

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 7th November 2023

From the Principal

On Saturday I helped out with the LUFT Run Fundraiser, doing different things at different times of the day. Whilst reflecting on the day later, two things in particular struck me - what students are capable of, and what people can achieve in the right environment.

As far as the first reflection goes, Saturday's event was a great example of what students are capable of given the right support. The day itself was predominantly organised and run by the Year 9 and 10 leaders, and through the experience they learnt a lot about what running a big event consisted of. It would have been easy for the adults to take over and do everything themselves, but then the students wouldn't have learnt, and we wouldn't have seen what they were capable of.

Unfortunately the school environment is one where students are often told what they can't do. They can't do Maths, or they can't spell, or they can't run fast or throw a ball far. Quite often students (and sometimes parents) fall into the comparison trap, where we compare ourselves or our children to others and get disappointed when they aren't as good. But of course there will always be somebody better at something than ourselves. Comparing ourselves or our children with others will only lead to sadness.

On the other hand, focusing on what our children are good at can lead to great happiness. And what they are good at may surprise us greatly. Often we try to push our children into particular sports, with the hope they may become a superstar, only to find that their passion and talents lie somewhere else completely.

My second reflection was around what people can achieve in the right environment. Throughout the day there were about four or five people who started off thinking they were going to run a certain distance, only to run much further than they anticipated. Sometimes this was accidental (the support vehicle wasn't in the place everyone thought it was going to be!) and sometimes it was because they were feeling good and felt they would keep on going for a bit longer. But the reason they could go for longer was because of the environment they were running in. It was clear that it wasn't a race and everyone was supporting each other to run the next part.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community it is important that we continue to work on creating the right environment where our children can flourish. And in flourishing we shouldn't look to compare with others, but we should let the children find their own passions and talents, so that instead of becoming the people we want them to be, they can become the people *God* calls them to be.

Richard Chapman, Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*The person born with a
talent they are meant to
use will find their
greatest happiness in
using it. -*

*Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe*

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

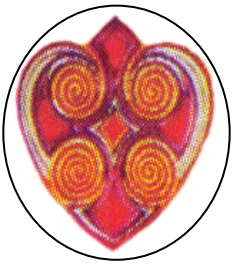
Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness

Hospitality



Compassion

Just Leadership Day

On Thursday our Year 9 students joined with other Catholic Colleges in the north and northwest for a Just Leadership Day in Devonport. The day was a great opportunity for our students to meet young emerging school leaders from other Colleges, learn about the great work of our main Catholic charitable agencies, and learn about servant leadership and how they can support these agencies in their own schools in their leadership roles when they are in Year 10. Our students were a credit to our school in the way they participated so well in the day. Drew and Caeden even came out as winners in the Caritas Cup quiz. Well done to everyone who participated and thank you to all the Grade 9 students who attended.



Stars of the Week 2nd November 2023

Kinder **Lincoln Penfold**
Lucas Davis

For recognising numbers to 10.
For listening well at mat times.

Prep **Archie Davidson**

For looking after the school equipment with care and respect, especially the new iPad.

Elsie Sherriff

For being an excellent student, friend and role model at all time at Prep

Gr 1 **John Lethborg**
Marli Leslie

For a settled and positive start to Term 4.
For an outstanding improvement in reading.

Gr 2/3 **Yueni Tan**
Niklaus Quilty-Maguire

For an amazing start to her time back at Star! Welcome back!
For a great start to the term - working hard and listening well.

Gr 3/4 **Brooke Baillie**
Hazel-Mae Provis

For her focus during spelling lessons. Keep up the great work!
For her improved attitude towards her learning. Keep up the great work!

Gr 5/6 **Tobias Jones**

For his fantastic attitude towards learning the leadership roles of flags, blue folders and Assembly slide controller in preparation for Year 6. Well done!

Keegan Leslie

For the positive attitude he displays towards his learning. Well done!

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/>



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

2023 Star of the Sea LUFT RUN

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the planning, organisation and running of the 2023 Star of the Sea LUFT Run. This event was successfully completed on Saturday November 4th and involved a team of runners completing the full 100 km circuit of the Launceston Urban Fringe Trails within one day. This event was a significant undertaking by the group of student leaders and staff who took on the challenge. The event was a huge success due to the diligent work of the planning committee and the team of runners who put their bodies to the test to complete the gruelling run. Particular thanks goes to the support crew who provided encouragement and support throughout the day, driving the van, providing first aid, navigating and generally being on hand to help out where needed and to the student leaders who made themselves available throughout the day. The biggest appreciation must go to the team of runners who banded together to see the event completed in a tremendous time of 12 hours and 27 minutes and 45 seconds. Thank you to Mr Cook for the inspiration and leadership shown throughout the journey and for leading the running team throughout the entire course.

Thanks to all our Major Sponsors for their tremendous support:

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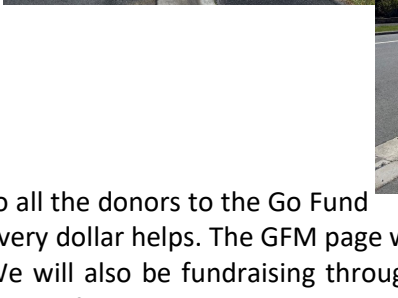
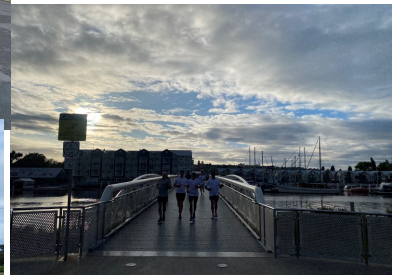
Erin Muralt

Bridgenorth Football Club

Heath Tilain

Karen Stubbings

Gail Hays



Also thanks to all the donors to the Go Fund Me page as every dollar helps. The GFM page will be left open until Friday 10th November. We will also be fundraising through our annual colour run at the end of the year. So far our leaders have managed to raise \$10,305 which is an amazing effort and a credit to their dedication and hard work.



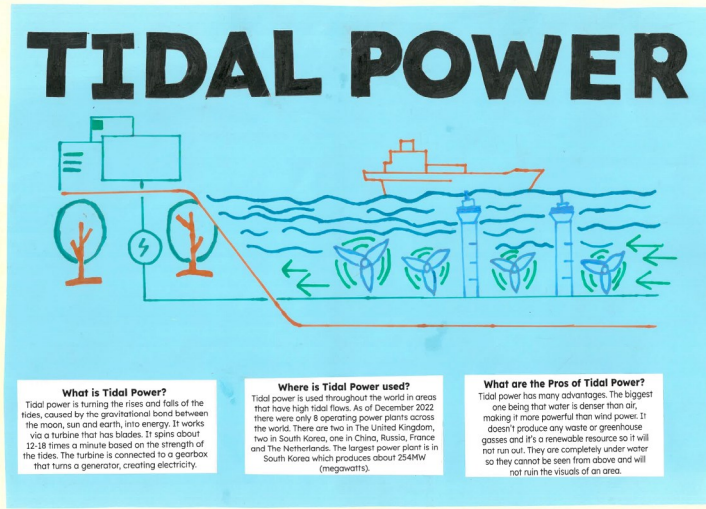
Narawntapu National Park

As part of their studies on Aboriginal Spirituality, Year 10 students will complete a coastal walk along the cultural landscape in Narawntapu, where they will learn about seasonal movement and Aboriginal connection to land.

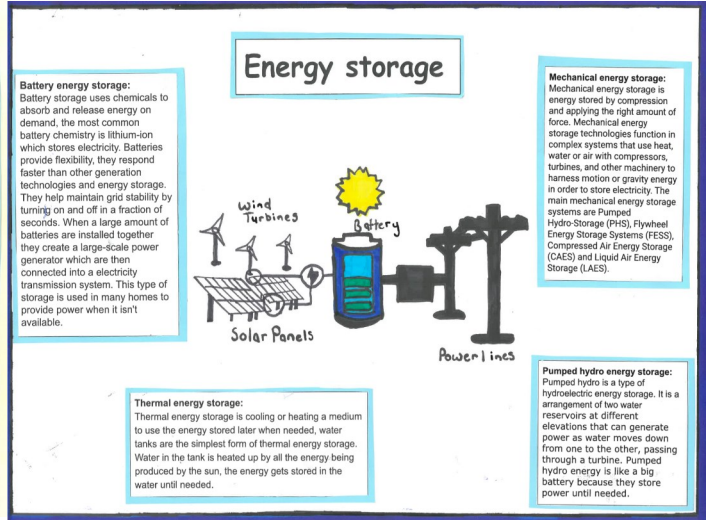


Tasmanian Science Talent Search

Our students participated in the Tasmanian Science Talent Search and Erin Vanderzwan was awarded first place in the TSTS poster section. Dakota Joslin was awarded second place. Their posters are below.



Erin Vanderzwan



Dakota Joslin

Year 9/10 Cooking

Halloween cupcakes



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Staff Movements

Mrs Honeychurch is on leave until Friday.

Mrs Frankcombe is on leave from Thursday until later in the month. She will be replaced in the office by Mrs Wood and Mrs Davis during this time.

Mrs MacGillivray is at a meeting on Thursday.

Mr Wedlock is on leave all of next week.

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.

Remembrance Day

This Saturday 11th November is Remembrance Day and some of our students will be attending the 11am service and laying a wreath.

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.

2024 Uniform

Earlier this year we formed a Uniform Committee and consulted (through surveys) with staff, students and families. One of the things we consulted about was whether students in Primary should have PE uniform as their only uniform for year levels higher than Kinder. We also consulted about other options for the girl's uniform.

After receiving feedback and further discussions with the Uniform Committee, I would like to inform families that:

From 2024 onwards, students in Prep will have PE uniform as their only uniform.

This means that 2024 Prep families will not have to buy an academic uniform for their children.

The feedback regarding the girls uniform was not as clear and we will continue to look at options for this as we move into 2024. However, at this stage, **there will be no change for the girls uniform for 2024.**

National Evangelisation Team (NET) - Matilda Lenthall

A past student of the school, Matilda Lenthall, is currently working in New Zealand with NET Missionary and is looking to raise money to support the group. If you would like to support her the QR code will lead you to a donation form. If you would like to find out more about the work that NET does, check out www.netministries.com.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.



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.

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<i>Saturday 11th November</i>	<i>Remembrance Day</i>
<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>