

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 31st October 2023

From the Principal

I recently came across a quote that suggested “Grandparents have silver in their hair and gold in their hearts.” At last week’s Grandparents Day prayer I asked the students what they thought it meant to have “silver in your hair.” One said it was a sign of wisdom (which received big nods of agreement from nearby, grey-haired adults) but also said that having silver in your hair meant that you had grey hair.

I then asked what it meant to have “gold in your heart.” We sometimes use the expression that a person has a heart of gold. And without hesitation one student put their hand up and said that people who have gold in their heart are kind and generous and caring.

We often take people and things for granted in our life, and we need to stop every once in a while and truly give thanks for our lives. At the moment I am currently giving thanks each day that I live in Tasmania rather than the Middle East. But we also need to stop and give thanks for the people who support us as parents, and more often than not it is grandparents who do that.

Many times it is grandparents who step in when parenting becomes tough. Sometimes it is tough because of the amount of time we have, and we ask our grandparents to step in and look after our children for a while. But sometimes it is tough because relationships between parents can break down, and grandparents are able to step in and support their grandchildren through these difficult times. And for that, we give thanks.

In the Catholic tradition, we are also able to give thanks for our grandparents, even if they have died. Through our prayers we can be grateful for all that they did during their lives.

Just like silver and gold, grandparents are precious. If I was to walk into a jewellery store and ask for something made of pure silver or pure gold, I could expect to pay a little bit more for it (or a lot more). The idea of having silver in our hair and gold in our hearts also tells us something about how precious our grandparents are and how important it is to care for them. Last week our Year 9s visited Ainslie, where many grandparents now live, and gave them gifts to honour and thank them for being the precious people that they are.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community it is important to stop and give thanks for those people who shape our lives for the better, and to let them know just how precious they are.

Richard Chapman, Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

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acknowledges the
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Religious Education and Faith Development

People of Heart

Last Wednesday our Year 9 students participated in a reflection day. Our theme was 'People of Heart'. The session was facilitated by Leanne Prichard from Catholic Education and was based around how we can be people of heart in our world today and in our community. The day was filled with many practical learning activities. In one activity students learnt about the plight of refugees and participated in a simulation to help them understand why people are displaced and what it feels like for them to lose everything and move to a strange country. We also made pocket hearts to take out to Ainslie nursing home and students brought a bit of cheer to the elderly with their visit and time spent sharing stories. Our hearts were a gift to elderly residents to remind them of our visit. It was not only a fun day but also an opportunity to open our hearts to understanding of how to love God and our neighbour. Here are some photos from our day.

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



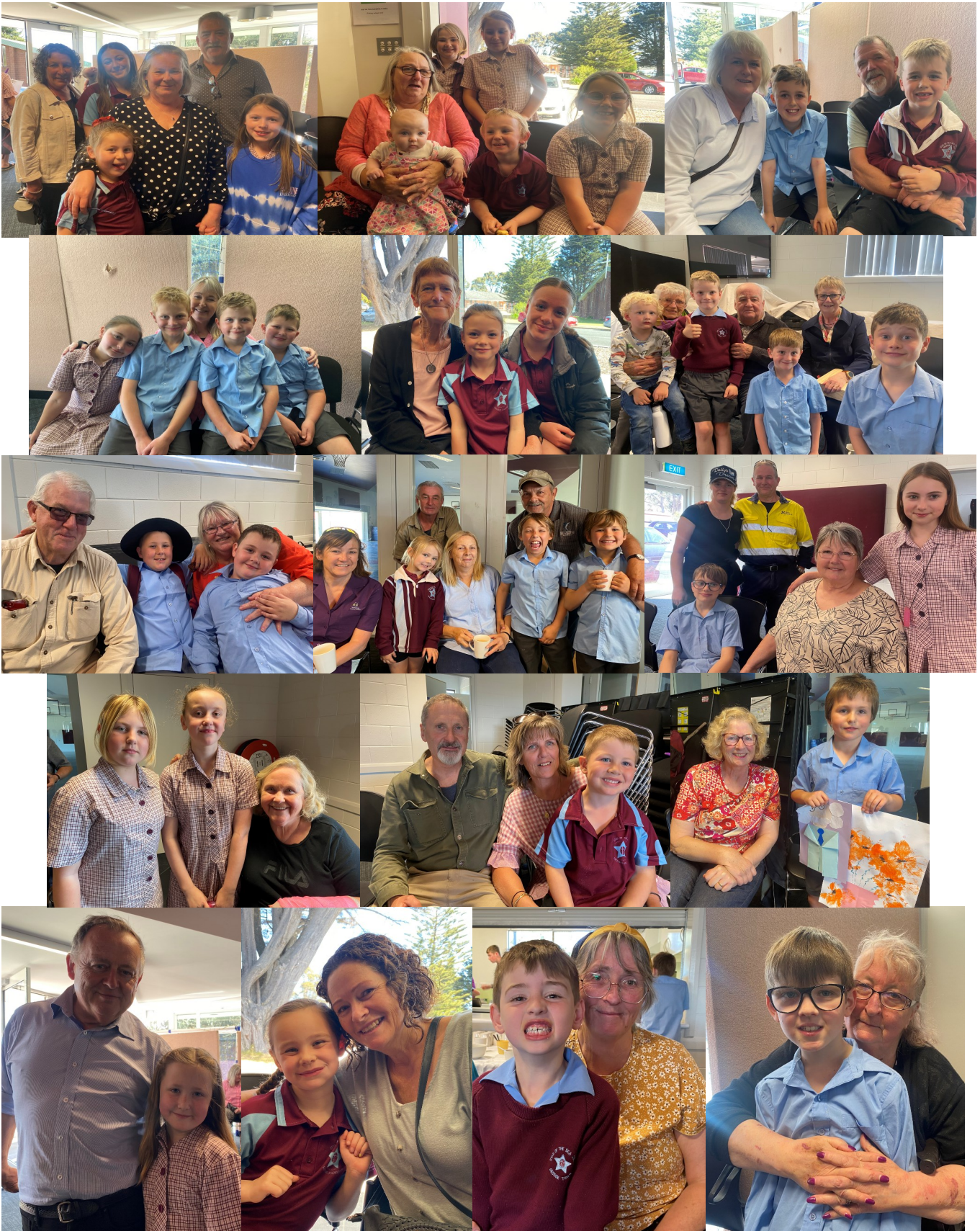
Hospitality

Compassion



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Grandparents Day



From the Deputy Principal

Sacrament Program

Star of the Sea will be offering a Sacrament Program in conjunction with the local parish for students who are interested. The seven sacraments of the Church include three sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, two sacraments of healing Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick and two sacraments of service and mission, Marriage and Holy Orders.

Students who are interested in learning more about their own faith journey and the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion (Eucharist), including Reconciliation are welcome to pass on their name to Mrs Davis or Mrs Robotham. Whilst a person can be baptised at any age (providing they have not previously been baptised), the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion are usually received in the upper primary years, or at a later age. The program will commence in Term One, 2024.



Star of the Sea Colour Run

The Star of the Sea Colour Run is on December 12 and students from K-6 will be involved this year. There are some great prizes and incentives for students who get involved in raising money for this great event. Have a look at the posters on display in the primary gallery for more information. Students will need a white t-shirt (or a light coloured t-shirt) to wear on the day which will become a sea of rainbow colours by the end of the event. For more information visit <https://www.schoolfundraising.com.au/>



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Staff Movements

Mrs Davis will be on leave tomorrow.

Mrs Honeychurch and Mrs Walters will be away next Tuesday.

Public Holiday

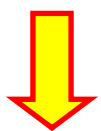
Next Monday 6th November is a public holiday for Recreation Day. The school will not be open on this day.

Caritas Justice Days

Tomorrow and Thursday our Grade 5s (and some Grade 4s) and our Year 9s will be involved in Caritas Justice Days in Devonport, where they will join with other schools to learn more about the work of Caritas.

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 soon so that we can organise transition days for Year 7. Our Little Stars program for Kinders has already begun.



This Saturday!!!



THE LUFT RUN FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder that 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

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.



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