

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 5th March 2024

From the Principal

The past week for me has been marked by the deaths of three people that I have known at various times since I moved to Tasmania. Some I knew better than others, but all taught me something about what it meant to be human. One of the things that connected all three was that I had taught their relations at some time. But in most cases my relationships with the three wasn't really based on my teaching of their relations, but more so on just knowing each other as human beings.

The season of Lent reminds us that life is full of times of life, death and resurrection. Throughout our lives there are times when things we are involved in are going strong, times when things die off, and, when they do, this allows a chance for new things to develop. In saying that, the time of death for families is never easy, and it is often difficult to see how things will get back to normal. But the reality is that they never return to normal. Life becomes different, not necessarily better or worse, just different.

So it is with schools. As a school we need to be constantly aware of the cycle of life, death and resurrection. Part of this means being prepared to let some things go so new, and often better, things can develop. Our teachers are seeing the death of certain types of teaching so that we can move to more explicit teaching. There was nothing bad about how we were teaching before. It is just a case that explicit teaching has been shown to be better.

Sometimes it is hard to let go. We feel comfortable with what we know, and certainly don't feel comfortable with the unknown. When something disappears from our lives, we enter into the area of the unknown, and this can upset us. We only have to look at our experience with COVID to realise how upsetting that was for all of us to move from the known to the unknown. But if we also look at the COVID experience, which led to the death of a few things in our everyday lives, we realise how things have become different, and it has been okay.

Last Thursday I attended Dining With Friends as our Year 9/10 Hospitality class had helped to prepare the meal, and some students also helped with serving it. At the moment, Dining With Friends is full of life and is serving up to 70 people each week. But it only came about because of the death of Vinnies Van which was coming to George Town but wasn't meeting a need. Out of the death of one thing, something new and better arose.

When someone close to us dies, it is hard. It upsets our way of being. But as a Catholic community we are also a community of hope, and know that there is always new life that comes. It is this constant cycle of life, death and resurrection that leads us to being the people God calls us to be.

Richard Chapman
Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*The birth, death and
resurrection of Jesus
means that one day
everything sad will
come untrue. -*

J.R. R. Tolkien

*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.*

Religious Education and Faith Development

Third Week of Lent

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.



Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas



Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.



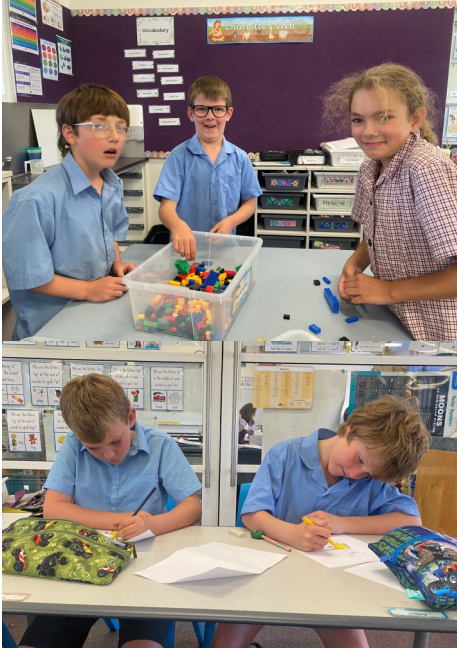
Stars of the Week - 29th February 2024

Kinder	Rouxel Coetzer	For an amazingly confident start to Kindergarten!.
Prep	Lucas Davis	For a wonderful start to Prep and giving things a go!
Grade 1/2	Lachlan Smith	For his effort and focus across all learning areas. Keep up the great work.
Grade 2/3	Charlotte Judd	For consistent effort and demonstrated understanding in literacy.
Grade 4	Brock Holden	For his outstanding effort in Mathematics.
Grade 5/6	Toby Jones	For demonstrating amazing leadership skills during the Year 5/6 Assembly.

Playing, baking, building & making



Learning is Fun



SetUp for Success

Our early learning program, SetUp, is back in 2024. It 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. Our Kinder teacher, Mrs Selina Taylor, will run SetUp this year.



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Staff Movements

- Mr Chapman is away at meetings from Wednesday to Friday.
- Mrs Briscoe will begin two weeks of leave tomorrow.
- Mrs Davis is on leave for the rest of this week.

College Swimming Carnival

The Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival will be held next Tuesday 12th March for students from Grades 3 to 10. Parents and families are most welcome to come along and cheer! More details will be provided before the day.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our students will participate in Clean Up Australia Day tomorrow (Wednesday).

NAPLAN

As previously advised, NAPLAN testing will begin next Wednesday (13th March). Information has already been sent home to the families of students in Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact Mrs McGillivray via the College office.

Eight Hour Day

Next Monday is a public holiday in Tasmania for Eight Hour Day, and as such the College will be closed for the day.

Primary Students Catching the School Bus

It is not unusual for younger Primary children to be confused as to whether they are catching the bus in the afternoon or not, and we ring the parents to confirm. If your child is going to do something out of the ordinary (such as not catching the bus when they usually do), it is a good idea to contact the office to let them know.

Children's University

Children's University is a global program that encourages children aged 7–14 to participate in extracurricular learning.

In Tasmania, the program is administered by The Peter Underwood Centre at the University of Tasmania, and delivered in partnership with local schools and community centres.

To find out more, check out the school Facebook page, visit utas.edu.au/childrens-university or follow Children's University on Facebook (facebook.com/ChildrensUniversityTasmania).

Complaints Process

Attached to this week's newsletter is a flowchart to follow for when parents or carers have a complaint. As a rule of thumb, it is usually best to raise the issue with the person closest to it (e.g. see the classroom or subject teacher first if there is an issue with learning or behaviour, rather than the Principal). We welcome parents and carers raising concerns with us, as quite often "we don't know what we don't know." Once we do know we can address it as best we can

From the Deputy Principal

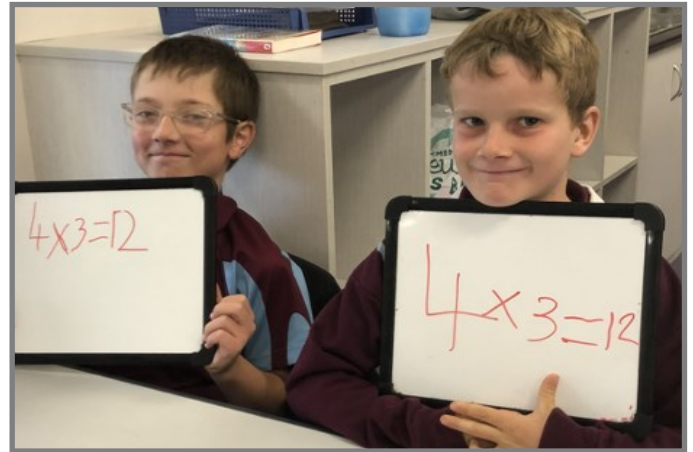
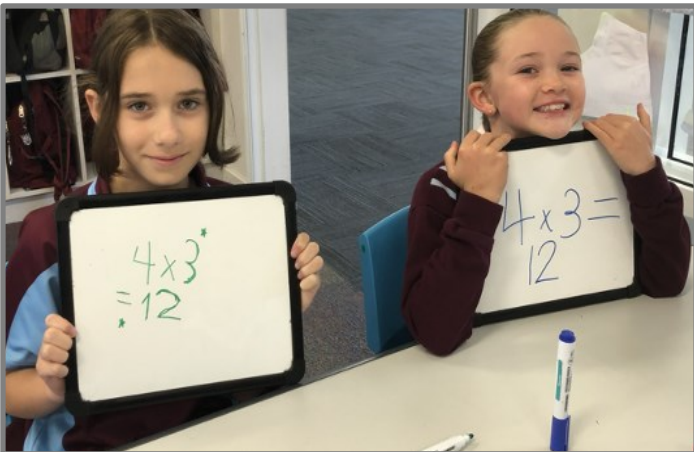
Positive Behaviour Support at Star of the Sea

At Star of the Sea we are Safe, Respectful, Engaged Learners.

This week we have continued our focus on being engaged learners. As humans we are life-long learners. Our learning journey begins in the womb and continues throughout our lives. This is true in our work lives as much as it is in our personal lives.

This week a number of staff have continued to expand their learning about the Insight strategies being used in our school, through workshops held in Burnie and Hobart. As more staff participate in these professional development days, the teaching strategies we are focusing on will become more common across all classes. Students may be able to talk to you about the way they are using mini whiteboards to consolidate learning about specific topics. This is one example of how the instructional teaching has slightly changed. The reason staff are using the mini whiteboards is to help consolidate knowledge in students' long term memory through the quick recall of information. Teachers can also quickly check which students understand an idea or concept and which students need more revision or explicit teaching to assist them to fully grasp the concept.

Grade 4 students using mini whiteboards to demonstrate their learning in maths.



Primary Assembly time change reminder

Due to the Swimming Program commencing in Week 2, Primary Assembly will be held before lunch at 12:00PM on: **Thursday 7th March.**

Shout Outs Term 1 2024 - 21st February till 29th February

Evie Jacobs	Working well in all subjects
Mason Giles	An awesome Drama lesson
Archie Davidson	An awesome Drama lesson
Maddi Sturzaker	Working well in all subjects
Archie Davidson	Working well in all subjects
Darcie Power	Excellent Maths work
Tommy Smith	Excellent Maths work
Tristan Ackerly	Excellent Maths work
Matilda Jacobs	Excellent Maths work
Rilee Brown	Excellent Maths work
Brooke Baillie	Excellent Maths work
Brock Holden	Excellent Maths work
Sam Moore	Excellent Maths work
Raymond Simpson	Persevering in a puzzle and completing it
Lenny Hardinge	His enthusiasm and engagement in German
Harrison Walker	Remembering the things he has learnt
Ella Hugo	Always being helpful
Eathen Maney	Helping others
Hazel-Mae Provis	Excellent concentration
Sophia Giles	Excellent concentration
Brock Holden	Excellent Maths problem solving
Tommy Smith	Excellent Maths problem solving
Arthur Millen	Excellent concentration in all areas
Lindsie Barrett	Great behaviour and demonstrations at the pool
Matilda Jacobs	Excellent Maths problem solving
Brock Holden	Excellent concentration
Lindsie Barrett	Excellent concentration
Rafael Tilain	Trying hard with his Maths work
Archie Bennett	Trying his best with hard Maths sums
Lucas Vincent	Trying his best with hard Maths sums
Eliana Dodge	Completing her work
Kiara Fisher	Beautiful handwriting
Logan Hawkins	Her understanding of weights
Lucas Davis	Being so very helpful and thoughtful
James Moore	Completing his work
Isabelle Saunders	Neat handwriting
Lucas Vincent	Neat handwriting
Chanden Jackson	Trying hard with his Maths work
Lucas Ratcliffe	Great Maths work
Jaxon Hillard	Great Maths work
Amelie Olivera	Beautiful handwriting and pictures
Elsie Sherriff	Her understanding of weights
Lachlan Smith	Trying his best in all subjects
Carter Upston	Trying his best on hard Maths sums
Zoe Provis	Neat colouring
Hamish Bannon	Neat handwriting

Well Done!

You are a Star

Uniform update - Black Jackets

The Uniform Shop is now taking orders for Black School jackets.

You can order these through the Uniform Shop over the **next two weeks**. It is advised to try these on before ordering as there will be no returns. Secondary students can order at the canteen.

Cost is \$60 and payment is required on collection which will be in Term 2. (date to be advised)

Easter Raffle 2024

We are selling tickets now for the raffle which will be drawn on Holy Thursday (March 28th).

Tickets can be purchased at the office by parents or you can request a book to be sent home by contacting Mrs Tame or the office.

Secondary students can buy tickets at the canteen. There will be senior students selling tickets in the primary playground at lunch times.

Thanks for your support.



Term 1 - 2024	
Wednesday 6th March	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 11th March	Eight Hours Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th March	Star of the Sea Swimming Carnival (Grades 3—10)
Wednesday 13th March	NAPLAN begins
Monday 18th March to Wednesday 20th March	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday 20th March to Friday 22nd March	Year 8 Camp
Tuesday 26th March	Caritas Fundraiser
Thursday 28th March	Induction of College Leaders Holy Thursday prayer: beginning of Easter break
Wednesday 3rd April	Return to school from Easter break NHSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 5th April	TPSSA Athletics Carnival
Thursday 11th April	End of Term Assembly; last day of Term 1 for Students



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What to do if you are a PARENT and you have a complaint

Contact the student's classroom teacher or another school staff member.

If your complaint is not resolved



Contact a senior school leader (e.g. Deputy Principal/Principal).

If your complaint is not resolved



Contact the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office via:

- the Feedback Portal (<https://catholic.tas.edu.au/contact-us>) or
- by emailing feedback@catholic.tas.edu.au or
- writing to Feedback, TCEO, PO Box 102, North Hobart, 7002, marking it Private and Confidential

If you do not feel comfortable raising your concerns at school level or if your complaint is about the school Principal, you can raise your complaint with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office via:

- the Feedback Portal (<https://catholic.tas.edu.au/contact-us>) or
- by calling 03 6210 8888 during business hours or
- by emailing feedback@catholic.tas.edu.au or
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If your complaint is about the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office, you can raise your complaint with the Catholic Education Commission Tasmania

- by emailing cectsecretariat@catholic.tas.edu.au or
- by writing to CECT Chair, PO Box 102, North Hobart, 7002. marking it Private and Confidential.



Scan to access the feedback portal

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