

# Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 16th June 2026

## From the Principal

I sometimes wonder if, in the future, I will have a mid-life crisis, or whether I've already had it and just didn't notice it. If I have one in the future I'll be happy because it will mean I should live to over 100!

But I haven't had the urge to quit my job, go off and buy a motorcycle and find myself, or whatever it is I'm supposed to do during a mid-life crisis. Perhaps I haven't had this urge because, during my formative years, I read a book by a Jesuit writer about finding happiness, and one of his key messages was accepting who you are. If we are going to be truly happy, we need to be comfortable with how God made us.

So I have to be comfortable with the fact that I am never going to be an Olympic athlete or a professional AFL footballer, I won't be called up to compete in *Dancing with the Stars*, and I won't be appearing on giant billboards in major cities advertising some fashion brand or another (that is, my modelling career is over before it began).

I say all of this because we live in a world which encourages us to **not** be comfortable with who we are. We are always encouraged to buy products that make ourselves look younger, whether it be creams and lotions or whether it be some sort of surgery - minor Botox injections or major facelifts. But at what point did we decide that aging was not a good thing? For thousands of years, aging was natural. It's just what you did as you got older. Now we are encouraged to disguise this process as if it is not something to be comfortable about.

All of this advertising is especially dangerous for our young people. Young girls, in particular, are bombarded with social media advice on how they should look, what foods they should eat and what will make them attractive. Unfortunately, none of the major brands are telling them to just be comfortable with who they are. There's no money in that.

And then we wonder why people aren't happy. How can we be happy when we think we have to live up to standards which are impossible to live up to? If we set goals that are unreachable, we will always feel miserable.

This is not to say that we shouldn't try to be the best version of ourselves. God doesn't want us to become slob! If we see ourselves as made in the image of God, then we should also look after ourselves, including our health - what we eat, how much exercise we get, how much sleep we get. But there is a difference between looking after ourselves and trying to be something which is not ourself.

Within the Star of the Sea Catholic community we talk about the dignity of the human being, that is, every human being has value and worth because they are made in God's image. That includes ourselves. So we are called upon to look after ourselves but also to be comfortable with how God has created us. God doesn't make mistakes. If you are trying to change what is natural, you are trying to change what was already perfect.

**Richard Chapman**  
Principal



*Attentiveness,  
Hospitality  
and  
Compassion.*

*"Stop trying to  
fix your body.  
It was never  
broken." - Eve  
Enslar*

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



# Religious Education and Faith Development

Heart  
Spirituality



Attentiveness  
Hospitality  
Compassion

## Psalm for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.



### Star of the Sea Mass Times

Mass times for this week:

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



### Staff Movements

**Mrs Sikkens** will soon be having surgery and will be away from school for the rest of this term as well as the first few weeks of next term. We keep her in our prayers at this time. Mrs Couttie will take over the Grade 4/5 class in Mrs Sikkens' absence.

**Mrs Nesbit** is on Professional Learning tomorrow.

**Mr Goodall** is on leave on Thursday.

**Miss Fox** is on Professional Learning on Friday.

### Enrolments

**Kinder 2027** - We have now officially opened enrolments for Kinder 2027. We encourage all forms to be handed into the College office by the end of Term 2.

**Year 7 2027** - If you know of someone who is wishing to enrol their child in Year 7 for next year (from another school), please encourage them to have their enrolment form into the office by the end of this term (July 10th). We may have limited spaces for enrolments next year so enrolments will not be done on a first come first served basis.

**Spaces left in 2026** - Many of our classes are close to full, so we are currently accepting enrolments on a case-by-case basis. Our Grade 1/2 class is officially full and has a waiting list.

### School Lunches

School lunches will be as normal.

**Wednesday** - Grades 3 to 6

**Friday** - Prep to Grade 2



This week's meal is Beef Lasagne.

### Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships

On Thursday, 11th of June, Rhianna Crowden (7), Livinia Jones (7) and Avaya Hooper (8) travelled to Symmons Plains to compete in the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Championships. Despite the rain earlier in the week, the weather conditions were favourable for cross country running with clear, sunny skies.

All three students competed with exceptional enthusiasm and pride. Regardless of the end results of their races, Star of the Sea is incredibly proud of these three students for taking on the opportunity to represent themselves and their school in a prestigious race.



(Photos courtesy of Brooke Crowden)

From the Deputy Principal



# NAIDOC WEEK

# 50 YEARS DEADLY

## 5-12 JULY 2026

Star of the Sea Catholic College will participate in NAIDOC Week activities during the last week of Term Two. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. (<https://www.naidoc.org.au>)

This year, NAIDOC Week celebrates its 50 year milestone. In 2026 NAIDOC Week will explore key moments across five decades of NAIDOC Week history, from land rights to the Stolen Generations and Reconciliation, and the music, art and culture that have defined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories.

## Muylatina Program at Star of the Sea

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students have been working together on a range of initiatives this year to honour their perspectives, to support connection and identity, truth telling and the continued development of culture and sharing of stories. Through their work and connection with Bianca Templar, who is a proud Truwulway (Tasmanian) and Bunurong (Victorian) woman, the students have shaped the 2026 program and have chosen to name this the Muylatina Program, which means *to embrace* in Palawa Kani. The Muylatina Program has been developed in partnership with Mrs Robotham, who is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Key Support Teacher this year, Bianca Templar and the students themselves and highlights what the students would like to learn and what the students would like their peers to know about them, their culture, their history and the impacts colonisation has had, both historically and in the modern experience.

The students have already been engaged in a range of activities and knowledge sharing experiences. A peer reading program is underway which occurs twice weekly with students from the younger Primary classes and this has also included traditional games and activities which the students look forward to each week. On country experiences have helped to build connections for the older students and there are plans for more opportunities in the coming weeks which will include exploring Aboriginal art, on country experiences locally and throughout the North and North-East, coil weaving, rope making, cultural displays to install throughout the school, exploring foods and participating in women's business and men's business activities to continue to build knowledge and cultural experiences.



## Grade 7/8 Winter Sport

### Thursday 4th June

Soccer - cancelled due to weather

### Netball -

SOTS Div 2 - 14-12 win against KMHS

SOTS Div 3a - 14-12 win against PHS

SOTS Div 3b - 7-1 win against BHS



A terrific week for grade 7/8 sport with all three netball teams achieving a win and some against very strong competition.

Due to their early success and dominance, the Div 2 team has now progressed to Div 1. This means they'll be facing the top teams from various Launceston schools which SOTS hasn't done for a number of years.

Thursday 18th June

Soccer is at Queechy High School

Netball is at The Hub - Mowbray

## Term 2 Primary Assembly Roster

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

**Please note that this roster may change**

<b>WEEK 7</b>	Thursday 18th June	Grade 3/4	12.10pm
<b>WEEK 8</b>	Thursday 25th June	Grade 1/2	12.10pm
<b>WEEK 9</b>	Thursday 2nd July	Prep	12.10pm
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Thursday 9th July	Kinder	12.10pm

### 2027 Term dates

#### Term One

Monday Friday 5th February - Thursday 8th April

#### Term Two

Monday 26th April - Friday 2nd July

#### Term Three

Tuesday 20th July - Friday 24th September

#### Term Four

Monday 11th October - Wednesday 15th December

# 2027

<b>Calendar Term 2 - 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 22nd June</b>	Premier's Reading Challenge
<b>Thursday 25th June</b>	Grade 6 Presentation Charism Day
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	TPSSA Winter Sport Round 1
<b>Monday 29th June</b>	Interschools Chess Tournament
<b>Sunday 5th - Sunday 12th July</b>	NAIDOC Week
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	End of Term Assembly; Term 2 ends for students
<b>Monday 27th July</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>Tuesday 28th July</b>	Students resume Term 3

### Stars of the Week - 11th June 2026

**Kinder Elah Janse van Rensburg**

For always doing the school rules and having excellent behaviour at Kindergarten.

**Prep Jackson Barwick**

For great persistence when trying new things in Maths, with his handwriting and with Shelf Work.

**Grade 1/2 Lucas Davis**

For learning how to tell the time on an analog clock.

**Grade 3/4 Savannah Lewis**

For sustained focus and always producing her best work.

**Grade 4/5 Oliver Bennett**

For the excellent improvement he has demonstrated in Mathematics.

**Grade 6 Tristan Ackerly**

For demonstrating excellent leadership and friendship skills by helping others with their marble run activity. Well done!

### SetUp for Success

Our early learning program, SetUp, is back in 2026 and is on every Thursday during term time between 9:00am and 10:30am in the Kinder room and is for children from birth to 5 years of age.

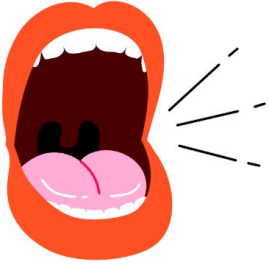

It is completely free and all are welcome.

Mrs Ros Ashenden will run SetUp during Term 2.



**SETUP**  
for  
**SUCCESS**

## Shout Outs Term 2 - Weeks 4 & 5

25.5	<p>Zeke Matthews Mason Davenport Ari Bezemer-Mahoney Logan Hawkins Rafael Tilain Christopher Banks Jasmine Bishop Elijah Bailey Audrey Sutor Jackson Barwick Hazel-Mae Provis Lilyan Monaghan Daisy Simpson Jaxon Hillard Nirvan Mahamada-Arachchilage Medea Quilty-Maguire</p>	<p>Great drama in our literacy lesson Helping clean up after art Super fast tidy up after art and design tech Great math thinking Great thinking in literacy Putting away art things so quickly Cleaning up so fast after art Helping pick up after art Putting away pencils and things after design &amp; tech For cleaning up after art Great spelling in Spelling Mastery Tidying up without being asked to Cleaning up so well after art Quick math work Cleaning up super fast after art Cleaning up after art so quickly</p>	
27.5	<p>Erwin Monaghan Stanley Moore Oliver Hewitt Lucas Zanchetta Eliana Dodge Leah Janse Van Rensburg Lincon Penfold Mia Ernst Willow Brown</p>	<p>Always using manners Always packing away outside Walking safely to the library and back Putting all of the blocks into the tub Beautiful artwork Walking safely to the library Walking safely to the library and back Walking safely to the library Walking safely to the library</p>	
28.5	<p>Logan Sutor Hazel-Mae Provis Zeke Matthews Luis Lee Luis Lee Oliver Bennett Kailan Wheeldon Willow Bailey Jaxon Hillard Evie Jacobs Kiara Fisher Zeke Matthews Noah McKitrick Jasmine Walker Archie Bennett Hamish Bannon Hamish Bannon Billie Walker Noah McKitrick Zoe Provis</p>	<p>Helping a younger student Great Spelling Mastery lesson Great spelling in Macqlit Being incredibly helpful in the classroom Great Spelling Mastery lesson Great Spelling Mastery lesson Great Spelling Mastery lesson Great spelling in Macqlit Always knowing what to do on Chrome Music Lab Staying on task in art Great Spelling Mastery lesson Working hard during spelling Cleaning up in the playground Great artwork Great spelling in Macqlit Great spelling in Macqlit Working hard during spelling Great artwork Beautiful detail on his Aboriginal picture Staying focused during art</p>	

## Shout Outs Term 2 - Weeks 4 & 5 cont

1.6 Hamish Bannon  
 2.6 Matilda Jacobs  
 Alby Hawkins  
 Bailey Goodridge  
 Stanley Moore

Aj Freeman  
 Melody Bullock  
 Melody Bullock  
 Logan Hawkins

3.6 Bailey Goodridge  
 Vanessa Linley  
 Eliana Dodge  
 Logan Hawkins  
 Kailan Wheeldon  
 Jaxon Hillard  
 Alby Hawkins  
 Noah McKitrick  
 Bienvinido Bennett  
 Samantha Gall  
 Erwin Monaghan

Aj Freeman  
 Makenzie Victor  
 Joseph Pride  
 William McKean  
 Medea Quilty-Maguire  
 Daisy Simpson  
 Nirvan Mahamada-Arachchilage

5.6 Nirvan Mahamada-Arachchilage  
 Isaiah Tilain  
 Isaiah Tilain  
 Jackson Barwick  
 Lilyan Monaghan  
 Connor Sherriff  
 Raymond Simpson



Great weekend recount  
 Spelling Mastery  
 A great Macqlit lesson  
 Giving up his spot to help someone else  
 Looking after things at Kinder and knowing about the lost and found box  
 Being resilient and brave when his socks were wet  
 Having a friendly face with her friends.  
 Packing up the toys at Kinder  
 Giving up the swings for other students  
 Getting the bathroom & classroom set up for the day  
 Amazing work in comprehension and literacy  
 A beautiful fish drawing  
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 Amazing work ethic and huge strides in Maths  
 Super quick maths answers  
 A great Macqlit lesson  
 Great colours in his fish  
 Incredible work in science  
 Incredible work in comprehension and writing  
 Putting all of the cars into the car basket when it wasn't even him that got them out  
 Sitting at group even when he didn't feel like it  
 Consistent excellent work in class  
 Outstanding grasp of Maths processes  
 Consistent hard work and engagement in all tasks  
 Being such a great listener  
 Being such a great member of Prep  
 Listening and following instructions in class  
 Being such a kind member of Prep  
 Being so calm and relaxed for meditation  
 Tidying the classroom and helping others  
 Focusing on his work and helping others  
 Being calm during meditation  
 Such great manners towards others  
 Great meditation skills after lunch  
 Using his own initiative to be helpful and tidy the room a few times when the teacher was away

