

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 14th October 2025

From the Principal

When we are young it is natural for us to divide everything into the “good guys” and the “bad guys.” It is normal human behaviour and it gives us a sense of security knowing who is on the side of good and who is on the side of bad.

This is driven home to us when we watch movies where it is obvious who the good guys are and who the bad guys are. The superheroes like *the Avengers* are the good guys. *Anyone they fight are the bad guys.*

We can tend to take on this idea with sporting teams, as well. Whatever team we support we tend to see as the good guys, while everyone else are the bad guys. And if our team isn't playing in the grand final, we'll create in our mind an idea of who the good guys are and who the bad guys are.

But when we get older, this whole idea is challenged, and so it should be. Because in the real world it is harder to tell who are the good guys and who are the bad guys. In October 2023, the group known as Hamas attacked a music festival in Israel, killing over 1200 people and taking another 250 as hostages. In response, the Israeli Government launched a war on Hamas, and in doing so have killed around 67,000 civilians, with around 40% of these being children. *(This information comes from a Reuters article dated October 8th, 2025)*

So who are the good guys and who are the bad guys?

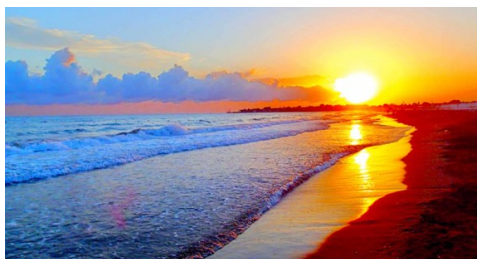
The simple answer is, neither. Unfortunately our world cannot be easily divided into people who always do what is morally right and people who do what is morally wrong. Supporters of either the Palestinians or the Israelis will try to paint the other side as the bad guys, but the reality is far more complex than this.

Politicians can often play on this idea of good and bad. Pauline Hansen has often tried to paint any Muslim who wears a burqa as a bad guy. “Right wing” political parties around the world are trying to paint any immigrant as a bad guy with claims of migrants taking people's jobs as well as leading to a lack of housing.

What we have to be careful of is not falling for these traps. The idea of good guys and bad guys is for the young. For adults, we have to be open to the complexities of situations. We have to take each situation on its merits and be comfortable with the fact that there probably aren't any good guys or bad guys. We have to be comfortable with the fact that the reasons people do things usually have nothing to do with us as individuals, but instead are a response to their own search for safety. Asylum seekers don't travel to Australia by fishing boats with the idea of taking jobs or houses from Australians. They do it to escape a dangerous situation.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community let's not get sucked in, or allow our children to get sucked in, to trying to find good guys and bad guys in real-world situations. Let's leave that to the movies. Instead, let us be prepared to explore each situation and understand people and their motives and see each other as part of God's family.

Richard Chapman
Principal



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Psalm for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and
coming both now and forever.



Stars of the Week - 25th September 2025

Kinder	Christopher Banks	For being a really kind and caring person to his best friends at Kindergarten.
Prep	Eason Kettle	For working well with his special work and sharing his knowledge with the class in a respectful way.
Grade 1/2	Hamish Bannon	For his excellent improvement in reading and writing!
Grade 3	Lucas Vincent	For great participation and consistent effort in all learning areas.
Grade 4/5	Chase Davis	For his willingness to take on new challenges with a positive attitude.
Grade 5/6	Kayleb Jones	For his enthusiasm and dedication to improving his reading skills in MacLit. Well done and keep up the great work!

Welcome

We welcome Dekahnie (Year 7), Armaliah (Year 5) and Willow (Grade 3) and their families to Star of the Sea. We hope they enjoy their time here.

We also welcome back Mr Jacob Braid, a UTas education prac student, who will be with Mrs Davis and the Grade 5/6 class for the next 4 weeks.

Staff Movements

Ms Gay is on leave for the next two weeks.

Mrs King is on leave this week and will return next week.

Mrs Nesbit is on leave this Thursday and Friday.

Mr Chapman is on leave this Friday.

Mrs Romein is on Long Service Leave next week and the following 2 weeks.

Mrs Davis is on leave next Tuesday.

Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival

The Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival for Grades 3-10 students will take place next Wednesday afternoon at school and all day on Thursday at the St Leonard's Athletics Centre. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Choir Workshop

Simon Halsey, an international choral champion, is coming to George Town on Friday to work with our Grade 3-6 students. This will take place at the Memorial Hall with the students walking to the venue. It promises to be a great opportunity and we thank the TSO and Bell Bay Aluminium for their support for this workshop.

International Day of the Girl Child

Soroptimist International are once again putting on an event for our Grade 5 and 6 girls to recognise the International Day of the Girl Child, with a line-up of 5 inspiring speakers. This will take place this Friday at Port Dalrymple High School, and we thank them and the Soroptimists for their support of this event.

St Finn Barr's Primary School Athletics Carnival

Weather permitting, we will be sending a group of Year 10 students to support the St Finn Barr's Primary School Athletics Carnival this Friday.

Drama Club Update

A message from Ms Gay:

Thank you to everyone who replied about Drama Club!

Mondays and Thursdays were the most popular afternoons.

I will be away until Week 3 of Term 4, but once I'm back, I'll be in touch with all of you about the time and place for our first sessions.

Please note that other schools are welcome so spread the word!

Grandparents Day

Our Grandparents Day will be held next week - Tuesday 21st October. We will have a prayer service in the Church at 2:30pm, and this will be followed by an afternoon tea for our Grandparents. There is an RSVP attached to this newsletter.

Star of the Sea Church Times

Mass times for this week:

Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00pm Saturday
Sunday Mass - 11:00am Sunday

at the George Town Catholic Church (Our Lady Star of the Sea) which is located in Goulburn Street, across the road from the Hall.

Enrolments for 2026

Enrolments for 2026 for new students for all year levels are now open **and we are currently conducting enrolment interviews for those who have handed their enrolment forms into the school.** *Little Stars, our Kinder transition program, begins next week. There will also be a transition time between recess and lunch for students coming into Year 7 next year, both from Star of the Sea and other schools.*

School Lunches this Week

School lunches will begin in Week 2. The days for this term are:

Wednesday- 3s to 6s

Friday - Preps to Grade 2

Term 4 Primary Assembly Roster

The following classes will be leading assemblies over the coming weeks. **Please note that this roster may change**

WEEK 1	Thursday 16th October	12.10pm	Prep
WEEK 2	Thursday 23rd October	12.10pm	Kinder
WEEK 3	Thursday 30th October	12.10pm	Grade 5/6
WEEK 4	Thursday 6th November	12.10pm	Grade 4/5

Grandparent's Day Celebration Tuesday 21st October

Grandparents are welcome to join the Primary students in the Church for a prayer at 2:30pm, this will be followed by afternoon tea in the hall.



Please RSVP by Monday 20th October

I/we _____

are the grandparents of _____

and I/we will be attending the Grandparent's Day celebrations:

Church Prayer ☐ Afternoon Tea ☐

Dietary requirements _____

Calendar Term 4 2025

Monday 13th October	Insight into Learning PL Day (Student-free day)
Tuesday 14th October	<u>Term 4 begins for Students</u>
Friday 17th October	Grade 5/6 Girls Soroptimist session; Primary Choral activity
Tuesday 21st October	Grandparent's Day
Wednesday 22nd October - Thursday 23rd October	Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival (Grade 3-10) - half day on Wednesday
Wednesday 22nd October	Little Stars begins
Tuesday 28th October	K-2 Athletics Carnival
Friday 31st October	World Teachers Day
Monday 3rd November	Recreation Day Holiday
Monday 10th November	Ryka Ali performance
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Wednesday 12th November	TPSSA Swimming Carnival
Thursday 13th November - Friday 14th November	Principal meetings at Star of the Sea
Friday 14th November	RYDA (Year 10s)
Thursday 20th November	NHSSA Div 3 Athletics Carnival
Friday 21st November	Presentation Feast Day and Pilgrimage
Monday 1st December	Advent Prayer; Year 10 Exam week begins
Friday 5th December	Colour Run
Monday 8th December	Advent Prayer; Year 10 Service Day
Tuesday 9th December	Primary Transition morning; Year 10 Big Day Out
Wednesday 10th December	Last day for Year 10s; Year 10 Final Prayer and Awards
Thursday 11th December	Primary Nativity Play
Friday 12th December	Year 10 Leavers Dinner, George Town Christmas Parade
Monday 15th December	Advent Prayer
Tuesday 16th December	Last day for students; End of Year Assembly
Wednesday 17th December	Last day for staff

Flexischools is now Live!

A short reminder to parents - set up your Flexischools account

- Star of the Sea is now using Flexischools for online ordering and payments for lunch orders from the canteen. This means parents can order lunch for their children (Primary or Secondary) via the Flexischools app.
- Orders must be in by 9am on the day of the order!
- Make sure you've downloaded the app, and set up an account if you want to be able to use this service after this date. Simply download the app from the iOS App Store or Google Play Store or you can register on the Flexischools website.
- If you need any help, Flexischools' parent support team is available weekdays 7.00am – 5pm AEST on 1300 361 769.



School Uniforms 2026 for Kinder to Grade 2 students

A couple of years ago we conducted a survey with parents and students around school uniform. One of the main wishes from both groups was to have students in Primary wear the PE uniform as their school uniform for more years than just Kinder. Reasons behind this were having age-appropriate uniforms for students, as well as allowing girls to participate more fully in the playground.

With this in mind, we have been working towards having Primary students wearing the PE uniform up to Grade 2, with students from Grade 3 upwards wearing the academic uniform. This transition has been held up due to having combined Grade 1/2 classes. Next year will see us having a combined Grade 1/2 class again.

Therefore, in order to move the transition along:

- In 2026 students in Grade 1/2 can wear either the PE uniform or the academic uniform. The only time all students will need to wear a particular uniform is on Photo Day, and that uniform will be the PE uniform.
- Students in Prep will be required to wear the PE uniform for 2026.
- In 2027, all students up to Grade 2 will be required to wear the PE uniform as the school uniform.

Please keep this in mind when purchasing uniforms for 2026.

Emotion of the week

Boredom

We feel bored when we feel weary or restless due to a lack of interest. We want to engage in something satisfying, but we can't. But boredom can be good. It allows our imagination to play and grow. "Boredom is your imagination calling to you." (Sherry Turkle)



Star of the Sea Colour Fun Run

The 2025 Colour Fun Run will be held on Friday December 5th. We hope everyone is able to join in our Colour Fun Run activities which will include class based activities and an opportunity for students to participate in the Colour Fun Run where they will negotiate an obstacle course and have the opportunity to run through the colour stations. Students will need a white or black t-shirt to wear for the Colour Fun Run, which will end up multi-coloured by the end of the day!

All students in the College are encouraged to participate and join in the fundraising and Colour Run activities. Student profiles can be created by visiting the official website: <https://app.schoolfundraising.com.au> or by using the QR Code. Our fundraising target for 2025 is \$5000 so let's get started!



Important dates to make a note of include the Colour Fun Run Event Date which is December 5th and the prize ordering window which is between November 14th-19th. All students who raise \$10 or more are eligible to select a prize relevant to the amount they fundraise. Details about prizes can be found on the website and will also be advertised at school in the coming weeks.



Event Date

DEC

05

Prize Open

NOV

14

Prize Close

NOV

19

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.

Our Kinder teacher, Mrs Selina Taylor, is running SetUp this year.



Term 3 2025 Awards

Application to Learning Awards (Primary)

Kinder	Jasmine Bishop
Prep	Eileithya Quilty-Maguire
Grade 1	Axel Grimsey-Gray
Grade 2	Billie Walker
Grade 3	Makenzie Victor
Grade 4	Samuel Ogden
Grade 5	Willow Tunks
Grade 6	Oscar Smith



Merit Awards (Secondary)

Year 7

Kiara Hooper	Consistent Effort and Application
Zoe Philpotts	Consistent Effort and Application
Maya Best	Consistent Effort and Application
Rhiannon Moore	Consistently High Achievement
Joel Berger	Consistent Effort and Application

Year 8

Jai Jacobs	For a great work ethic in alternative programs
Paityn Tunks	Consistently High Achievement
Aiden Lang	Consistent effort in Mathematics
Charli Davey	Consistent Effort and Application

Year 9

Ruby Clarke	Consistent Effort and Application
Lillian Mather	Consistent Effort in English
Indiana Cartwright	Improvement in English
Erika Clark	Consistent Effort in Mathematics

Year 10

Henry Lindfors	Consistent Effort and Application
Joshua Chapman	Consistent Effort and Application
Damien Milner	Good work ethic in Mathematics and Food Technology
Lillian Hockey	Consistent Effort and Application
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