Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 20th October 2026

From the Principal

During the holidays I got caught up watching a silent movie from the 1920s called *The Crowd* (as you do). The story was based around a man who, when he was a boy, his father had told him he was going to be someone important when he grew up. Always believing this, as an adult he moved to New York looking for an opportunity, only to find the longer he stayed, the more he found his life was as ordinary as everyone else's.

In the movie the man became very frustrated about this. And when personal tragedies happened in his family, as they do in all families, it became very difficult for him to deal with not only the tragedy but also his feeling of being "ordinary."

Also during the holidays I was helping to clean out our archives room and came across some old College yearbooks. In them, past Year 10 students had written about what they wanted to be doing in the future or in 10 year's time. Some had big dreams (like playing for Collingwood in a premiership) while others talked about going to university or leaving the state or taking up a trade. In the end, I'm sure that they all look at their lives now and consider them to be quite ordinary.

Because the reality is, almost all of us live quite ordinary lives. For almost all of us, life consists of getting up and going to work each day, or looking after children, or checking in with aging parents, or contributing to our community. But that's okay. One of the things we need to get comfortable with as we get older is that our lives are quite ordinary.

Sometimes we get sucked into looking at people on TV or on social media and think that these people live fascinating lives. But the reality is, they don't. An AFL footballer may be famous because they are on TV every weekend, but we don't see the ordinariness of their life - constant training and travelling, looking after their family, eating in a very particular way. In a way, the life of an athlete involves far more drudgery than our own with only a few highlights thrown in.

We might look at people on social media with lots of followers and believe they live amazing lives. But they don't. What they are doing is living very ordinary lives with lots of people watching.

Living an "ordinary" life is okay, because in the end, the value of our lives is not how exciting they are, but how much we have a positive effect on others. Just because we are not "in charge" of something or we are not famous doesn't mean our lives have no meaning. We always hear of older people saying that the greatest achievement in their lives was their family. In other words, what gave their life value in the end was not how famous they became but how much love they were able to put into the world.

In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we want to encourage our children to dream big, but we also want them to realise that happiness will not be found in fame and fortune, but instead in our relationships and how much we can contribute to the world. God doesn't call us to be famous. God's happy with ordinary people who love.



Richard Chapman
Principal

Attentiveness, Hospitality and Compassion.

There's a pleasure in being reminded of the value of ordinary life. - *Karen Thompson Walker*

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

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Psalm for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love you, Lord, my strength.



I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Star of the Sea Mass 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. We will have visiting priests until further notice. Mass times will change in November.

Term 4 Primary Assembly Roster

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

Please note that this roster may change

Week 2	**Thursday 29th Oct**	**Grade 1/2**	**2:15pm**
Week 3	**Thursday 5th Nov**	**Prep**	**12:10pm**
Week 4	**Thursday 12th Nov**	**Kinder/Grade 6**	**12:10pm**

Welcome

We welcome Grace (Year 7), Archie (Prep) and Evie (Kinder) and their families to the Star of the Sea Catholic community. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Staff Movements

Mrs Honeychurch is on leave on Thursday and Friday.
Mrs Robotham and Mrs Nesbit are at a meeting on Monday.
Mrs Harmer is on professional learning next Tuesday.

Grandparents Day

We will be celebrating our Grandparents with a prayer and a Devonshire tea this Friday 23rd October. The prayer in the church will begin at 1:45pm, followed by an opportunity for grandparents to visit their child's classroom at 2:15pm, followed by Devonshire Tea at 2:30pm in the Hall. Please note - the Devonshire tea is for Grandparents only (not students). An RSVP is included in this newsletter.

In our Prayers

We keep in our prayers the Bullock family whose young daughter, Charlotte, died on October 4th. The Star of the Sea Catholic community holds them in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Charlotte's funeral service is this Sunday 25th October.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May her souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Sr Patricia Kingsley

The Presentation Sisters ask you to join with them in prayer for their much-loved Sister Patricia Kingsley, who entered eternal life on 15th October 2026 in the 81st year of her Religious Profession.
Sr Patricia served in George Town for some of those 81 years.

Term 4 Calendar

You will see our Term 4 calendar on this newsletter and there is no doubt it will be a very busy term, with school finishing in about eight and a half weeks. We encourage families to keep up to date with what is on the calendar and we will provide more information about events as they come closer.

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. Our ***Little Stars*** transition program for our 2027 Kinder students begins tomorrow.
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.
2027 enrolments - because we will have different class structures next year, spaces are available in most Primary classes for 2027. Families are welcome to call into the office for an enrolment form or download one from our website (starsea.tas.edu.au).

Canteen Closure for Week 1 Term 4 2026

Due to staffing shortages, **our canteen will not be open** this Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

The canteen would have been closed on Thursday, anyway, due to our Athletics Carnival.

Hot lunches will still be on Wednesday (for Grades 3-6) and Friday (for Prep to Grade 2).

Primary Class Structure 2027

Below is our Primary class structure and teachers for 2027. Class structures are organised to provide good learning environments with reasonable class sizes.

Kinder - Mrs Taylor
Prep - Mrs Halley
Grade 1/2 - Mrs McGillivray
Grade 2/3 - Mrs Romein
Grade 4/5 - Miss Innes
Grade 5/6 - Mrs Davis

Mrs Sikkens is retiring at the end of this year and Miss Bethany (Bea) Innes will be replacing her. Miss Innes is transferring to Star of the Sea after recently teaching at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Rosebery. Miss Innes has already visited our school and met some of the students, and will return again for our Primary Transition morning on Wednesday 9th December.

Book Packs for 2027

We are currently finalising book packs for 2027. This year Winc will be our supplier. More information will come out in the coming week or two about this.

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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.

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From the Deputy Principal



Star of the Sea Colour Fun Run – Friday 30 October

We are getting excited for our Colour Fun Run which is going to be an afternoon of colour, laughter and fun! The **Star of the Sea Colour Fun Run is coming up next week on Friday 30 October**, and we can't wait to see our students come together for an exciting afternoon filled with energy and colour. If you have not yet made a profile page there is still time to visit the website and sign up. Visit https://myprofilepage.com.au/ for more information.

The Colour Fun Run is a wonderful opportunity for students to get active, enjoy time with their friends and celebrate being part of our Star of the Sea community. Students will participate by making their way around the Colour Fun Run course with bursts of colourful powder catching them along the way. The afternoon is sure to create plenty of smiles, laughter and memorable moments! Our students are really looking forward to this event.

We encourage all students to get involved, give it their best and embrace the fun. Whether they choose to run, jog or walk their way around the course, the most important thing is to participate, encourage one another and enjoy the experience together. Students who sign up for a profile page can also raise money for our fundraising efforts and any student who raises $10 or more is able to order a prize. The prize portal will open on October 30th.

A few things to remember:

- Students are encouraged to wear a white tshirt.
- Wear other sports clothes and shoes suitable for getting colourful
- Share your profile page with family and friends to support your fundraising.
- Our highest class fundraisers will receive a Star of the Sea Colour Run Star tshirt to wear on the day.
- The highest overall fundraiser gets to wear the Gold Fundraising Champion cape

Star of the Sea Athletics Carnival Grades 3 - 10

Our SOTS Athletics Carnival is being held this Thursday the 22nd October at the St Leonards Athletics track.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on Thursday with the appropriate clothing and footwear, together with water, their packed lunch and recess.

Term 3 Awards 2026



Application to Learning Awards

Kinder	Emilia Taipaleti-Warren
Prep	Nirvan Mahamada Arachchilage
Grade 1	Grayson Matthews
Grade 2	Zhen Gbenimacho
Grade 3	Billy Walker
Grade 4	Joseph Pride
Grade 5	Kota Franzeskow
Grade 6	Lindsie Barrett

Merit Awards



Year 7

Georgia Curtis	Consistent Effort and Application
Livinia Jones	Consistent Effort and Application
Rhianna Crowden	Consistent Effort and Application
Benjamin McKitrick	Consistent Effort and Application
Chantz Brown	Consistent Effort

Year 8

Sabian Hawes	Consistent Effort and Application
Avaya Hooper	Consistent Effort and Application
Ella MacFarlane	Consistent Effort and Application
Rhiannon Moore	Consistent Effort and Application
Amy Brown	Commitment to studies



Year 9

Grace McKitrick	For great attention to detail
Syd Schreuder	Consistent Effort and Application
Charli Davey	Consistent Effort and Application
Aiden Lang	For being a great ambassador for the college
Aaron Gilmore	For being a great ambassador for the college

Year 10

Ruby Clarke	Consistent Effort and Application
Leo Linley	Consistent Effort and Application
Kaiden Hewitt	Effort and Application in Woodwork
Leo Linley	Effort and Application in Woodwork
Ruby Clark	For being a positive influence on other, and possessing skills in Woodwork.

Calendar Term 4 2026

Term 4 - 2026	
Thursday 22nd October	3-10 Athletics carnival at St Leonards
Friday 23rd October	Grandparent's Day Celebration; Children's Mission Mass (Grade 5)
Tuesday 27th October	Prep Visit to Hagley Farm
Thursday 29th October	TPSSA swimming carnival at Scottsdale
Friday 30th October	World Teachers Day; Colour Run
Monday 2nd November	Recreation Day Public Holiday
Monday 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; Final Prayer and Awards
Wednesday 9th December	Primary Transition Morning
Thursday 10th December	Year 10 Leavers Dinner
Friday 11th December	Grade 6 Breakfast and Prayer; 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

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Stars of the Week - 1st October 2026

Kinder	**Bailey Goodridge**	For giving his best at every activity at Kindergarten and Making the most of all opportunities to be involved and learn.
Prep	**Joey Forbes**	For taking care and trying hard with all his work, and for Building his momentum and pace when completing tasks. Well done Joey, you're doing so well.
Grade 1/2	**Harrison Walker**	For completing his spelling review independently.
Grade 3/4	**Jaxon Hillard**	For excellent focus in literacy and numeracy tasks.
Grade 4/5	**Vanessa Linley**	For her maturity and helpfulness when working with other students.
Grade 6	**Matilda Jacobs**	For her excellent attitude and application during Mathematical lessons on fractions. Well done! Keep up the great work.

Grandparent's Day Celebration

Our Grandparents Day celebration will be held on Friday 23rd October (First Week back of Term 4).

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RSVP by Wednesday 21st October

I/We_____are the grandparents of _____
and I/we will be attending the Grandparent's Day Celebration:

Church Prayer ☐ Class visit ☐ Afternoon Tea ☐

Dietary requirements_____

