

# Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 17th October 2023

## From the Principal

You can't achieve what you can't imagine.

This may sound like a pretty obvious statement, but lack of imagination is something which holds many people back. People are caught in a cycle of repeating the same errors time and again, not because they want to, but because they can't see themselves doing anything else.

We have seen this lack of imagination recently in the Middle East, with yet another conflict between Israel and Hamas. If either or both sides could imagine what peace could look like, or imagine a pathway to it, then perhaps we wouldn't see the continual cycle of violence. Instead the imagination only extends as far as words like "security" and "freedom." And there is a great reluctance to change from the narrative that both sides have created about themselves and about each other, so the cycle of violence goes on.

Great leadership usually requires great imagination. When we look back in recent history, there have been very few times that people had the imagination to take a different path. People and events that come to mind are Nelson Mandela in South Africa in the 1990s; the Good Friday Agreement in the 1990s which saw an end to the cycle of violence in Northern Ireland; and the idea of *glasnost* and *perestroika* which opened up the Soviet Union in the 1980s.

But in order to be able to achieve anything we need to imagine ourselves doing it. Many of us might think we would be able to play the guitar if we took lessons, because we have seen other people play it. However, few of us would think we could play the zither, especially if we have never heard of it and never seen it played!

The same goes for how we interact with others. Sometimes young people haven't yet developed the imagination to see themselves interacting with everyone in a positive way. Instead, they create a narrative that some people are my friends, and others are not, and for those that are not I don't have to treat them respectfully. While most grow out of this as they get older, we still see some adults behave in this way. They, too, don't have the imagination to interact positively with everyone.

So in our Star of the Sea Catholic community it is important for us to engage in a wide range of experiences, and to expose our children to a wide range of experiences. In order to build their imagination, children need to see how things can be done differently. They need to see plenty of examples of adults living peacefully, of interacting with each other positively, and of things being done differently. God calls us to live in peace, but we have to have the imagination to get there.

**Richard Chapman**  
Principal



*Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.*

**Imagination  
should be used,  
not to escape  
reality, but to  
create it. -**

*Colin Wilson*

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



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## Term 3 - 2023 Awards



### Application to Learning Awards

Kinder	Noah Vincent	Prep	Hamish Bannon
Grade 1	Oscar Millen	Grade 2	Chase Davis
Grade 3	Tristan Ackerly	Grade 4	Ashton Ratcliffe
Grade 5	Sabian Hawes	Grade 6	Bradley Maney

### Merit Awards

#### Year 7

Ruby Clarke	consistent effort in all areas
Alyssa Wayne	consistent effort in all areas
Kaiden Hewitt	consistent effort in History and Music
Chloe Davis	improvement in work ethic
Zachery Jackson	improvement in work ethic
Indiana Cartwright	improvement in English skills

#### Year 8

Lucy Koetse	performance in Drama
Ruby Gower	performance in Drama
Brianna Currie	performance in Drama
Lucy Koetse	effort in Geography
Shiloh Leslie	effort in Geography
Hunter Paine	consistent effort in all areas
Hayley Daniels	application to all areas
Lucinda Hockey	improvement in Mathematics
Lillian Hockey	improvement in Mathematics

#### Year 9

Emma Thomas	improved skills in English
Matilda Clarke	consistent effort in all areas
Drew Daniels	consistent effort in all areas
Jayden Darko-Casey	improvement in class performance in Woodwork
Drew Daniels	solving complex problems in Engineering and Design

#### Year 10

Lily Kelly	participation in the Macbeth unit
Ashley Byard	consistent effort in all areas
Nikiah Edwards	advanced leadership application and achievement
Madison Milner	improvement in work ethic
Kailey Johnson	improvement in work ethic
Olivia Hockey	producing complex technical drawings in Woodwork
Robert Tame	high dedication to work in Art and Woodwork
Isabelle Ackerly	creativity exploring different ideas and materials to produce work in Art.



## 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

We welcome back Mrs Sikkens who returns to teach Grade 1 after taking last term off with some well-deserved long service leave.

Mrs Harmer will be away for the next two weeks.

Mrs Briscoe will be away next Monday.

Mr Chapman will be away next Tuesday.

## Year 9/10 Electives

This Friday the Year 8s and 9s will have the chance to hear about the different elective subjects they can choose from for 2024. They will also be given an information booklet to take home and discuss with their families. Selection of elective subjects will begin next week.

## Little Stars

Our Kinder transition program, Little Stars, will begin tomorrow afternoon and run for about 7 weeks. This is for students who are enrolled in Kinder in 2024 at Star of the Sea. SetUp will continue as per normal on Wednesday mornings.

## 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](http://starsea.tas.edu.au). We encourage all enrolments to be finalised soon 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.

## Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)

PAT testing will begin tomorrow for students in Prep to Year 9. These tests help us to measure progress of students throughout the year.

## Grandparent's Day

Next Thursday we will celebrate Grandparent's Day with a prayer in the church followed by an afternoon tea for grandparents. Please RSVP below.

### Grandparent's Day Celebration Thursday 26th October.

Grandparents are welcome to join the Primary students in the Church for a prayer at 2:10pm.

This will be followed by an afternoon tea in the Hall at 3:00pm. Students whose grandparents are there are welcome to join them after school.



#### RSVP by Tuesday 24th October

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ are the Grandparents of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and I/we will be attending the Grandparent's Day celebrations:  
Church Prayer                      Afternoon Tea

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Deputy Principal

When there are new or renewed conflicts in the world, our television screens, news programs and online content can be flooded with images and information that brings a perspective of those conflicts into our homes and into our lives. Whilst we hold grave concerns for those impacted by conflicts around the world, we also need to be mindful of the impact that the information and images can have on young children. When content is being shown on news programs, children are exposed to this, even if they are not directly watching. There is also a concern that explicit and traumatic content may be streamed via apps and other online sites that children may have access to. Parents are encouraged to be vigilant with the content their children are exposed to. The Australian Government esafety Commissioner has information available on its webpage to assist parents in dealing with online safety concerns and concerns about distressing content.

Star of the Sea Catholic College has joined the School TV platform and members of our school community are able to access this online resource which is full of very helpful information. Visit <https://starsea.tas.schooltv.me/>



SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource that can support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. This award-winning resource helps build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It can assist in starting conversations on topics that are sometimes awkward or difficult to tackle. It can also provide information to parents about many topics that are relevant to parenting children and adolescents.

You can access our Star of the Sea Catholic College School TV page at this web address:  
<https://starsea.tas.schooltv.me/>

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<b>Wednesday 18th October</b>	<i>Little Stars begins</i>
<b>Thursday 26th October</b>	<i>Grandparent's Day</i>
<b>Friday 27th October</b>	<i>World Teachers' Day</i>
<b>Saturday 4th November</b>	<i>LUFT Run Fundraiser</i>
<b>Monday 6th November</b>	<i>Recreation Day Holiday</i>
<b>Saturday 11th November</b>	<i>Remembrance Day</i>
<b>Wednesday 15th November</b>	<i>TPSSA Swimming Carnival (Star organising)</i>
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	<i>NHSSA Div 3 Swimming Carnival</i>
<b>Friday 24th November</b>	<i>Presentation Feast Day</i>
<b>Monday 27th November</b>	<i>Year 10 Exam week begins</i>
<b>Thursday 7th December</b>	<i>Last Day for Year 10s; Year 10 Presentation Evening</i>
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	<i>George Town Christmas Parade</i>
<b>Monday 11th December</b>	<i>Year 10 Leavers Dinner</i>
<b>Tuesday 12th December</b>	<i>Secondary Big Day Out; Primary Nativity Play</i>
<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>	<i>Last day for students; End of Year Assembly</i>
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	<i>Last day for staff</i>