

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 30th April 2024

From the Principal

Last Thursday Star of the Sea students attended the Anzac Day march and service in George Town. Anzac Day has become an interesting day in recent years. For some, the day holds the same sense of reverence that Good Friday used to hold for many Catholics (and still does for some). For others, the day is closely tied up in football matches. For others still, it is “just another public holiday.”

What has also made Anzac Day interesting is the story that has been built up around it over the past 100 years. People talk about the “Anzac legend” or “Anzac myth” in an almost spiritual sense. Myths and legends are common in all cultures. It is how we choose to understand something which is beyond our understanding. The Bible is full of myths and legends, as it was how people thousands of years ago tried to understand their relationship with God and how God was acting in their lives.

In this sense, the Anzac myth is no different. It is a myth because how we choose to believe what happened, and what actually happened, are not exactly the same. We mythologize the event and we also mythologize the people involved in the event. If we were to ask anyone what comes to their mind when they imagine one of the Anzacs, we would probably get similar answers as we have spent years giving them all the same qualities, even though all of the people involved had very different qualities and personalities.

It is not a bad thing to mythologize the event. As mentioned earlier, it helps us to understand something which is beyond our understanding. It is really beyond most people’s understanding how over 50,000 Australian soldiers could travel to Turkey and fight and be killed on a relatively small stretch of beach, only to retreat 8 months later with over 8000 dead and 18,000 wounded. In our modern day it would seem an incredible waste of time and lives (there were thousands more on both sides who died). So we mythologize it to make some sense of it.

Myths also help to justify our involvement in something which sceptical people may not agree with. We only have to look at recent conflicts, such as those in Ukraine and Gaza, and we find that all sides try to create myths and legends around the conflicts to boost morale and justify their actions. Vietnam troops were never really mythologized in the same way as there was so much disagreement about Australia’s involvement in the Vietnam War in the first place.

Myths are okay. They serve a purpose. But we need to make sure we remember they are myths, and that the real lesson is that, as God’s people, we need to learn from the past and look for ways to avoid conflicts and wars. When we say Lest we forget, we are not just trying to remember those who fought and died in wars, but the futility of war itself.

Richard Chapman, Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*Humans tell myths to explain what they cannot understand. -
Axie Oh*

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

Prayer for Peace—Pope Francis
Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!



Amen.

Heart
Spirituality
Attentiveness



Hospitality
Compassion

Stars of the Week - 11th April 2024

Kinder

Isaiah Tilain

For having so much fun at Kinder and letting other children join in with him.

Prep

Raymond Simpson

For making big efforts with his concentration and learning. Well done!

Grade 1/2

Rafael Tilain

For his consistent effort and determination across all subject areas. Keep up the great work.

Grade 2/3

Elijah Bromley

For excellent participation in all areas. Well done Elijah.

Grade 4

Thomas Singline

For his kindness and care when assisting other students.

Grade 5/6

Ashton Ratcliffe

For his consistent effort and willingness to 'always have a go', even during difficult mathematical learning activities. You are an inspiration to others. Well done!

Welcome

We welcome Tyler (Year 7) and his family to the Star of the Sea Catholic community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

Mrs Walters, Mrs Halley and Mrs Harmer are all on leave this week and will return next Monday. Mrs Hoffman is on leave this term. Mrs Ashenden will teach Primary music for Term 2.

Mother's Day

We will be holding our Mother's Day activities next Thursday 9th May.

1. The Mother's Day stall will be on in the morning for students to purchase a gift for their mother or mother-figure in their lives. Gifts will be priced between \$1 and \$10.
2. Our Mother's Day prayer will be held in the Church at 2:30pm. All are welcome. This will be followed by:
3. Our Mother's Day afternoon tea which will be held in the Hall at 3pm.

Please RSVP to the office for catering purposes.

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.

Changes Around the School

Many people would have noticed that the Primary campus has a new fence. The old fence had seen better days and was a bit flimsy in places, so hopefully this new fence will see us through the next 10-15 years! There are still some areas unfinished as we wait for extra panels. Thank you to Adam Walker for his work in making sure the fence was ready to go for the first day back of school. There are other areas of the school where we also hope to replace the fence in the next 1-2 years.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

For catering purposes please RSVP by **Tuesday 7th May**

_____ will attend the Mother's Day afternoon tea with my child/ren _____

Dietary requirements Yes _____

No



From the Deputy Principal

Winter Uniform

Term Two brings with it cooler weather and signifies a move to the winter uniform. All students should now be wearing their winter uniform to school each day. Only students in Kinder and Prep are permitted to wear their sports uniform to school regularly.

Students in all other year levels are to wear the formal academic uniform.

Additional casual clothing is not a part of the uniform and for this reason we encourage all students to have the correct parts of their uniform to wear.

Students are encouraged to purchase a school jumper to wear with their winter uniform as they are asked to remove extra jackets whilst in class, in assembly and in Church.

Sport Uniform

On designated sports days, students are permitted to wear their correct sports uniform. This includes plain black track pants or plain black shorts, the sports top, rugby jumper and black jacket as an optional extra. If students do not have these items then they will need to be purchased, as alternative casual clothing items are not part of the sports uniform.

If there is a concern with obtaining the correct uniform items please contact the school for assistance.

A reminder that sports tights, leggings and other casual clothing are not to be worn with the sports uniform. Students have had numerous reminders about this and we request that all students present themselves in the correct uniform, on the correct days.

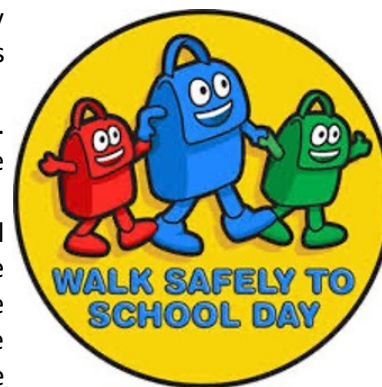
If there is a reason why students are unable to dress in the correct uniform, then written communication should be provided. Written communication is to be sent to the administration office or the student's class teacher.

Road Safety Awareness Week and Walk Safely to School Day

Next week Road Safety Awareness Week begins with a focus on driving safely and using our roads and pedestrian crossings safely. Across Australia, schools will also be hosting Walk Safely to School Days.

Star of the Sea will hold our Walk Safely to School Day on **Thursday May 16th**. Students are invited to meet at Windmill Park on the corner of Macquarie Street and the Esplanade at 7:45 am.

Egg and Bacon rolls will be provided, followed by our Walk Safely to School event. As we will be sharing breakfast together before the walk, there will be no Breakfast Club at school on this day. If students would like to join us for the Walk Safely to School Event, please complete the Compass Event so that we know who will be attending and how many students to cater for. If there are particular dietary requirements please contact Mrs Robotham directly to discuss these needs.



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.



Anzac Day



End of Term 1 Awards

Application to Learning

Kinder	Eason Kettle
Prep	Axel Grimsey-Gray
Grade 1	Elsie Sherriff
Grade 2	Bienvinido Bennett
Grade 3	Yueni Tan
Grade 4	Hazel Mae Provis
Grade 5	Ashton Ratcliffe
Grade 6	Tobias Jones



Merit Awards

Year 7	Aidan Jacobs	For consistent effort and achievement in all areas
	Chase Tunks	For consistent effort and achievement in all areas
	Charli Davey	Consistent effort in all areas
Year 8	Erika Clark	For consistent effort and achievement in all areas
	Ruby Clarke	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Kaiden Hewitt	Consistent effort
Year 9	Samara Davenport	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Lucy Koetse	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Lillian Hockey	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Joshua Chapman	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Hunter Paine	Consistent effort in all subjects
Year 10	Drew Daniels	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Erin Vanderzwan	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Matilda Clarke	Consistent effort in all subjects
	Caden McCutcheon	Consistent effort in all subjects

Swimming Champions

Year 3	Alby Hawkins & Kirra Lyla Harris
Year 4	Finley Upson & Evie King
Year 5	Eathen Maney & Ruby Davidson
Year 6	Sabian Hawes & Rhiannon Moore
Year 7	Sharni Wayne, Charli Davey, Paityn Tunks & Angus McKean
Year 8	Kaiden Hewitt & Alyssa Wayne
Year 9	Harry Clark & Shiloh Leslie
Year 10	Caeden McCutcheon & Erin Vanderzwan



Early Notice - School Photos

Our school photos are scheduled for Tuesday 18th June. On this day all students are expected to wear full winter uniform. For consistency, students are required to wear either a blazer or jumper. Kinder students wear PE uniform as usual. Students not wearing the full uniform may not be able to have their photo taken.

Ordering and payment is online. Do not send money for photos to the office, it will not be accepted.

Family Photo orders must be done by 4:30pm the day before Photo Day, so we can organise a list of Family Photos that need to be taken.

Any Family Photos that have not been ordered and paid for before the cut-off will not be taken. Unfortunately, we cannot make any exceptions on the day.

More information regarding online ordering will be sent home via Compass in the coming weeks.

Term 2—2024	
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
Thursday 16th 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
Monday 24th June—Friday 28th June	Yr 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 26th June—Friday 28th June	Year 9 Camp
Friday 28th June	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
Sunday 7th - Sunday 14th July	NAIDOC Week
Monday 1st July—Wednesday 3rd July	Year 10 Camp
Friday 5th July	- End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students