Star of the Sea Catholic College Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

From the Principal

I'm currently reading a book called *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. It tells the story of Nora who is given the opportunity to try out different lives. She finds her real life incredibly depressing and full of regrets. The different lives she leads are a result of what would have happened if she had made a different decision somewhere in her real life.

As she tries out these different lives, she realises that they are not as fulfilling as she hoped they would be. Whether she is an Olympic swimming champion, a famous rock musician or works at an animal shelter, each of these lives contains their own level of disappointment and sadness.

In his youth, my father was quite a good footballer. On the cusp of playing his first game for the Melbourne Football Club seniors, he was picked up by the Geelong Football Club because of zoning rules. He didn't really enjoy his time there and ended up hurting his back, which brought his VFL career to an end just as it was about to get started.

If he ever had regrets about how his life ended up, he didn't show them. Before long he was married and had six children, of which I am the youngest. He coached senior and junior football and had a profound influence on many young people he coached.

Two of the young people he coached were the younger brothers of Helen Haines, an independent politician who recently lost her legs when she was deliberately driven into outside her office. Mrs Haines attended the same school as I did, and we were both College Captain - 15 years apart. Some people may think that, after what happened, Mrs Haines may have regrets about entering politics. But it is more likely that she doesn't regret it at all, as it has given her the chance to help people of her electorate and to give many of them a voice.

Life comes with hard moments, and for some people, the hard moments are much harder than others. But ask many older people and they will say they have had no regrets. They recognise that the good comes with the bad, and, funnily enough, a life with no hardship generally does not lead to a fulfilling life. We often need hardship to keep things in perspective.

That is not to say that we should be wishing hardship on ourselves or others with the hope it makes our life rewarding! However, we can live our lives with regrets or we can make the best of what occurs in our lives. We won't get the chance to live different lives, only this one. In our Star of the Sea Catholic community we should look at encouraging each other and supporting each other through the hard times so that everyone knows that, no matter how hard things get, we are there for each other, because that is who God calls us to be.



Richard Chapman
Principal

Attentiveness, Hospitality and Compassion.

I look back, and I have no regrets, truly. Everything led me to the place where I am now. - Wendy Whelan

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Psalm for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.



Star of the Sea Mass Times

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Mass times for this week:

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.

Staff Movements

Mr Chapman is at a meeting tomorrow.
Mrs Nesbit is on leave tomorrow and next Monday.
Mrs Robotham is on Professional Learning Thursday, Friday and Monday.
Mrs McGillivray is on leave on Friday.
Mrs King is on leave on Friday.
Mrs Halley is on Professional Learning next Monday and Tuesday.

Grade 5/6 Camp

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday our Grade 5/6s will travel to the southern half of the state for their camp. Whilst there they will visit Port Arthur to learn more about Tasmania's convict history. We wish them well!

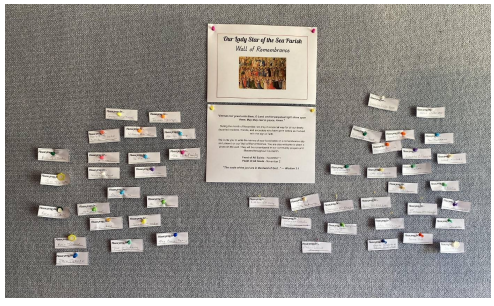
Kinder to Grade 2 Athletics Carnival

Our Kinder to Grade 2 Athletics carnival will be held next Tuesday. More information will be supplied later in the week.

TPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our TPSSA Swimming team who competed last Thursday, and a big thank you to Mr Laurence and Mrs Freeman who organised and ran the day.

Wall of Remembrance



In the Catholic Church, November is traditionally a time when we remember and pray for those who have died.
In the foyer of the church we have our Wall of Remembrance. People are invited to write the names of friends and family who have died and pin it to the wall. We remember all of these people in our prayers at Mass on Sunday.
If you would like to contribute to the wall, the church is open this Sunday for Mass at 11am. Alternatively, you are welcome to call into the office and we can take down the names and pin them up for you.

Donations for Presentation Feast Day

For our Presentation Feast Day on Friday 20th November, students can wear casual clothes. But rather than bringing in a gold coin, we ask all students to bring in an item of non-perishable foodstuff that we can donate to Vinnies. It can be Christmas-themed if you want!

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).

School Lunches

School lunches will be as normal this week.

Wednesday - Grades 3-6

Friday - Prep 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 3	Thursday 5th November	12.10 pm	Prep
Week 4	Thursday 12th November	12.10 pm	Kinder & Grade 6
Week 5	Thursday 19th November	12.10 pm	Grade 6

Our early learning program, SetUp, 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.

Mrs Ros Ashenden is running SetUp in Term 4.



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From the Deputy Principal



CONGRATULATIONS

Star of the Sea

Well done to everyone who participated in our Colour Fun Run last Friday. We were blessed with perfect weather and this contributed to a wonderful day. Thank you to all staff and students who assisted on the day with setting up, supporting students, managing the colour stations and generally ensuring we had a really great day.

Thank you as well to our parents and broader community for your wonderful support of our fundraising efforts. Collectively we have raised $5601.00. This is a tremendous achievement from our community.

This week the prize portal is open for orders. Please complete orders this week as the portal closes at the end of this week.

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

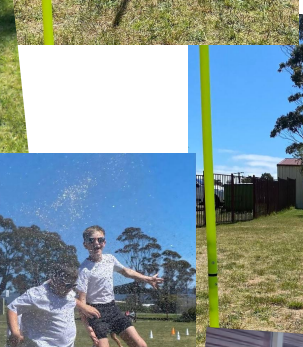
Star of the Sea Chess Competition - November 23rd

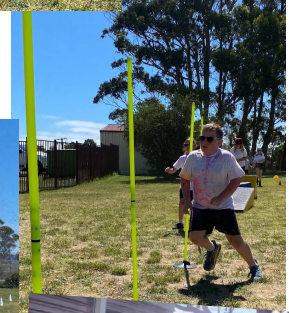
We will be running an in school Chess Tournament on Monday November 23rd. This event is for any student who can play chess. We particularly encourage students who have been a part of the Chess Club this year to enter this competition. It will only be for students who attend the school and is being held at the school. Andrew McKerihan will be supporting this event. Students who would like to learn how to play Chess are welcome to attend the Chess Club sessions which are held in the Primary gallery on Mondays at lunchtime.

Colour Run











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Stars of the Week - 29th October 2026

Kinder	**Noah Richardson**	For joining in so well and playing so cooperatively with all of his classmates.
Prep	**Mason Davenport**	For some great focusing and learning this term. Keep up the great work Mason!
Grade 1/2	**Noah Vincent**	For completing tricky Maths problems.
Grade 3/4	**Rafael Tilain**	For an outstanding performance of "James" in our play James and the Giant peach.
Grade 4/5	**Elijah Bromley**	For always trying his best in all academic areas.
Grade 6	**Finley Upston**	For the great improvement you have made in your handwriting speed. Well done! Keep up the great work.

Calendar Term 4 2026

Term 4 - 2026	
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
Friday 13th November	Year 7 2027 transition afternoon
Tuesday 17th November	Year 7 2027 transition day
Wednesday 18th November	Year 8 Art Exhibition
Friday 20th November	Presentation Feast Day
Monday 30th November	Advent Prayer; Year 10 Exam week begins
Tuesday 1st December	Magic Faraway Tree Performance
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
Tuesday 15th December	Primary Nativity
Wednesday 16th December	Last day for students; End of Year Assembly
Thursday 17th December	Last day for staff

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