

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

From the Principal

If you are ever in North Sydney you could go to the burial place of St Mary MacKillop, Australia's only recognized saint. Her feast day is next Friday, August 8th. Buried in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, her tomb is visited by thousands every year. On the tomb is written one of her quotes - "We are but travellers here."

In this Jubilee Year, with the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, it is a good quote for us to reflect upon because it brings up two things. Firstly, that we are all on a journey. And secondly, that we are not here forever.

One of the things that we don't appreciate until we get a bit older is the journey that our lives take. Like the pilgrims of old who took long and arduous journeys in the hope of reaching a spiritual place, and being changed along the way, we too take a pilgrimage through life. We travel through life having new experiences, whether we seek them or not, and are changed along the way. For many of us the journey takes us to the experience of having children and we go through the ups and downs of parenthood. For others our journey takes us to looking after elderly parents. For others still the journey takes us to different places and different jobs. All of these experiences bring about change in us as we reflect upon the world around us and who we are as human beings.

And just like the pilgrims of old, we also undertake spiritual growth. Our understanding of God and who God calls us to be changes throughout our lives. For many of us we realise the importance of service to others and of reaching out beyond ourselves. Our lives become focused on something greater than ourselves.

But we are not here forever. As much as we work hard to earn money and buy stuff, none of it goes with us when we die. St Mary MacKillop's quote reminds us not to set our minds on worldly things too much as that leads us to focus on ourselves. Instead we are invited to focus on the needs of others and in doing so leave something which lasts long after we have gone. Our staff do this every day in their work with students, the impact of which will be felt long after they have left Star of the Sea.

Venerable Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters, had a similar outlook on life. She had enough money and enough rich relatives to be able to live a very comfortable life. Instead, she used it all to set up schools for the poor. She figured that this would be a better way to spend her life than collecting material wealth.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we journey together, we are pilgrims of hope. The very nature of us all being connected to the same school means that this journey that we undertake in life is shared with others. May this journey help us to come closer to the people God calls us to be.

Richard Chapman
Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*Faith is not a
clinging to a shrine
but an endless
pilgrimage of the
heart.
- Abraham Joshua
Heschel*

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



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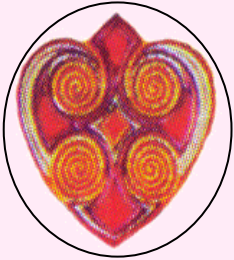


Star of the Sea Catholic College

Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart

Spirituality



Attentiveness

Hospitality

Compassion

Psalm for 18th Sunday in ordinary Time

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.



Stars of the Week - 31st July 2025

Kinder

Taylor
Eggs.

Medea Quilty-Maguire

For such an excellent start to the term and for helping Mrs to teach the other students about the puzzles on Reading

Prep

Eileithya Quilty-Maguire

For a wonderful start to the new term.

Grade 1/2

Eliana Dodge

For her focus in writing and challenging herself to create detailed and exciting stories.

Grade 3

Marli Leslie

For using "Sizzling Starts" to create an interesting story.

Grade 4/5

Vanessa Linley

For always working to the best of her ability in all subject areas.

Grade 5/6
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Rilee Brown

For her dedication towards always working to the best of ability. Keep up the great work!

Staff Movements

Mr Laurence and Mrs Taylor are at Professional Learning on Thursday.
Mrs Stewart is on leave on Thursday.
Mrs Freeman is on Professional Learning next Monday and Tuesday.

Catholic Education Week

Next week is Catholic Education Week where we recognize and celebrate the importance of Catholic Education to our state. On Wednesday August 6th students in Year 6 will be attending the Catholic Education Week mass at St Thomas More's Primary School in Launceston. Students are expected to be in their full formal winter uniform. The Year 10 Student Leaders will also be attending this event and will be cooking the BBQ. Students and staff will be off campus for most of the day attending this event.

Early Notice - Book Week Parade

The one-and-only Book Week Dress Up Parade will be held on Tuesday 19th August. On that day, students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Book an Adventure!" This reminds us of the new worlds and stories we can explore through books.

Mental Health Supports Survey

Parents and carers would have received a Compass message today inviting them to participate in a Mental Health Supports survey for Catholic Education Tasmania. Our staff and students (Grades 4-10) are also participating in the survey that will help Catholic Education to decide what is the best way they can offer support in the mental health area.

Enrolments for 2026

Enrolments for 2026 for all year levels are now open. Families wishing to enrol into Star of the Sea for 2026 can call into the office for an enrolment form or download one from our website: starsea.tas.edu.au. We encourage all enrolments to be finalised by soon so that we can organise transition days for Year 7 and our Little Stars program for Kinders.

Not Here In 2026?

If your child will not be attending Star of the Sea in 2026, please let the office know. This will allow us to know how many places we have available to welcome other students in 2026.

School Lunches this Week

School lunches are as normal this week:

Wednesday - 3s to 6s

Next Monday - Preps and 1/2s

Preschool Outcomes Measure

Our school will be participating in a trial of a new tool called the Preschool Outcomes Measure. This tool is designed to help teachers better understand a child's learning and development in kindergarten. It focuses on a child's language and problem-solving skills. Parents of Kindergarten students will receive more information about this.

Calendar Term 3 - 2025	
Wednesday 30th July	Christmas in July event
Wednesday 6th August	Catholic Education Week Mass
Thursday 7th August	Country Gold selections (5/6)
Tuesday 19th August	Book Week Parade (<i>Book an Adventure</i>)
Thursday 4th September	Father's Day Breakfast and Stall
Monday 8th September	Circle of Life in this week (Primary)
Tuesday 9th September	Year 9 Reflection Day
Wednesday 10th September	Year 8 Reflection Day 9/10 Winter Sport Grand Finals
Thursday 11th September - Year 10 Reflection Day; 7/8 Winter Sport	Year 10 Reflection Day 7/8 Winter Sport Grand Finals, RUOK Day
Friday 19th September	RYDA (Year 10) (TBC)
Friday 26th September	Term 3 Ends End of Term Assembly

There was an error in last week's newsletter (22nd July)

The Application to Learning award winners for Term 2 were

Kinder – Medea Qulity-Maguire
 Prep – Isaiah Tilain
 Grade 1– Lucas Davis
 Grade 2 – Mason Giles
 Grade 3– Elsie Sherriff
 Grade 4– Alby Hawkins
 Grade 5 – Evie King
 Grade 6—Ashton Ratcliffe



Christmas in July - Wednesday July 30th

The Year 10 Student Leaders are holding the Christmas in July event tomorrow. There will be Christmas activities set up under the Christmas lights display and an indoor Christmas themed movie. There is no cost for this event, however food and drinks will be available for purchase. So dig out your best Christmas outfit, your worst Christmas jumper, or some cozy Christmas themed clothes and your Christmas cheer and join us on July 30th for a fun evening. This event is for all students and will be held in the newly finished outdoor area on the Secondary Campus and the Secondary Gallery. It would be appreciated if parents could indicate if their child will be attending by completing the Compass event so that we are able to cater appropriately. If your child is attending and has specific dietary needs please contact Mrs Robotham to discuss food options.

Details:

WHAT: Christmas in July
WHEN: Wednesday July 30
TIME: 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Catholic Education Week - Casual Clothes Day - Monday August 4th

Next Monday all students are invited to wear casual clothes to celebrate the start of Catholic Education Week and to bring a gold coin donation which will go towards The Samaritan Projects Tasmania.

The Samaritan Projects Tasmania is a charitable foundation which was set up by the Archbishop of Hobart in 2002 to assist and respond to Tasmanian families in need. At this time of the year and with many families in need of support, we hope to provide some financial assistance through this fundraising opportunity.

Winter Sports Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

Week 1 results

- Yr 9 Netball - Cancelled due to weather
- Yr 9 Soccer Vs Deloraine 4-4 Draw
- 7/8 Soccer BYE
- 7/8 Netball BYE

Week 2 games

Wed 30th July at Port Dalrymple School

- 12.15 Yr 9 Netball Vs Campbell Town DH
- 1pm Yr 10 Soccer Vs Pt Dalrymple School

Thu 31st July

- 1pm 7/8 Soccer Vs Cressy District HS at NTCA
- 1pm 7/8 Netball Vs Prospect High School at Hobblers Bridge



Emotion of the week

Contempt

Contempt says "I am better than you, you are lesser than me." It's a feeling we have when we think we have been wronged. Someone might be late and we say to them, "I learnt to tell the time when I was 5. When are you going to learn?" That's contempt.

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.



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