - persistence.

With this in mind, music is a lot like life itself. To achieve anything we need to have persistence. We need to be able to keep trying and keep trying until we are able to do something competently. We need to be prepared to make mistakes and fail and be okay with that as it leads us to getting things right.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we need to encourage our students to have persistence, to be prepared to make mistakes, and to recognise that they won't be able to produce the "music of their lives" straight away. But we as adults also need to be patient with our students and be prepared to listen to some "horrible sounds" while our children are still growing. It is only through this patience that we can give them the chance to become the people that God calls them to be, and to make "beautiful music with their lives" in the future.

Richard Chapman, Principal



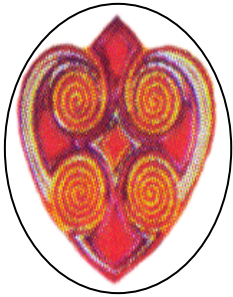
*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

I think one of the things which always is forgotten in music class, is the first thing you have to do as a musician is you have to learn how to listen.

- Hans Zimmer

Sea Catholic College acknowledges the Leterremairener people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

Heart
Spirituality



Attentiveness
Hospitality
Compassion

Religious Education and Faith Development

Love in Action – The story of Frederick Ozanam

St Vincent de Paul does an amazing job to helping all those in our community who have come to them in need. So, who is the hero to all those who have been helped by Vinnies?

Did you know that St Vincent de Paul Society was started by a young person? His name was Frederick Ozanam, and he was born in Lyon, France in 1813. As a young university student his Christian faith was challenged by another student who asked him: "What are you doing for the poor? Show us your work and we'll believe you."



Frederick took these words to heart and began, with his friends, to do good works to help the poor in his community.

This small organisation developed into the world-wide St Vincent de Paul Society which is active in 140 countries and has over one million members.

Frederick led a most selfless life, believing he could make a difference through **"Good Works."** We can all be the hands and heart of Christ to others in our communities because a little love and compassion can go a long way in improving the plight of another person. Whether its through a charitable act or just being a listening ear to someone who is lonely or feeling isolated.

Stars of the Week - 5th September 2023

Kinder

Aylah Summers

For participating with so much enthusiasm in our Kinder assembly.

Prep

James Moore

For his huge growth in his writing skills and his engagement in news and sentence writing.

Grade 1

Oscar Millen

Consistent amazing attitude, effort and achievement in all aspects of learning and socialising.

Grade 2/3

Tristan Ackerly

For his amazing extra learning about science, space and history. So clever!

Grade 3/4

Ryder Hawkins

For his interesting and insightful answers during class discussions. Keep up the great work!

Grade 5/6

Sabian Hawes

For a wonderful improvement in the setting out of his mathematical problem solving learning tasks. Keep up the great work!

THE LUFT RUN FUNDRAISER

Our Grade 9/10 Leadership Team are organizing a
LUFT Run Fundraiser (Launceston Urban Fringe Trail)
where we as a school will be completing the
94 km trail on 4th of November
between 6:30 am-7 pm.

The LUFT run is usually split into 9-10 km segments, but we have adapted and changed this to make it more enjoyable so we can get as many people involved as possible. We will be running 4-5 km segments.

We are asking individuals from within our school community to volunteer to:

- ♦ complete one of the twenty-one segments,
- ♦ to assist our grade 10 coordinator, Oliver Cook, who will be completing the trail in its entirety.

This fundraiser aims to raise money for our secondary school outdoor redevelopment project.

If you are interested in participating in the run, please do not hesitate to reach out to the contacts listed below. EOI forms have been sent out on Compass and Facebook.

Contact: Oliver Cook - Teacher
Email: oliver.cook@catholic.tas.edu.au

Contact: Miya Webb - House Captain
Email: miya.webb@cathstu.tas.edu.au

Calendar Term 3 2023

Thursday 14th September	RUOK Day
Tuesday 19th September	RYDA (Year 10)
Thursday 28th September	Country Gold - Girls Footy Gala Day
Friday 29th September	Term 3 ends; End of Term Assembly

On Monday the Kinder class went on a walk around our local area to spot signs of spring. We saw flowers, blossoms, daffodils and tulips. We saw lots of trees growing new leaves.



Shout Outs

Amelie Olivera	For incredible listening and thinking, great explanation about seahorses.
Kiara Fisher	For fantastic focus and spelling of her words during InitLit
Melaney Maney	For her amazing help
John Lethborg	For making an effort to make great decisions
Mia Barker	For great effort in PE
Chad Jenkins	For always being respectful
Melaney Maney	For picking up extra rubbish in the yard
Rilee Brown	For reading quietly in the library
Charlotte Goodger-Austin	For great effort in PE
Malakia Hyland	For great effort in PE
Finley Upston	For great effort in PE
Danica Sweet	For great effort in PE
Carter Upston	For always being super respectful and kind
Evie King	For reading quietly in the library
Archie Bennett	For being the best learner
Archie Bennett	For great spelling
Archie Bennett	For huge improvement in his learning
Chad Jenkins	For great concentration and care with his work
Hamish Bannon	For improvement in handwriting
Vanessa Linley	For great effort in PE
Oscar Smith	For reading quietly in the library
Jaxon Hillard	For trying hard to listen and coming up with great responses
Archie Davidson	For being engaged in his learning and getting lots of ticks for his work
Archie Davidson	For being a focused learner with letters and numbers

Deputy Principal's message

R U OK? DAY MORNING TEA - THURSDAY 14th

A reminder that this Thursday September 14th, Star of the Sea will join for a whole school morning tea as part of R U Ok? Day. Students are invited to wear yellow on the day as we join together to raise awareness for R U OK? Day and positive mental health.

As part of this day we aim to raise awareness about asking other people if they are okay. A conversation connects us with others and can open up the opportunity for new connections to be made and for those in need to reach out to others for assistance.

It is important that we check in with others often, to ask about their lives and how they are doing with their own life experiences and challenges. R U Ok? Day encourages us to have meaningful conversations with others and reminds us of the importance of our connection with others and the impact our care and concern has for other people.

We are called to be compassionate people and our outreach and concern for others' is an important part of this compassion. When we genuinely listen to others and show an interest in their lives and their concerns we help other people to feel supported and connected.

When: Thursday September 14

Time : 10:30 am

Location: Primary campus for all staff and students

What to bring: Students are required to bring their own morning tea to eat.

What else: In addition to bringing their own morning tea, students are invited to bring a sealed item to donate to the morning tea items that will also be shared on the day.

Items for sharing can be left with Mrs Robotham between now and September 14th. For health and storage reasons please make sure these are pre-packaged, sealed items.



1. Ask



2. Listen



**3. Encourage
action**



4. Check in

UNIFORM

Now that many students are wearing their summer uniform, it is timely to be reminded about the importance of wearing this neatly and with the correct items. This includes the correct jumper, shoes and socks. At Star of the Sea Catholic College students should be wearing plain black shoes with their formal academic uniform with maroon socks for girls and grey socks for boys. The woollen jumper is the correct part of the uniform to wear over the summer uniform. Students are asked to ensure their full uniform is worn correctly each day.

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.



In Our Prayers

We keep in our prayers the family of Leonie Darcy. We were informed of Leonie's death last Thursday morning.

Leonie was a long-time music teacher here at Star of the Sea. She was also an active parishioner in the Catholic Church and played the organ at Sunday Mass for around 40 years. She was also a big part of the Catholic Women's League.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman will be out on Thursday and Friday for meetings.

Enrolments for 2024

Enrolments for 2024 for all year levels (except Year 9 for 2024) 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. We encourage all enrolments to be finalised by the end of this term so that we can organise transition days for Year 7 and our Little Stars program for Kinders. Interviews for those who have given their enrolment form to the office have begun.

NHSSA Winter Sport Grand Finals

Good luck to our Year 9/10 Girls Netball team and our Year 7/8 Girls Netball team who will compete in their respective Grand Finals tomorrow and Thursday. A big thank you to Jorden Cox (9/10) and Kara Long (7/8) for coaching the teams and to Mr Wedlock for managing.

RYDA

Next Tuesday our Year 10s will participate in the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) Program. The Program about road safety is directed towards young people as they approach the period in their life when they start driving a car and ride as a passenger in a car driven by one of their peers. In Tasmania it is presented to students in Year 10.

COVID Update

Rapid Antigen Tests Available

With the COVID-19 risk recently raised to **moderate** level, we encourage you to collect RATs from our school office for your family.

These will be available until our stocks run out and we will not be replenishing our supply.

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