

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 9th April 2024

From the Principal

One of the worst things we do in our lives is compare ourselves with others. At some point we are all guilty of it. Some of us do it more regularly than others. And if we are not comparing ourselves, we are comparing our children.

The rise of social media has seen us do this more than ever before. We look at the latest feeds and see people doing amazing things, and we feel down about ourselves because we are not doing those amazing things. We look at our feeds and see people looking beautiful. And we feel down about ourselves because we don't look as beautiful as them. We are always comparing, but very rarely are we satisfied with who we are.

These days, to overcome the temptation to compare, we need one thing more than ever before. Bravery. It is what our students spoke about at our last assembly. It is the idea of facing our challenges, facing our fears, and acting upon our goals and values, whether or not those goals and values are popular. And it is with this in mind that we are called to be brave around comparing ourselves with others.

Because it is brave to not compare. It is brave to look at the latest trends and fashions, and not get involved in them. Bravery is often more about what we don't do rather than what we do.

We often admire bravery in people. We admire those who are satisfied with their lives and don't feel they need to have the latest gadget or be watching the latest TV show. We admire those parents who are proud of their children's abilities, no matter what those abilities are. They don't sit on the sidelines of sporting matches and compare their children with others on the field, worrying that their child is not one of the best. Instead, they celebrate participation, or celebrate other talents their child may have.

One of the greatest lessons we have to learn as parents is to accept our children for who they are, and not judge our children on who we want them to be. It takes bravery to do this. That is not to say that we don't encourage our children to be the best they can be. We should all do this. But the best they can be might mean they excel in things that we didn't imagine for them. We need to make sure that our lack of imagination doesn't prevent them from excelling.

Sometimes we don't know what God's dream for us and our children really is. Nano Nagle didn't realise God's dream for her until she was well into her life. But we should always be open to what this dream could possibly be, and we should always be brave enough to accept that it might not be what we thought it was going to be.

Richard Chapman, Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*Courage starts
with showing up
and letting
ourselves be seen.
Brene Brown*

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

Religious Education and Faith Development

We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able to share it with others.

- *Pope Francis*



Heart

Spirituality

Attentiveness



Hospitality

Compassion

Star of the Sea Catholic College
invites you
to our
End of Term Assembly
on
Thursday 11th April
at 12:00PM
in the Church
Please join us

TPSSA Athletic Carnival



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From the Deputy Principal

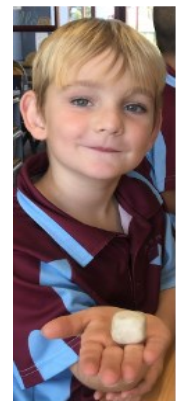
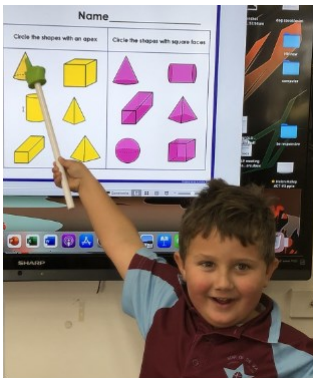
Positive Behaviour Support at Star of the Sea

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

This week our Positive Behaviour Support area of focus has been on Engaged Learners. So many of our students arrive at school each day, eager to participate in their learning. Students show a real zest for learning and for life. Our staff provide a wide range of learning opportunities for students right across the school. It has been wonderful to see the growth in student learning this term and the positive way students have been engaged in their learning. In many classrooms students have been learning about the importance of Easter and the events of Jesus' final days leading up to his death and resurrection. Prep students were completing their colouring activity pages after reading about the Easter story. Our Prep students worked collaboratively to design an environment together. Recently Prep have also been learning about different shapes and they created some 3D shapes themselves to explore how these shapes look in real life. Have a look at their creations



Raymond was showing everyone an apex shape. Noah, Axel, Zhen and Harrison were making spheres and cubes.



Students in Grade 1&2 had worked so well on their literacy sessions throughout the morning, they earned an outdoor brain break and went exploring for insects



Grade 1 & 2 students have also loved spending time in the garden this year. This week we harvested some pumpkins and scraped out the seeds to dry out over winter so we can replant them in spring



Yesterday Grade 5/6 students attended the George Town Library and participated in an 'Antarctica' excursion.

"We had a simulation of what it would be like to live in Antarctica where we were inside a tent that was blasted with cold air and fake snow." (Oscar)

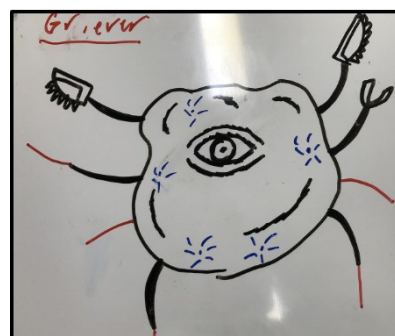
"We were able to wear the jackets that the scientists who actually work in Antarctica wear." "We learnt that krill can make themselves younger - depending on the season, krill can change from being an adult back to being a juvenile." (Toby)

"We participated in a fun interactive quiz where we listened to animal sounds and had to guess which sound came from which animal." (Nate, Chelsie)

"We experimented with magnets and discovered that if you drop a magnet down a copper pipe or an aluminium pipe, it travels slower than normal speed." (Oscar)



Grade 8 students have been reading a novel called *The Maze Runner*. These are some of the images they created based on the description of one of the creatures in the maze which is called a Griever. No-one thinks it would be good to find a Griever in the maze!



Zest for life and zest for learning

Grade 10 shared their assembly focus with secondary students this week which was all about ZEST. Zest is being motivated by what lies ahead in your day and approaching those things with energy and enthusiasm. When we approach life with zest, we show excitement, energy and a willpower to get things done and to do those things well. It is wonderful to share our days with young people who have a genuine enthusiasm for life! Check out the TPSSA photos on page 3 from some of our students showing great zest and enthusiasm throughout the day competing for Star of the Sea

Grade 2-3 travelled to QVMAG yesterday to explore the history and culture of the First Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

Some highlights included, seeing some original Tasmanian Aboriginal objects and learning about the Tasmanian Aboriginal perspectives on climate change, astronomy, stories of creation, craft, technology and architecture We also learned that many years ago there was a land bridge that connected Tasmania to Mainland Australia and were able to use an interesting computer simulator to show us what the land might have looked like during various times in the past.

We had a great time at the QVMAG



Production Rehearsals Term Two

Production rehearsals will be held Wednesday afternoons in Term Two from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. There will also be some Sunday rehearsals and the dates for these will be published at the start of Term Two. We expect these to be Sunday afternoon. Students have been working on the production in class groups during their lesson time with Ms Gay during first term. After school rehearsals will focus on the opening and closing sections of the production. All students are welcome. There will be a Compass event published for parents to complete giving consent for students to remain at school during these rehearsal times. Parents will need to complete this so we know which students will be attending.

Sacrament Program 2024

Last year I included information in the Newsletter about the Sacrament Program for 2024. Father Bala has asked me to share with him the names of students in the community who would be interested in joining the Sacrament Program this year. If your child is interested in finding out more about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation or First Communion please pass on their name to Mrs Robotham before the end of Term One. The program will begin soon.



Welcome

We welcome Imogen (Year 8) and her family to the Star of the Sea Catholic community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

Mrs Sikkens and Mrs Taylor will be away on Thursday at Professional Development.

Mrs Honeychurch is on leave on Thursday

Mrs Halley is on leave for the first week of Term 2.

End of Term Assembly

Our End of Term Assembly will be held on Thursday at 12pm in the church. Family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Anzac Day

Anzac Day occurs on the Thursday of the second week of the holidays (April 25th). We welcome any student who wishes to march with the school. More details will be provided on Compass during the holidays.

Term Dates

Term 1 ends for students this Thursday 11th April. Term 2 begins on Monday 29th April. The office will be closed over the holidays.

Term 2 Calendar

Attached to this newsletter is the calendar for Term 2. While these dates are as accurate as we can get them, sometimes the changing of dates is out of our control. We will keep parents and carers informed throughout the term.

Mothers Day Stall

Mothers Day is fast approaching and is in the second week of Term 2. If you have anything you would like to donate to our Mothers Day Stall, please feel free to drop it off at the office.

For those new to the school, the Mothers Day Stall is run on the Thursday before Mothers Day at the school. Students are invited to bring along some money and purchase something for their mother or special female-figure in their life. The items for sale usually cost between 50 cents and \$5. Donations can be a gift you once received, haven't used, and think it might make a nice gift for someone's mother!

Save the Date! Kinder 2025 Information Morning!

We will be holding our Kinder 2025 Information Morning on **Wednesday 15th May** at 10:30am in the Kinder room (straight after SetUp). All families who have children who will be turning 5 in 2025 are most welcome to come and discover what Star of the Sea has to offer.

Star of the Sea holds its Kinder transition in Term 4. This is called Little Stars. It is for all children and their families who will be attending Kinder the following year at Star of the Sea.

For families who would like further transition for their children, they are most welcome to attend SetUp every Wednesday morning in the Kinder room from 9am to 10:30am.

Easter Raffle

A big thank you to all the people who supported the Easter Raffle, whether by donating eggs or buying tickets. The raffle raised \$1,144.00

The winners of the raffle were:

1st Prize - Diane Lee

2nd Prize - Archie Davidson

3rd Prize - Oscar Lindfors

All money raised will be given to Caritas.

GFG Foundation Student Program

A reminder that the GFG Foundation Student Program, which runs in Term 2 for Years 7 and 8 (one afternoon a week) and Terms 2 and 3 for Years 9 and 10 (one afternoon a week), is now taking applications. It is a great program and we would encourage all secondary students to consider getting involved. Application forms can be found via:

www.csiro.au/en/education/Programs/GFG-Foundation-students.

SetUp for Success

Our early learning program, SetUp, 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.



Term 1 - 2024	
Wednesday 10th April	NHSSA Swimming Carnival
Thursday 11th April	End of Term Assembly; last day of Term 1 for Students No Primary Assembly
Monday 29th April	Term 2 begins for Staff and Students

Term 2—2024	
Monday 29th April	Term 2 begins for students
Thursday 9th May	Mother's Day Stall; Mother's Day prayer
Monday 13th May	Star of the Sea Cross Country
Wednesday 15th May	Kinder 2025 Information morning
Wednesday 15th May	9/10 Winter Sport commences
Thursday 16th May	7/8 Winter Sport commences
Friday 17th May	National Walk to School Safely Day
Tuesday 21st May	TPSSA Cross Country Carnival
Friday 31st May	NHSSA Cross Country
Monday 3rd June	Fire Education (Primary)
Tuesday 4th June	Real Talk visit (secondary)
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday public holiday
Tuesday 18th June	School Photos
Friday 21st June	Grade 6 Presentation Charism Day
Tuesday 25th June	Thursday 27th June - Year 10 Camp
Friday 28th June	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
Sunday 7th - Sunday 14th July	NAIDOC Week
Monday 1st July	Year 10 Work Experience week
Wednesday 3rd July - Friday 5th July	Year 9 Camp
Friday 5th July	- End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students