



## Important Dates

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**Transition Days for  
Term 3 Intake**  
Friday 26 June

**End of Term 2**  
Friday 3 July

**Term 3 Begins**  
Tuesday 21 July

**Tea, Coffee and  
Tissue Morning for  
our Reception Term  
3 Intake**  
Tuesday 21 July

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## Farewell and Best Wishes



So, this is my last newsletter, my final newsletter ever, it marks the end of my principalship at Star of the Sea and the end of my teaching career. I would like to sincerely thank everyone, both past and present members of our Star of the Sea community, for your kind words of encouragement and acknowledgement during these last few days. I thank you for the privilege of working with your children, they are amazing kids to work with and I can truly say that in my forty two years of teaching I have found that our Star of the Sea students really do know how to enjoy life and the many experiences afforded to them. Thank you for your role in the educational partnership during my time at Star of the Sea. I applaud the sacrifices you have made to give your children a quality head start to their education and I wish you all well in the years ahead for you and your family. Thank you for your support and acceptance of me and for believing in me and trusting me enough to know that together we could make a difference. I leave Star of the Sea knowing that Anna and I have made many friends and we leave with many fond memories of good times.

At a recent School Board meeting I quoted Winnie the Pooh when he was speaking with Tigger he said, *"How lucky am I to have something so beautiful that makes saying goodbye so difficult."*

No doubt Star of the Sea School will continue to do great things and our children will continue to flourish. I look forward to looking on from a far, you will hold a special place in my heart.

I would like to thank Matt Perry, Stella Foley, Kelly Manera, Jane Leonard and the entire staff at Star of the Sea for support during my time at the school. Our staff are an exceptional, committed and caring group and they deserve our thanks. Much of what has been accomplished during my time would not have been possible without them.

Thank you for your cards, gifts and messages. They have all been very humbling. I assure you my time at Star of the Sea has been a highlight in my career and I leave with many wonderful memories.

Thank you and may God bless you and keep you all safe.

Joe De Tullio

## Recent News

02.07.20

### From the Principal

#### **First Semester Reports**

Over the last few weeks, Matt, Stella and I have had the privilege of reading the class reports for the first semester. I would like to thank the teachers for the time and effort that has gone into each summary and comment. Writing student reports and assessing students is the professional role of teachers, however, I know and see the time and effort that goes into each child's summary. The attention and genuineness with which they write is to be commended.

In reading the student reports, it was great to read comments that highlight each child's strength and challenges, they also speak personally about the whole person, highlighting areas for growth.

I encourage parents to read their child's report carefully, congratulate your child on the positives and discuss ways of supporting them in the areas they need to develop. Life is not about receiving straight 'As', instead it is about learning, making progress and giving our best. Well done to all students on their achievements.

#### **A few reminders**

As we head off for the holiday break I have a few reminders:

- School returns on Tuesday 21st July next term. Staff will be meeting with Damian Weeks on the Monday for professional learning.
- The holidays are a good time for student haircuts, cleaning of uniforms and ensuring we return to school next term looking well groomed.
- Has your child lost a jumper or tracksuit top? The 'Lost Property' box is overflowing with uniform items, lunch boxes and drink bottles that do not have names. I suggest you do a uniform inventory; you will be surprised at what is missing.

Matt Perry, Stella Foley, all the staff and I wish all families a relaxing holiday break. To those families who may be travelling in country South Australia these holidays, please do so safely with care.

Have a wonderful break and best wishes for the future.

Joe De Tullio

02.07.20

### From the Deputy Principal

#### **Term 3 Dates**

Teachers and Staff will return to school on Monday, 20 July for a Professional Development Day and I remind parents that the first day for Term 3 for students will be Tuesday, 23 July. We Look forward to seeing our families back in our school next term.

#### **Canteen update**

The school canteen will resume five days a week trading next term with QKR! being available for parents to order meals and food items for children. As always we remind parents to ensure that the QKR! order has been submitted and a receipt has been issued. **The cut off for ordering is 9.15am.**

#### **COVID-19 Update**

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease, we look forward to welcoming parents back onto school site and inside the school buildings next term. Next term we will see class excursions resuming, planning for year level camps continuing and parents will be welcome to take part in listening to children read in the morning. Class teachers will let parents know about reading schedules. It will be fantastic to see our community members back inside our new school buildings and exploring the wonderful learning spaces that we have at our school. We thank the school community for their support and cooperation in regards to the COVID-19 measures that we have needed to put in place this term.

### ***Lost Property***

There is a lot of lost property in our school Lost Property Box at the moment and I encourage parents to look through the box to see if there are any items belonging to your family. I also take this opportunity to remind parents to label everything that comes to school, so if items do become lost there is a much better chance of them being returned home.

I wish all of our families a happy and relaxing break and look forward to seeing everyone back at Star of the Sea school in Term 3.

### ***Be Yourself...everyone else is taken***

**Oscar Wilde**

Thanks and Blessings

Matt Perry

02.07.20

## **Board Talk**

### **June 2020 Meeting**

School Board members met for the final meeting for Term 2. Mr Damian Weeks, the school's new Principal attended the meeting and was welcomed to the school.

A tabled report from the Finance Committee indicated that the school's finances are tracking to budget for this time of the year. Justin Gargula highlighted the ongoing cost of the COVID-19 impact on income as a result of increased fee remissions, however, in spite of variations on the school's income the Job Keeper payments have helped the overall school budget to remain in a healthy position.

The Board discussed the issue of the unused excursion levy that has been impacted by the COVID restrictions. The Board voted in favour that \$40 dollars of the \$80 total excursion fee be quarantined for 2021 and parents will not be charged an excursion fee next year. The remaining \$40 will be used for excursions in Terms 3 and 4 now that COVID restriction are being relaxed.

The School Board discussed how the school could express its appreciation to the staff for the tremendous work and effort that was done during the peak of the COVID-19. It was agreed that a letter from the School Board would be written to the staff to reflect the deep gratitude of the school community.

Brad Dunstan informed the Board that the Grounds and Maintenance Committee would be undertaking a parent survey in Term 3 to ask parents where they see the needs of the school now that stage one of the building program has been completed. The Board was in favour of the survey and look forward to reading the data so a planned strategy can be developed.

The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday 10 August.

Philip Reichelt

School Board Chairperson

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## **From the APRIM**







Joe is a man of great faith. As an inspiring leader of Catholic Education he has lived out the Gospel Values with kindness, compassion, humour and humility. Yesterday, at our wonderful Music Concerts, he told the children he would always be watching over us and could they do one thing for him- be kind, always be kind to each other. We all would certainly benefit by taking that message to heart.

As a staff we celebrated one final, beautiful Mass together and these were our prayers for Joe: Joe, as you journey onward, may you remember, always, that our love and appreciation for you is etched in our hearts. May you be inspired by thoughts of future, joyful times and be blessed by catching plenty of fish. Joe, may you be, on earth, the heart of Jesus, so that as you meet the poor, the pained, the stranger on your way, your gifts of hospitality, generosity and friendship be the face of Christ in their life. Amen

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist will start being celebrated next term, albeit differently from previous years. Year 3, you can register for First Reconciliation now through the link you have been emailed. Year 4, you will be notified by letter and email early next term the dates and program for Confirmation and Communion once these are confirmed by the church. If you have older children who would like to be a part of the program please let us know.

May God bless these holidays with warmth and comfort.

Stella Foley

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# Mr De Tullio's Retirement Week



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## Sport News

At this point in time Netball, Basketball and Football will be commencing up again next term. As per message on the Skoolbag app and the email sent out, the 2020 Soccer Season has been cancelled. Refunds have been processed for this.

Basketball and Netball nominations close 9am tomorrow (Friday) morning, nominations will not be accepted after this time unless a \$30



late fee is paid, as all registrations to St Clair must be made by tomorrow afternoon with a late fee being added after that time. Please see the Skoolbag app for further information and Qkr! for nominations.

Nominations for SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival for students in Yrs 3 – 6 are currently on Qkr! with information on the Skoolbag app. This will close first week back Term 3.

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## Sport Dates

### Term 3 2020

SACPSSA Netball Carnival - Wednesday 29 July 2020

SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 6 August 2020

SAPSASA Airport District Athletics Carnival - Monday 21 September 2020

SACPSSA Touch Carnival - Day TBC

Star of the Sea School Sports Day / Colour Run - Thursday 24 September 2020

### Term 4 2020

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival – *Reschedule date TBA however it should be early October.*

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival - Friday 2 November 2020

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## Term 3 Receptions

Our Reception Term 3 Intake had their first transition morning last Friday. They were all very excited to see each other and their teachers. Welcome to Star of the Sea School Reception RHB.



## Ecology message thriving at seaside school

JENNY BRINKWORTH

Five years on from the launch of *Laudato Si'*, Star of the Sea School at Henley Beach is reaping the benefits of caring for our common earth.

With the help of Henley Beach parishioner David Spencer, students have cultivated a thriving veggie garden with produce used for student cooking classes and sold at a weekly market stall.

"Our kitchen garden is full of life at the moment," said Year 3 teacher and Sustainability coordinator Lisa Russell.

"The Year 6 Eco-Warriors have been picking fresh beans and tomatoes from the garden, mixing up worm tea and collecting eggs to sell on our market stall Wednesday afternoons."

Lisa said students in the cooking program usually came up with a recipe based on ingredients sourced from the garden, such as herbs for focaccias or vegetables for quiches and frittata.

In addition, fresh produce and 'worm tea' liquid fertiliser is sold to parents and carers at the weekly market stall.

The programs have been put



Year 2 students Joshua Ringwood and Reilly Hunter with their prayers and pledges.

on hold during the coronavirus restrictions but Lisa is hoping they will resume soon as there are lots of snow peas and other vegetables ready to be harvested.

She said the aim of the veggie garden was to encourage children to have an idea of where food comes from and where it ends up.

"All our food waste goes into compost bins which turns it into soil for use in the garden," she said.

"Our children have a really good understanding of how they are

connected with the ocean because we are so close to it and so they can see that everything we do at school directly influences the sea.

"This is the basis for all our waste reduction programs in the school."

Lisa said having David help out in the garden was "brilliant".

"It's great to have someone who has the garden as their priority and can work with the children," she said.

David said having grandchildren



David Spencer with students in the garden.

at the school meant there was often an opportunity to catch up with them and meet their friends.

"Sometimes students will talk about their own garden at home, what is growing and what vegetable they like to eat the most," he said.

"A few seeds are sometimes offered to interest students to encourage them to plant at home to expand their interest."

In addition to the veggie garden and market stall project, Year 2 students at Star of the Sea have been

writing 'Caring for God's creation' pledges.

The Vatican announced last month that it will commemorate the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment with a year-long series of initiatives dedicated to care for the earth.

A special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year from May 24 2020 to May 24 2021 will emphasise "ecological conversion in action".

Star of the Sea School is featured in this edition of the Southern Cross. Lisa Russell and David Spencer share our ecological journey and the impact it is having not only on school garden but also on the well being of our children.

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Star Outreach

***We need YOU – You are part of our Community!***

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# StarOutreach

*The role of this group is to assist in supporting the WELL BEING of the school community and develop and support links between our School and wider Parish community.*

**Next event: Coffee and Tissues on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July after drop off to welcome the new Receptions and their families.**

*We would like you to join us in supporting the school community.*

*We meet once a term during the school day.*

*Toddler friendly, relaxed and very welcoming!*

**Next Meeting Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 9am.**





# FEMALE JUNIORS

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

8-18 years 2020/21 SEASON  
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Coaching team lead by  
**AMANDA-JADE WELLINGTON**

International, Australian, and  
Scorpion/Striker Representative



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET CLINIC

FREE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 8-16  
GAME AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED  
BY HIGHLY ACCREDITED COACHES

WHEN? 7th, 8th JULY

TIME? TWO CLINICS PER DAY (10 - 12 AND 12:30 - 2:30)

WHERE? PORT RESERVE

ADDRESS? 16 BAYNES PLACE, PORT ADELAIDE



THE CLINIC WILL BE COVID COMPLIANT FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT  
AND CRICKET AUSTRALIA REGULATIONS.

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Henley Hawks



# FREE COME AND TRY VOLLEYBALL!

PRICE: FREE

WHO: Boys and Girls in years 3-9

WHAT: Free Come and Try Volley

WHEN: Monday 13th July 2pm - 4pm

WHERE: Henley High School

Henley Hawks Volleyball Club are bringing two new competitions to Henley High School. Come along, try some volleyball and find out how to join these competitions.

**THIS IS A FREE COME AND TRY BUT  
REGISTRATIONS ARE NECESSARY.**

**REGISTER HERE:**

**[VOLLEYBALLSA.COM.AU/HOLIDAYCLINICS](http://VOLLEYBALLSA.COM.AU/HOLIDAYCLINICS)**





