

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

From the Principal

What would people think of us if they looked at our social media pages? What impression would others have of us if they saw what we wrote and what we posted on our social media pages?

This was a question I put to our secondary students at their assembly last Friday. Even though social media should be delayed until children are 16, as a school we are aware that some students still have social media accounts. And, because social media is not as private as people think it is, we sometimes are shown screenshots from these accounts when students or parents are a bit worried about what they see.

As a school we don't tend to do much with social media concerns as it is often out of our control and happens outside of school. We will act on things if they start to affect students here at school, but we don't play the "social media police."

Nevertheless, it is good for students to be reminded that they have a digital footprint. What they put on social media now can be seen by people in the future, unless they make the effort to delete it. Just like our children's bedrooms need to be tidied up every once in a while, so do their social media accounts.

These days some businesses, when advertising for a position, will do a check on social media for anyone who puts an application in. If they don't like what they see, they don't bother inviting that person in for an interview. I also asked the secondary students what would happen if they applied for a job and their social media accounts were examined. Would they still be invited in for an interview?

So what does our digital footprint say about us? In what light does it paint us? Would people get the impression that we are kind and generous, or would they get some other, more negative impression?

Some people might say, "I don't care what people think of me when they look at my digital footprint. I know I'm a good person!" But if what we think we are and what we display online are two different things, maybe it is time for some self-reflection on who we really are. Thinking we are a good person and actually being a good person are two different things.

God calls us to be people who are loving and kind and compassionate, in all areas of our lives. At our Star of the Sea Catholic community, we want all of our students to display these traits all the time, and to realise that there are not two separate worlds. How we display ourselves online and in person are an extension of each other, they are not two different personalities we have. God calls us to be loving people, wherever we are.

Richard Chapman
Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

*If you can't be
kind, be quiet. -
unknown*

**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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.



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. Fr Bala is returning to India this week. Until further notice, George Town will be serviced by priests from Launceston.



Staff Movements

Mrs King is on leave on Friday.

Mr Chapman and Mrs Harmer are at a meeting on Friday morning.

Mrs Loud is on leave next Monday and Tuesday. **Mrs Wood** will be in the office on these days.

School Lunches

School lunches will be as normal this week.

Wednesday - Grades 3-6

Friday - Prep to Grade 2

Enrolments

Kinder 2027 - Enrolments for Kinder 2027 are still open. We encourage all forms to be handed into the College office as soon as possible.

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.

Academic Competitions

Congratulations to

Kaiden Hewitt (Yr 10) for his achievement of a Credit in the English Competition

Joel Berger (Yr 8) for his achievement of a Credit in the Science Competition

Yeuni Tan (Yr 5) for her achievement of a Distinction in the Mathematics Competition

Chess Competition



Year 10 Work Experience

Our Year 10s are on work experience this week. We thank Mrs Tame for organising this and we also thank all of the businesses who are taking on the students.

End of Term Assembly

We will be holding our End of Term Assembly next Friday 2nd October at 10am in the church. Parents and families are most welcome to attend.

Year 10 RYDA

The Year 10s will be participating in the Rotary Young Driver Awareness program next Tuesday. This is a great opportunity for students to become aware of their responsibilities on the road.

George Town Futures Expo

Our Year 9 and 10 students will be visiting the George Town Futures Expo next Wednesday. This exhibition style fair will showcase local initiatives, businesses, and services through interactive exhibits and activities. The event aims to foster community engagement and inclusivity, with a focus on migrant awareness and school leavers. Local and state-based organisations will offer information on education, employment, social services, and career pathways and opportunities.

Year 9 and 10 Options 2027

Our Year 8 and 9 students have been given their options booklet to help them decide what options subjects they want to do next year. Tomorrow (Wednesday) the students will have a chance to find out more about each option, and then they will begin the process for choosing options for 2027. Options will only run if there are enough students to warrant them running.

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Breakfast Club

This week breakfast club is on **Wednesday and Thursday** as Mrs Robotham was unavailable Tuesday morning.



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 3.

2026 Calendar

Term 3 - 2026	
Thursday 1st October	Country Gold
Friday 2nd October	Term 3 ends; End of Term Assembly
Term 4 - 2026	
Monday 19th October	Student Free Day
Tuesday 20th October	Students resume
Thursday 22nd October	3-10 Athletics carnival at St Leonards (there is no 1/2 day on the Wed)
Thursday 29th October	TPSSA swimming carnival at Scottsdale
Friday 30th October	World Teachers Day; Colour Run
Monday 2nd November	Recreation Day Public Holiday
Mon 9th -Wed 11th November	Grade 5 / 6 Camp
Tuesday 10th November	K-2 Athletics carnival
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th November	NHSSA Div 2 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 17th November	Year 7 2027 transition day
Friday 20th November	Presentation Feast Day
Monday 30th November	Advent Prayer; Year 10 Exam week begins
Monday 7th December	Advent Prayer; Year 10 Service Day and Big Day Out
Tuesday 8th December	Last day for Year 10s; Year 10 Final Prayer and Awards
Wednesday 9th December	Primary Transition morning
Thursday 10th December	Primary Nativity Play (10am); Year 10 Leavers Dinner
Friday 11th December	George Town Christmas Parade
Monday 14th December	Advent Prayer
Wednesday 16th December	Last day for students; End of Year Assembly
Thursday 17th December	Last day for staff

From the Deputy Principal



It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and effort already happening across the school to get our fundraising underway. We are delighted with the first few weeks of our fundraising campaign. We hope to have all students signed up before the upcoming school holidays so if you have not yet registered please visit the Australian Fundraising website to make your profile page.

Visit <https://myprofilepage.com.au/> for more information.

Ryka Ali visit

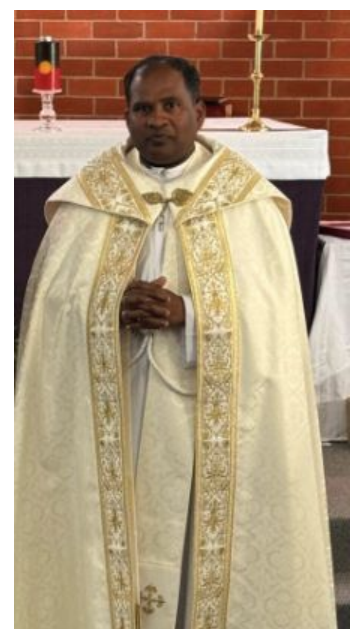
On Thursday we had Ryka Ali and his brother join us to share music, dance, knowledge and cultural experiences with students across the school. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and participation from students. This was a great experience and assisted our school community to engage in cultural activities that build connection and understanding of First Nations histories and cultures.



Father Bala Farewell

Last Thursday our school community gathered to thank Father Bala for his work in our parish. Over the past 6 years, Father Bala has served us with his gentle and virtuous leadership. During the prayer service students shared their perspectives on the role Father Bala has played in our school.

Mr Chapman reflected on the virtues Father Bala has shown throughout his time in our parish. We thank Father Bala for his service and leadership and wish him well as he prepares to return to India for the next chapter of his faith journey.



Term 3 Primary Assembly Roster

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

Please note that this roster may change

WEEK 9	Thursday 24th September	Grade 4/5	12.10pm
WEEK 10	Thursday 1st October	Grade 3/4	12.10pm

Div 3B Premiership Game

Ten Star of the Sea students, Eva and Mrs Harmer travelled to the Hub in Mowbray on the 17th September to compete against Cressy in the **Div 3B Premiership game**.

It was a closely matched game, with SOTS holding a narrow **11–10 lead at three-quarter time**. All players had a fair go, with plenty of standout performances across the team.

SOTS finished strongly to claim a well-earned **14–10 victory**.

Congratulations to the whole team on a fantastic effort!



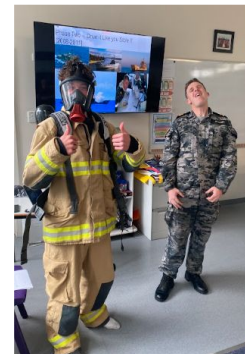
Navy Headquarters Tasmania Outreach Program

We had a visit from 2 members of the Navy this week.

They visited with Years 9 and 10 to share the story of a career in the Navy . Themes discussed included:

- Why join the Navy or defense force?
- Training experiences
- Mental health challenges and overcoming them by seeking help
- Success of young and inspirational women in Navy; and
- Lessons learnt on reflection

Plus there was a hands on component of dressing in Fire Fighting equipment.



Star of the Sea Catholic College

Invites you to our

End of Term Assembly on

Friday 2nd October 2026

At 10:00am in the Church

Please join us

