

Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 8th September 2026

From the Principal

We will not learn how to be beautiful human beings from social media.

Sure, we might get beauty tips or health tips (helpful or not) from Tik Tok or Instagram, but none of these will teach us how to be human. In fact, some of these tips we get from certain influencers will teach us to be anything but human.

Because being human is about being attentive to the needs of those around us. It is listening deeply to their story and doing what we can to help them feel comfortable while they are around us. And because each of us is an individual, we have to interact with each individual person to discover how we can help them feel comfortable around us. It is a bit of trial and error, but it can only be done with human interaction.

Unfortunately we hear of certain influencers who spend their time telling anyone who listens how to make people feel uncomfortable. They tell males how they should be degrading women, not letting them have a career, and have control over them. Of course there are very few women around who agree with this and do their best to avoid men with this attitude. So all that happens to most of the boys who listen to these influencers is that they become lonely.

The world would be a better place if, rather than these influencers giving bad advice which eventually leads to loneliness, instead they give advice about how to be a gentleman. Because a gentleman is someone who makes other people feel comfortable around him. A gentleman is someone who is attentive to the needs of those he meets and listens deeply to their stories.

Our humanity is tied up in our relationships with other people. It is not just about ourselves. When we focus on ourselves and our own needs all of the time, all that happens is that we become more isolated, more lonely. But that is not who God calls us to be. God calls us to be in relationship with each other, and we can only learn to do this by spending time with others and learning from them.

Watching people on social media is not spending time with them. It is not being in relationship with them. Social media is not bad. But it is not a replacement for a real relationship. It does not help us to learn from others and listen deeply to them.

One of the advantages about being in a school is that we are forced to interact with others all of the time. But rather than that being something we just "put up with", it is also a great opportunity for us to practice how to be human through the relationships we form with others. We won't always get it right, but the more we practice the more we learn how to help others be comfortable around us, and be the people God calls us to be.

Richard Chapman
Principal



*Attentiveness,
Hospitality
and
Compassion.*

Never love
anyone who
treats you like
you're ordinary.
- Oscar Wilde

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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

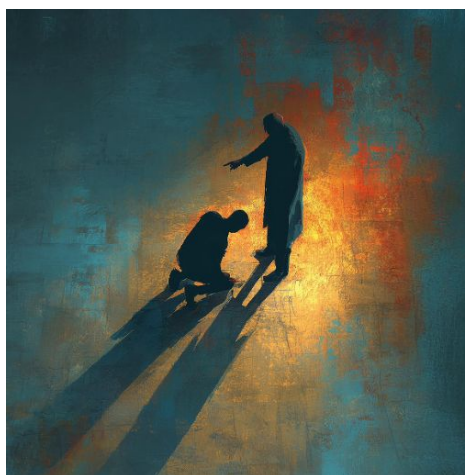
**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings..

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.



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.

Father Bala farewell

Fr Bala is finishing his time in the George Town Parish and will be returning to India. His last Mass in the Parish will be the 11am Mass on Sunday 20th September. Following Mass we will have a shared lunch in the Hall. If you would like to attend, please bring a plate to share.



Staff Movements

Mrs Harmer is at professional learning tomorrow and on leave next Tuesday.

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.

Father's Day Breakfast



From the Deputy Principal



The Monty the Monstar Colour Fun Run is coming to our school on October 30th in early Term 4. Get ready to support this event by logging on to the online portal to set up student profiles now. **The class that has the highest percentage of students signed up by Thursday September 10th will win a class Icy Pole Party.**

If you have not been involved in a Colour Fun Run event in the past, you may not know very much about what it is and why we have this event. Over the coming weeks, more information will be shared about the event and what we are fundraising for. Keep an eye out for the emails, newsletter information and Compass event details over the coming weeks.

This week our information explains more about the event and what it is.

A Colour Fun Run is an event that we run at school during the school day. It also has a fundraising purpose. Parents sign students up to participate via an online portal. Students can raise a small amount of money or set a goal to raise an enormous amount of money by gaining donations from family and friends. Students who raise \$10 or more are able to select a prize which they will receive after the event has occurred. There are different levels of prizes that relate to how much money has been raised. If students would prefer to contribute their fundraising to support a cause, there are also six worthwhile causes they can support. More information about prizes and causes that can be supported is available in the portal.

On the day of the event, students wear a white t-shirt and sports clothes and participate by running the event course which has stations of coloured powder. The coloured powders create a rainbow of colour to run through and everyone ends up brightly coloured.

For this event we also have some slime. This means we will have the greatly anticipated Slime Time event happening on the day as well. Throughout the fundraising campaign we will set fundraising target amounts and students will be able to vote on which teachers they want to see involved in Slime Time!

So get involved, sign up and start fundraising.



National Child Protection Week

National Child Protection Week (NCPW) brings Australians together to focus on how we can all help keep children and young people safe, supported and heard.

It is an opportunity to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect, share information and practical resources, amplify the voices of children and young people, and promote actions that strengthen families and communities and prevent harm before it occurs.

National Child Protection Week reminds us that protecting children is everyone's business. We all have a role to play – whether we are parents, carers, community members, educators, service providers, policymakers or neighbours.

By coming together, listening to children and young people, sharing ideas and turning conversation into action, we can strengthen the communities around children and families. We can also celebrate what is already working, while continuing to build environments where every child is valued, respected and able to thrive.



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 3.

8 Winter Sport

Results 03/09/2026

Netball:

SOTS Div 1 vs PHSb 10-15 loss

SOTS Div 3a vs BHSb Forfeit

SOTS Div 3b vs PHSb 9-6 win

Soccer:

SOTS vs CDHS 2-1 win

10/09/2026 Games

Netball:

The Hub - Mowbray

Soccer:

SOTS Vs QHS

At QHS 12.40pm

SOTS Div 1 vs KMHS @ The Hub (12:50)

SOTS Div 3 SOTSa vs SOTSb @ The Hub 12:50)

Term 3 Primary Assembly Roster

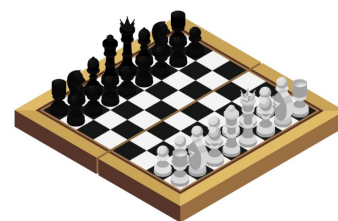
The following classes will be leading assemblies over the coming weeks:

Please note that this roster may change

WEEK 7	Thursday 10th September	Grade 6	12.10pm
WEEK 8	Thursday 17th September	Farewell for Father Bala - Whole School	12.10pm
WEEK 9	Thursday 24th September	Grade 3/4	12.10pm
WEEK 10	Thursday 1st October	Grade 1/2	12.10pm

Chess Competition

The final Chess Tournament for 2026 will be held on Friday September 18 in Launceston. Students who have regularly been a part of the Monday Chess Club are invited to enter this competition. If you would like your child to be included in the team for this event please contact Mrs Robotham. Entries are needed by Friday September 11th.



Stars of the Week - 3rd September 2026

Kinder

AJ Freeman

For always being such a caring, considerate and supportive friend to everyone in Kindergarten.

Prep

Ollie Mason

For a great start to our School and for joining in all our activities.

Grade 1/2

Remy Lee

For sounding out unknown words and improving his blending skills.

Grade 3/4

Evie Jacobs

For improved focus and engagement towards her learning.

Grade 4/5

Kirra-Lyla Harris

For excellent engagement and focus on her written work.

Grade 6

Niklaus Quilty-Maguire

For his entertaining rendition of Michael Jackson at the Book Week parade. You are a truly amazing performer. Well done!

RUOK? DAY®

10 September 2026

RUOK?
A conversation could change a life.

This Thursday, September 10, is **RUOK? DAY**. On Thursday we will have a particular focus on ways we can raise awareness about mental health and wellbeing and how we can support our family and friends. There will be a range of activities with an **RUOK? DAY** theme including an **RUOK? DAY** Breakfast as part of Breakfast Club, an **RUOK? DAY** Dance Party at recess, **RUOK? DAY** information tables and **RUOK? DAY** activity stations. Our Primary assembly on Thursday will also have an **RUOK? DAY** theme and will be led by members of the SRC.

In the lead up to this event, the SRC members have discussed ideas that they think will be beneficial and suitable for our school community and they have spent time planning how they will run these activities.

Star of the Sea RUOK? DAY: **Thursday 10th September**

Students may wear sport uniform and yellow accessories or yellow items of clothing.

There is no cost for this day.

There is also a community BBQ Lunch being held in George Town on Monday September 14 see flyer for more information. → → → →



Student Wellbeing Check-ins

At Star of the Sea we provide students with a range of ways they can check in with someone to gain assistance and support with their wellbeing. Sometimes this is for something that can be easily overcome with the right guidance and strategies and sometimes it is for something that needs longer term guidance and support. We help students to know who they can go to for assistance and we regularly promote the different ways students can identify someone who can help them.

Annie Hughes has been working in the school this term as our Student Wellbeing Officer. Annie has been available to spend time with students who have needed extra support or some further guidance or strategies. Annie has also visited classes to increase students familiarity with who Annie is and this has also enabled Annie to get to know the students in our school. Annie is currently at school on Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like your child to have an opportunity to speak with Annie, please contact Mrs Robotham for some further information. We also have our school counsellors, Emma and Jasmine, available to meet with students who may need some additional support. A specific referral process is used to identify students who might work with our counsellors. If you would like to know more about this please contact Mrs Robotham.

Recently we invited all students who have had parent consent to participate in a Mind Mind Check. Students have completed the check-ins via an online portal. This has been a beneficial check in as it has provided school-wide data about how students are generally feeling. The results of this initial check-in have been very positive, indicating that the majority of students have well-developed strategies to manage their feelings and emotions and their general concerns.

The focus on targeted Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) that has included the Zones of Regulation, has increased students' confidence in managing their general emotional states. We have also seen an increase in students' ability to identify their feelings and emotions and to understand what they can do to support how they are feeling. An important part of this is helping students understand the types of things they can manage on their own and the types of things they might need to seek some support and assistance with.

Term 3 - 2026	
Thursday 10th September	7/8 Winter Sport Grand Finals; RUOK Day
Thursday 17th September	Farewell for Father Bala - 12.10pm
Thursday 1st October	Country Gold
Friday 2nd October	Term 3 ends; End of Term Assembly
Term 4 - 2026	
Monday 19th October	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 20th October	School resumes for Students
Thursday 22nd October	3-10 Athletics carnival at St Leonards (note there is no half day on the Wednesday anymore).
Thursday 29th October	TPSSA swimming carnival at Scottsdale
Tuesday 10th November	K-2 Athletics carnival