

# Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 29th April 2025

## Deputy Principal's Report

We often hear the phrases *to serve others* or *to be of service*. These are simple phrases yet the actions can have significant impact. Being of service to others is a meaningful expression of care and concern for those we encounter. Recently we have honoured the service and sacrifice given by men and women of the military as part of ANZAC Day ceremonies. We spend this day acknowledging and honouring the way these men and women served us in life and in death, making great sacrifices on our behalf.

Over Easter we reverently honour the way Jesus served us during his time on earth and through his sacrifice, in death and resurrection. "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) Jesus modelled servant leadership to us and his acts of service are recounted for us in the Gospel.

As Christians we are called to serve others but what does that mean in our everyday lives? We can serve through daily acts of love and kindness. We serve others when we see a need and act upon this, through action and intention. Listening, being present, being helpful, responding when we are called to are examples of service that cost us very little. The Bible teaches that serving God and others is not about doing great things but about doing small things with great love.

When we serve, we see growth in ourselves and others. We learn compassion and develop empathy. We help to build connections and strengthen our communities by deepening relationships and bonds with others. Being of service helps us to connect with people which in turn allows us to see that we are not alone. We can serve others in small ways or in substantial ways, it is the accumulation of our acts of service that matter.

People who live significant lives, live lives of service.

Pope Francis devoted his adult life to serving others and to encouraging this servitude in everyone. Throughout his life and most recently during his papacy Pope Francis used whatever means he could to spread a message across the world about the need to care for one another and for our common home, the earth. Pope Francis called on us to be of service for those in need, for the marginalised, those who do not have the means to speak for themselves or to be heard and significantly, for our earth, which has been entrusted to us. Through his leadership, call to action, witness and promotion of the Gospel message, Pope Francis endeavoured to share his message to people across the world.

He implored us to be people of compassion and to act for social justice, to address inequality and discrimination across the world. He urged us to respond to the plight of the earth and to be responsible and loving custodians of creation, promoting global solidarity and peace.

On Easter Monday, April 21st, Pope Francis died after a substantial period of illness. We give thanks to God for the life of Pope Francis, for his tremendous leadership and for the work he has done in being a steward for humanity and creation. May he rest in peace.

**Acting Principal, Carmen Robotham**



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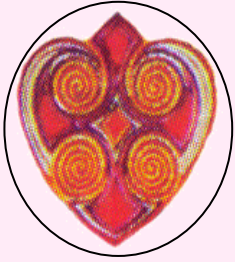


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# Religious Education and Faith Development

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Compassion

## Bereavement of Mrs Sally Walters

Our College community was deeply saddened by the news of Mrs Walters death on April 9th.

Mrs Walters retired at the beginning of 2025 and sadly passed away after a period of illness.

Mrs Walters was a respected member of staff and she served the College community for 48 years. During her time at the College Mrs Walters was a much loved and respected classroom teacher and a member of the Leadership Team.

Since her passing, we have received many messages and tributes about the wonderful contribution Mrs Walters made to the lives of many generations of students at Star of the Sea.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs Walters family and friends and to all who knew her.

The Star of the Sea community will be invited to an event which will be held in the coming weeks as a way of honouring and giving thanks for the tremendous contribution Mrs Walters made to our community.

Details of this will be communicated in the coming weeks.

## Stars of the Week - 10th April 2025

**Kinder**

**Daisy Simpson**

For her excellent behaviour, friendliness, and positive happy attitude.

**Prep**

**Finley Wolf**

For all his efforts in Prep. You really have tried hard and are making great gains.

**Grade 1/2**

**Billie Walker**

For her positive attitude towards all learning areas.

**Grade 3**

**Elijah Bromley**

For consistent effort and achievement across all areas of the curriculum. Well done Elijah!

**Grade 4/5**

**Yueni Tan**

For the exceptionally high standard of work she completes every day.

**Grade 5/6**

**Ruby Davidson**

For her positive attitude towards discovering the meaning of unusual words during her literacy learning. Keep up the great work.

## End of Term 1 Awards

### Application to Learning Awards (Primary)

Kinder	Elijah Bailley
Prep	Lillian McKean
Grade 1	Harrison Walker
Grade 2	Zeke Matthews
Grade 3	Marli Leslie
Grade 4	Chase Davis
Grade 5	Sophia Giles
Grade 6	Chelsie Jenkins



### Merit Awards (Secondary)

Year 7	Bria Jarman	Consistent effort and application
	Ruby McDonald	Consistent effort and application
	Sabian Hawes	Consistent effort and application
	Azalia Clark	Consistent effort and application
	Avaya Hooper	Consistent effort and application
Year 8	Angus McKean	Consistent effort and application
	Syd Schreuder	Consistent effort and application
	Imogene Jones	Effort in Geography
	Te Koha Weeks	Effort in Geography
	Isabel Walker	Consistent effort and application
Year 9	Paityn Tunks	Consistent effort and application
	Ruby Clarke	Consistent effort and application
	Lillian Mather	Consistent effort and application
	Erika Clark	Consistent effort and application
Year 10	Kaiden Hewitt	Academic Achievement in Business Studies
	Jordan Lang	Improvement in work ethic
	Lillian Hockey	Consistent effort and application
	Lucinda Hockey	Consistent effort and application
	Ruby Gower	Consistent effort and application
	Joshua Chapman	Consistent effort and application
Henry Lindfors	Consistent effort and application	

### Swimming Champions

Grade 3	Chad Jenkins, Marli Leslie & Madalyn Goodridge
Grade 4	Alby Hawkins & Vanessa Linley
Grade 5	Sam Moore & Evie King
Grade 6	Oscar Smith & Chelsie Jenkins
Year 7	Toby Jones & Rhiannon Moore
Year 8	Chase Tunks & Paityn Tunks
Year 9	Kaiden Hewitt & Alyssa Wayne
Year 10	Titan Palmer & Shiloh Leslie



## Welcome

We welcome Mr Cook back from a period of leave throughout Term One.

We also welcome Mrs Frankcombe, Mrs Honeychurch and Mrs Broughton back from some periods of leave. Welcome to Willow (Grade 5) and Phoebe (Grade 6) and their families to the Star of the Sea Catholic Community.

## Student Wellbeing Officer

We welcome Mr Gary Davis to the role of Student Wellbeing Officer. Mr Davis will work on Tuesdays and Thursdays in this role. Mr Davis will be working with both primary and secondary students on a range of projects. If you would like to discuss a referral for a student to work with Mr. Davis please contact Mrs Robotham.

## Staff movements

Mr Chapman is on leave this week.

Mrs Robotham will be at a meeting on Wednesday.

Mrs McGillivray will be absent on Wednesday.

## Kinder Room Maintenance

The Kinder room repairs were completed over the holiday period and Kinder students have returned to their regular learning space.

## Breakfast Club

We are pleased to be able to offer Breakfast Club again starting this week. All students are welcome to come along to the kitchen for breakfast on Tuesday or Thursday morning before school. Breakfast club is open from 8:30 am - 8:45 am.

## School Lunches

Hot lunches will be available this week on Wednesday for students in Grades 3-6 and on Friday for students in Prep - Grade 2.

Each year on April 25th our nation acknowledges and pays tribute to the service of others by hosting ANZAC Day services at dawn and again during the morning following a march that includes men and women who have served our country as military personnel. ANZAC Day events held around the country pay respect to and honour the sacrifices of the original ANZAC's who were a part of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which was formed in 1914. Stories of heroic efforts, courage and service are shared, shedding light on the fortitude of those who served.

These marches are also an opportunity for other members in the community to join as a mark of respect and acknowledgement. Students from Star of the Sea participated in the march held in George Town last Friday and in the service that followed. Our College Captains laid a wreath as part of the service in honour of those who have died serving our country. Lillian Hockey was a flag bearer in the parade and also during the service.

By participating in the events on ANZAC Day our students honour those who have died and those who have fought or served our country during times of war and conflict. Thank you to all students and families who joined in the events on the day.





## Mother's Day Events Next Week

### Mother's Day Prayer Service and Afternoon Tea

Our Mother's Day Prayer Service and Afternoon Tea is being held on Tuesday May 6th. This will begin at 2:30 pm in the Church and will be followed by an afternoon tea, held in the Hall starting at 3:15 pm. Please RSVP to the College office if you would like to attend.

### Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall is being held on Thursday May 8th. On this day students will be able to purchase a gift from the Mother's Day stall to give to their mother or another significant person in their life. Students are encouraged to bring in some money to purchase something at the stall.

### Mother's Day Prayer Service and Afternoon Tea

**For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 2nd May**

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Mother's Day afternoon tea with my children \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_



### Call for Volunteers: Teaching Textile Skills to Grade 9/10 Students

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are excited to announce an opportunity for you to get involved in our school community! We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist in teaching our Grade 9 and 10 students a variety of beginner textile skills. These skills will include patchwork, appliqué, embroidery, and the creation of bags and pyjama shorts.

Your expertise and passion for textiles can make a significant difference in our students' learning experiences. Whether you are a seasoned crafter or just enjoy working with fabrics, we would love to have you join us!

Please note that all volunteers will need to obtain a "Working with Vulnerable People" card.. This is a requirement to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Star of the Sea office. Your support will help inspire the next generation of textile enthusiasts!

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a positive impact in our school community.

### Request for Unused or Broken Toys for Year 9/10 Surrealism Art Project

We are excited to announce an upcoming art project for our Year 9 and 10 students that will allow them to explore the fascinating world of Surrealism while promoting sustainability! As part of this project, we are seeking donations of any unused or broken toys that can be upcycled into unique art pieces.

If you have toys at home that are no longer being used or are broken, we would greatly appreciate your contributions. This project not only helps reduce waste but also provides our students with the opportunity to learn about recycling and creativity in the context of Surrealist art.

Please drop off any donations at the school office by end of week two. Thank you for your support in making this project a success!

**Denise King, Design and Technology Teacher**

## Bruny Island Cultural Immersion Camp

A group of our senior Aboriginal students took up an invitation in the last week of term to spend time on Bruny Island, a place of great cultural and spiritual significance to Aboriginal people. We began at the top of Kunanyi, also known as Mount Wellington. Kunanyi was an important landmark to Aboriginal ancestors, a place abundant in food, medicine and spiritual connection to stories and songlines. We stood and surveyed the vast landscape, and its beauty reminded us of the responsibilities we all hold to care for country.



The following day we collected supplies and took the short trip by ferry to Bruny. Our accommodation, on a working sheep farm, Kirkby Lodge, was comfortable and had magnificent views over Missionary Bay. That afternoon we walked along the beach at Adventure Bay and travelled South through the National Park to Cape Bruny to visit Bruny Lighthouse, the southernmost lighthouse in Australia. We were surrounded by stunning and rugged coastlines, untouched by modern civilisation and abundant in native vegetation and wildlife.

After a full day we shared a meal and made a fire in the fire pit where we toasted marshmallows and gazed into a clear starry night sky where constellations, stars and satellites could be easily identified. We know the Tasmanian Aboriginal people had a rich tradition of observing the night skies incorporating their knowledge into cultural practices and traditions.



Uncle Rodney who was to be our guide on the following day, had injured himself so Linton Burgess was our guide. We began our journey on the beach down from Murray Fields, an Aboriginal owned and run sheep property. On this pristine beach Linton performed a welcome to country and we watched the seabirds fish, and the bull kelp wash up along the rocks. We visited the ancient rock quarry used by the Neuwonne people for sourcing materials to create tools, Truganini's lagoon where Black Swans nested and Truganini's steps where we lunched. On returning to Kirkby Lodge Linton engaged the students in creating a piece of artwork and making string.

The following day it was time to say goodbye to Bruny and say thank you 'niyrie nina tu'. After getting off the ferry we visited Putalina, the site where the remaining Aboriginal people were moved to in 1847 after being removed from Wybalena. Now Aboriginal people have turned this place of great sadness to a place of celebration with a festival held there each year. Bruny is one of the most beautiful places in Lutruwita and we have been privileged to be able to spend time there.



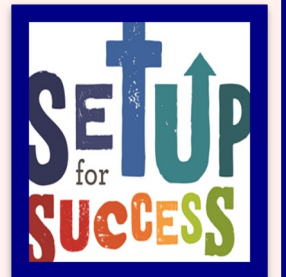


## Tree Planting



## SetUp for Success

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.





## Calendar Term 2 - 2025

<b>Tuesday 2nd May</b>	Mother's Day Prayer and Afternoon Tea
<b>Thursday 8th May</b>	Mother's Day Stall Bravehearts visit
<b>To Be Announced</b>	Star of the Sea Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 14th May</b>	Kinder 2026 Information morning
<b>Friday 16th May</b>	National Walk to School Safely Day
<b>Wednesday 28th May</b>	TPSSA Cross Country Carnival
<b>Thursday 29th May</b>	NHSSA Cross Country
<b>Tuesday 3rd June</b>	Real Talk visit (Secondary
<b>Tuesday 3rd June til Thursday 5th June</b>	Year 10 Camp
<b>Friday 6th June</b>	Student Free Day
<b>Monday 9th June</b>	King's Birthday Public holiday
<b>Tuesday 24th June</b>	School Photos
<b>Thursday 19th June</b>	Grade 6 Presentation Charism Day
<b>Friday 27th June</b>	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
<b>Monday 1st July</b>	Year 10 Work Experience Week - <i>to be confirmed</i>
<b>Sunday 6th July til Sunday 13th July</b>	NAIDOC Week
<b>Friday 4th July</b>	End of Term Assembly. Term 2 ends for students

### Term Two Primary Assembly Roster

The following classes will be leading assemblies over the coming weeks:

<b>WEEK 1</b>	Thursday May 1	12:10 pm	Grade 1/2
<b>WEEK 2</b>	Thursday May 8	12:10 pm	Prep
<b>WEEK 3</b>	Thursday May 15	12:10 pm	Kinder
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Thursday May 22	12:10 pm	Grade 5/6
<b>WEEK 5</b>	Thursday May 29	12:10 pm	Grade 4/5

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances this roster may change