



Welcome New Receptions 2022

Yesterday, we welcomed over 50 new students to our school, having their first day in Reception. They were joined by 30 students from our mid-year intake. A special welcome to the families joining our community for the first time.



Recent News

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From the Principal

I am sure you were all expecting **COVID-19** to remain a part of our world and will be for some time.

Star of the Sea School is a Parish School and that means it is run by the Catholic Church through the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools. The day to day operations are managed by Catholic Education SA (CESA) who is responsible for most of the Catholic Schools in SA. **The COVID 19 decisions, in regards to the Health and Safety of those who are part of Star of the Sea, are directed by CESA.** In South Australia, there is a great system for dealing with Covid in schools. SA Health are generally responsible for

disseminating information in this area and they meet with the three schooling systems in our State, to work on how this is going to be implemented in schools. The Independent Schools, State Schools and CESA then distribute this information to their schools, so that generally all schools in SA are implementing the same strategies.

THE FOLLOWING COVID SAFE MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE FROM 31 JANUARY:

So, all schools in SA are implementing the following:

1. Anyone who is unwell, who are household/ close contacts from other exposures or people symptomatic must not be at school, preschool or childcare. This applies to staff and children.
2. Vaccination
 - All eligible students aged 5+ strongly recommended to be vaccinated.
 - All staff, governing council members/ employees, contractors and volunteers (incl. parent volunteers) must be vaccinated in accordance with the Emergency Management Direction to be on site.
3. Masks are:
 - required for adults, except when teaching
 - required for students in years 7 to 12
 - strongly recommended for students in years 3 to 6
 - medical exemptions also apply.
4. Ventilation, to be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans, including with doors and windows open
5. Outdoor learning is encouraged where appropriate
6. Physical distancing where possible

Almost two years ago, when Covid began, extra cleaning in the middle of the day, began in our school. You might be interested to know that we have continued to do this extra cleaning to this day.

Could I ask you to remind your child/ren about personal hygiene. The hygiene standards in our schools are critical to reducing the risk of infection. Please encourage your child/ren to:

- wash their hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating
- avoid spreading infections to others by staying home if unwell (this includes parents)
- cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue
- bring their own personal, labelled and named water bottles (these can then be refilled at the drink fountains or water taps, there is no drinking directly from any school taps)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our school and all Catholic Education SA schools are following the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry of COVID-19 into our school environment.

Consequently, for Weeks 1-4,

- School sports (other than Physical Education classes) and other extra-curricular activities (eg instrumental tuition, ensembles) will be put on hold;
- Assemblies, masses and other gatherings will be postponed;
- There will be no playgroup during this time
- Entry to our school site will be confined to essential visitors only (who will be required to wear a mask and check in using our COVID Safe QR code)

School Times – Reminder

8:20am – Children are welcome at school from this time and are to come to the basketball courts, where a teacher will be on yard duty

8:45am – The school bell rings and children move to class to prepare for the day

8:50am – Lessons begin (any parents in classrooms should leave at this time unless they are volunteering)

3:05pm – The school day ends (teachers on yard duty finish at 3:25pm and all children are expected to be collected by this time)

Regards

03.02.22

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very warm and sincere welcome back to school for the 2022 school year. I trust that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year break, and we look forward to seeing all of our students and families back at Star of the Sea School very soon.

I would like to say thank you for the smooth and cooperative way our IT devices were collected last week and this week, in preparation for remote learning for our children. Your continued cooperation and flexibility as we navigate these times is certainly appreciated.

Traffic

I would like to draw to your attention the recent literature that has come out from the school via the city of Charles Sturt council regarding Military Road School closures and traffic flow around our school at this time. I encourage to read the information and follow the procedure set out. Please note that Military Road south of the school is completely closed and no access is available at this point. The best place to park and walk children to our school grounds at the moment, is in the church car park. Therefore, I remind parents and motorists:

- Do not enter Military Rd from the Marlborough St roundabout
- Do not enter Crewe St from East Tce
- Council traffic officers are patrolling local streets to ensure we are all following these traffic restrictions

Our Staff and Community

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our staff members for their tireless work and commitment to maintaining our children's education and well-being during this time. They are totally committed to making these unprecedented times as smooth as possible for our students. I also say a big thankyou to our community members for supporting the school in remote learning and cooperating with requests and guidelines. Working together will see us through.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. HELEN KELLER

Thanks and Blessings

Matt

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From the APRIM

Dear Families

It is an absolute privilege to be joining your school community for Term 1. I have already had many friendly greetings from the Reception and Year 1 students and students who are onsite undertaking remote learning.

I look forward to meeting more students and families when we all return on Monday 14 February.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2022

Following the advice from SA Health regarding school activities we have decided to postpone the Sacrament of First Reconciliation until Term 2. Dates will be confirmed at a later date. We acknowledge that you and your child would have been looking forward to receiving the gifts and graces of the Sacrament. We are committed to keeping you informed.

The Covid pandemic has caused many of us to experience times of uncertainty disruption and worry. The Gospel story of Jesus calming the storm reminds us to trust that God is with us all the time. Times of joy, challenge and sorrow.

Trust in God

One day, Jesus and some of his disciples were out on a lake in a boat. Suddenly, without warning, a storm came up. The wind blew so hard, and the waves were so high, that water was coming into the boat and the boat was about to be turned over. The disciples were scared and woke up Jesus who was asleep. Jesus calmed the storm and we know that Jesus can still calm storms today. Sometimes, there are sudden storms in our life. Perhaps it is an illness, a family problem, or the death of a friend or loved one. During these times, Jesus can calm the storms of doubt and fear in our life. He doesn't always take away all of the problems, but if we will trust in Him, He will give us peace in our hearts even in the middle of a storm.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for those times when you calm the storms that come up in our daily lives. We also thank you for those times when you give us peace even though we are in the middle of a storm. We ask you to watch over us and keep us safe. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Source: **St Laurence's Priory**



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Students Wondering About Me!



Children are full of awe and wonder. Whilst visiting classrooms I was asked the following questions:

Matteo (1MB)

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is calamari and chips.

Mila (1MB)

What shop do you get your food from?

I like to shop at Foodland to support our local farmers.

Lula (1MB)

What is your favourite recipe?

My favourite recipe is my Mum's chocolate cake.

Stefan (1RT)

Why are you taking over from Mrs Foley?

Mrs Foley is currently on long service leave and will return in Term 2.

Grayah (1RT)

Are you a Mum?

Yes! I am a Mum of 2 children. Leonardo who is 4 years old and Stella who is 8 years old.

I wish you and your family every blessing for the beginning of a new school year.

Go gently

Regards

Jhovana Fenu

Acting Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

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