

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 14th November 2023

From the Principal

One of the more unfortunate proverbs we come across is “Curiosity killed the cat.” The meaning of it is that we should not be looking into other people’s affairs, but unfortunately it has been used so much that we now think we shouldn’t be curious at all! That is unfortunate, as curiosity is an extremely important tool that each of us need.

In our secondary assembly last week, the students spoke about *curiosity* as a character strength. To be curious is to explore and discover and to take an interest in our life experience. It is not being nosy and trying to find things we can gossip about, but instead it is being fully engaged with life itself.

When difficult situations arise it is often due to us not knowing what will happen next. We get worried or anxious because we create stories about what could happen, rather than waiting to see what does happen. This is when curiosity becomes important. Rather than worrying about the future, we can be curious about it. Rather than saying, “Oh no! This is going to be terrible!” we can instead say, “This is interesting. I wonder what will happen next.”

By being curious we place ourselves in the present moment, rather than thinking about what will happen in the future, which we can never predict anyway.

At the assembly I challenged the students that, between now and the end of the year, when they wake up in the morning, rather than moan and groan about having to go to school or what bad things may happen, to instead make sure the first thing they think is, “I wonder what will happen today.” If this becomes a habit over time, we will be able to face life in a much more positive way.

Because the reality is, there is nothing that will happen that we can’t handle together. Even if bad things do happen, we can usually band together and get through it. Tasmania is in a fortunate part of the world in that it is very unlikely we will be invaded in the future, or that an asteroid will slam into us, or that there will be great unrest on the streets. So assuming none of these things happen, everything else that happens can usually be handled.

If God didn’t want us to be interested in the world, He probably would not have created us! Being interested about the world and our life experience is what has led to many of the great developments over the years. In our Star of the Sea Catholic community, let’s continue to be interested, continue to be curious, continue to seek the truth regarding who God is calling us to be.

Richard Chapman
Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*Curiosity is one of
the greatest secrets
of happiness. -*

Bryant H. McGill

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

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Religious Education and Faith Development

Christmas Hampers



Let's keep the lantern burning!

Our College Feast Day is on Friday, 24th November. It's a time to celebrate our College and our Presentation history and Spirit. Three hundred years ago, Nano Nagle, our founder, travelled by lantern light to take food and medicine to the poor in County Cork. As a Presentation family, we celebrate and continue her work in our community. So, in addition to all the fun activities on the day it is a tradition at Star to bring a Christmas food item for the Christmas hampers which will be donated to needy families in our George Town community.

We ask students to come dressed in their celebratory clothes and bring a non-perishable item for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers.

If you're not sure what to send in, below is a list of suggestions.

Tinned Salmon	Tinned Corn	Tinned Beans	Christmas Bon Bons
Tinned Tuna	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Peas	Fruit Mince Pies
Tinned Ham	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Beetroot	Christmas Cakes
Milo	Jelly Crystals	Pasta Sauce	Christmas Pudding
Fruit Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Spaghetti	Long-life Custard
Sparkling Apple Juice	Gravy Mix	Deb Dried Potato	Tinned Shortbread
Soft Drink	Breakfast Cereal	Rice Crackers	Box of Chocolates
Water Cordial	Jam & Honey	Sweet Biscuits	Christmas Stockings
Coffee	Wrapping Paper	Savoury Biscuits	Bag of Lollies
Serviettes	Grocery Cards	Potato Chips	Popcorn



We will be beginning our College Feast Day with a Mass on Friday 4th November at 9.40am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Star of the Sea Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$1

- 1st Prize:** Weber Portable Outdoor BBQ
2nd Prize: Hamper & \$50 Kaizen Hair & Beauty Voucher
3rd Prize: Tassie Scene Painting/unframed + \$50 Meal Voucher at Gray's Hotel
4th Prize: Hamper + \$50 Gift Card (Woolworths)

Available for purchase at the College Office.
 Drawn on Sunday 17th December after 11:00AM Mass.

From the Deputy Principal

New Mural

A group of student leaders have collaborated with Mrs Broughton and Mrs Armstrong to plan and commence the installation of a new mural in the secondary area. The mural depicts a landscape and incorporates a giant tree and symbols of our school. Eventually students will have the opportunity to add their handprint to the mural in a joint school community project.

Pictured are Grade 10 students Hayley Ford and Tempres Tunks putting the very first touches of paint on the giant art installation. It will be exciting to see the work take shape in the coming weeks.



Presentation Day - Friday 24th November

On Friday November 24th the school community will join together to celebrate Presentation Day. Students are invited to wear plain clothes and are asked to bring in a grocery item suitable for our hamper drive. Mrs Briscoe has provided details about what types of items can be brought in.

On the day, students will attend Mass in the morning. At lunchtime all students will be able to purchase food from the school for a cost of \$2.00 per item. There will also be free activities planned for the afternoon.



**Reminder - The Canteen will be closed on Wednesday 22nd November.
Please ensure your child brings recess and lunch with them on that day.**

Star of the Sea Colour Run



The planning is well underway for our 2023 Star of the Sea Colour Run, which is being held on Tuesday December 12th. All primary students will have the opportunity to participate in this fun and exciting event. Students can register via the School Fundraiser webpage

<https://www.schoolfundraising.com.au/>



Please indicate your child's class when registering. All students who raise \$10.00 or more will be eligible for a prize and the list of prizes can be viewed on the webpage and on the posters that are on display in the primary gallery. Well done to everyone for the fantastic fundraising efforts so far. At the end of last week your collective efforts had raised \$1618



Have you visited the Star of the Sea School TV webpage yet? If not, make sure you visit <https://starsea.tas.schooltv.me/> for information about many topics related to parenting and raising children and young people. This week there are new resources available on discussing war and conflict as well as many resources available to support student wellbeing and online safety and wellbeing.



Would you like to join the eSafety Youth Council?

Australian eSafety is seeking new members for the eSafety Youth Council. eSafety is looking for young people who are Australian residents aged between 13 and 24 years of age with diverse backgrounds, life experiences and locations to apply for the eSafety Youth Council. If you are passionate about having your voice heard, helping other young people to have positive experiences online and working as part of a team, then this might be the right opportunity for you. You can find out more by visiting the esafety Youth Council link or the esafety website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> and go to the Young People section of the website.

Applications close on December 1st. If you would like to apply you can do this via <https://esafety.smartygrants.com.au/eSafetyYouthCouncil>

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman will be away for meetings from tomorrow (Wednesday) and return next Monday.

Mr Wedlock is on leave tomorrow and Thursday.

Mrs Jones will start her leave tomorrow and be away for the rest of the year. Mrs Ashenden will take her place on Wednesdays.

Mrs Hoffman will start her leave next Monday and be away until the end of the year. Mrs Ashenden will take the Kinders over this time.

Mrs Harmer will be away on Friday.

George Town Christmas Parade

The George Town Christmas Parade will take place on Friday 8th December. The theme this year is *A Christmas Tree Extravaganza*. We are inviting all students to participate in our walking float and are asking them to dress up as a Christmas ornament (think baubles, angels, stars, etc). We will provide some small Christmas trees for students to carry. Permission slips and further details will be released on Compass closer to the date.

Transitions to Star of the Sea

As we start to prepare for next year we are holding transition days for new students to the College.

Kinder - we have already started our Little Stars program which Mrs Taylor is running every Wednesday afternoon.

Year 7 - there will be a part-day transition on Thursday 16th November, and a full-day transition on Thursday 30th November. Smaller groups of students may also participate in extra transition times.

Primary school - at this stage we are looking to have a Transition morning, where students in Primary move into their classes for next year with their teacher, on Monday 11th December. We will provide more details when this is finalised.

Swimming Carnivals

This week our schools will compete in the NHSSA (Thursday) and TPSSA (Wednesday) Swimming Carnivals. We wish the students well and know they will represent the College well.

Presentation Feast Day

Our Presentation Feats Day will occur next Friday 24th November. More information is included in this newsletter. Parents and families are most welcome to join us for the Mass.

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Stars of the Week 9th November 2023

Kinder	Ella Hugo	For being super helpful around the classroom.
Prep	James Moore	For excellent progress in reading.
Gr 1	Maddi Sturzaker	For an excellent start at Star of the Sea.
Gr 2/3	Mia Barker	For trying so hard with all her work. Great effort Mia!
Gr 3/4	Matilda Jacobs	For her consistent effort across all subject areas. Keep up the great work!
Gr 5/6	Allira-Grayce Harris	For her excellent attitude towards her mathematical learning. Keep up the great 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.



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