

Important Dates

**Reception Term 3
Orientation Session**
Friday 18 June

Board Meeting
Monday 21 June

**Reception Term 3
Orientation Session**
Friday 25 June

Last Day of Term
Friday 2 July

Pupil Free Day
Monday 19 July

Term 3 Begins
Tuesday 20 July

From the Principal



Helping children learn positive friendship skills

Research tells us that any at age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children's friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development as it is through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends. All children want to have friends and we know that children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy, and feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

All children go through friendship conflicts. Even usually popular children can experience rejection sometimes. When this happens children's confidence may be affected and they may blame themselves or others. Beliefs about the reasons for the friendship conflicts they experience affect the ways that children react. Some kinds of thinking are more helpful than others for managing the conflicts children have with friends. The following are some of the ways we can help our children with friendship development:

Provide children with opportunities to play with peers

Children gain experience and learn important social skills from playing with friends. For children who are still learning how to get along, it can be helpful to plan what to do before having a friend over for a play date.

Teach positive social skills

Observe your child to work out the negative social behaviours your child uses too often and the positive social behaviours they could use more. Little things like smiles, looking at the person, knowing names and using a confident, friendly voice can make a big difference when making friends. Being able to better control negative emotions and paying attention to the needs and wants of others are also very important.

Be a coach

Coaching is critical for helping children use new skills in real-life situations. Coaching involves prompting, reminding and encouraging (but not nagging!) children to use the skills they have learned. Coach your child to practise positive social skills in everyday situations.

Help children solve friendship conflicts

Talking problems through with a supportive adult helps children to think about what happens, how they feel about it and what to do next. Thinking things through like this helps to build more mature social skills.

If you need help and support please come in and speak with your child's teacher or with a member of the leadership team. Trying to solve your child's friendship issues for them or telling them not to play with certain children is not a sound plan for friendship issues and rarely works.

Sportsman's Night

Last Friday around 55 dad's and friends of Star of the Sea School gathered at the Henley Bowling Club for the annual father's gathering. The night was a great success with quality guest speakers to listen to, food and a few drinks. Above all it was great to see our dads connecting with each other. Thank you to Ryan Scott for all of his work putting the night together, organising the speakers, food and venue. We all had a great time.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

Joe De Tullio



Recent News

31.01.19

From the acting Deputy Principal



Parking Restriction, Traffic Monitors and School Gates

Once again in 2019 I ask motorists to please be mindful of parking restrictions around our school. It is common place for council inspectors to frequent the school at pick up and drop off times. Council do monitor and fine those motorists parked illegally or who have expired their time in parking spaces. Please remember that it is illegal to park across driveways. This includes our school driveways, in case of emergency vehicles need to gain access to school grounds. I also remind our families and friends that our traffic monitors have been trained by SAPOL and have been instructed when to stop traffic to allow pedestrians to cross. Sometimes there is a short wait for them to find a safe break in the traffic to raise the 'stop' signs and allow pedestrians to cross. I also remind motorists that Foord Avenue that runs adjacent to the Church can only be accessed from Marlborough St. This means that entry into Foord Avenue is from Marlborough St only and motorists need to exit the Church car park on to Seaview Rd. Access from Foord Ave to Military Rd is for private residents only.

Another important point to remember is the need to keep the traffic 'flowing' on Military Road and Seaview Roads. If you cannot access the 'collection areas', then you will need to go around the school block and attempt to join the queue again. Motorists caught obstructing traffic on Military Road and Seaview Rd can be fined. Thanks for your continued cooperation. Students need to access vehicles quickly and safely and independence in this action should be encouraged. Please pass on this information to family and friends who may drop off or collect students from our school. Our traffic monitors will be on duty in the morning from 8.30am to 8.50am and in the afternoons from 2.50pm to 3.15pm. We value the work that our senior students perform on crossing duty and appreciate your cooperation with them when using the crossings as a motorist or a pedestrian. School gates will be open from 2.40pm allowing for easier exiting of the school at peak times and decreasing traffic congestion in the corridors. Students will need to be collected by 3.20pm on Seaview and Military Road pick up points. After this time, students will be directed to OSHC.

Community News

Star of the Sea school prides itself on being welcoming and we have an active community of parents and friends. This year we will be holding our P&F Parent night "Schools In for Summer" on Friday 22nd February at 7:00pm. We would love to see you there, especially new families to our school.

We also have some wonderful parents and volunteers who support some of our students in the LAP program. If you or someone you know would like to be involved, please join us for a morning team and information session on Wednesday 13th February at 9.15am. A flyer is attached to this week's newsletter.

A big thank you also to our Star Outreach group who organised our Champagne and Tissues morning tea on Tuesday. We had a fantastic turn out and there was a real buzz in the courtyard. If you would like to join our Star Outreach group they will be holding their first meeting on Friday 15th February at 9:00am. All welcome, toddlers included.

Morning and After School Duty

Just a reminder that children will be supervised on the courtyard in the mornings from 8:20am until 8:50am. The Library is also open for students and families to use. In the afternoon, there will be a teacher supervising Military and Seaview Road for pickup and Marlborough Street for road crossing supervision. A reminder that the Library will also be open after school.

Uniform

May I kindly remind everyone to ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. A copy of our uniform policy is available on the school's web site. During this warm weather in Term 1, hats and sunscreen are a must. We appreciate your support.

I wish you a wonderful year ahead and look forward to getting to know many of you better during this term in my acting Deputy Principal role. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any matters you would like to discuss. Our doors are always open.

Enjoy the weekend ahead,

Many thanks

Kelly Manera

Acting Deputy Principal

Year 6 Camp

By Chloe Davies, Emma Devine, Leo Hokianga and Jett Cutajar

In Week 4 of this term, the Year 6s headed off to Wallaroo for camp.

What a memorable 3 days it was. Some of the activities included geocaching, kayaking and group development. In kayaking and geocaching we got to explore different areas of Wallaroo and see the beautiful scenery. On the second day we did raft building, kayaking, fishing, pizza making and geocaching. These activities taught us the importance of teamwork and communication because most of these activities involved these skills. Pizza making included us having to communicate and follow instructions. The third day our activities were a Tribal Challenge and Attack and Defence. In these activities we got to work as a year level and had a lot of fun. It was a great way to end our camp experience. We took these skills from camp and now use them more in our daily lives.

Camp was unforgettable. A few of our highlights were quiz night, movie night, doing the dishes and the food. These were special because we got to hang out together with our friends, as well as new people. For the quiz night we got into groups and competed in rounds of questions and then a bonus round of physical challenges. We got to name our groups and ended up with some wacky names like Besties for the Resties, Potato Chips and The Floor Gang. During the movie night we watched School of Rock and the winners of our quiz night got to enjoy their rewards. The cooks, Nicole and Derek, cooked amazing food that everyone loved, and they even got some of us to try new foods. Our favourites were the morning and afternoon tea cakes, the monster burger and the desserts. After each meal, a group of us got to help out with the dishes. Derek and Nicole played music and we got the first serves of the delicious food in the next meal.



Year 5

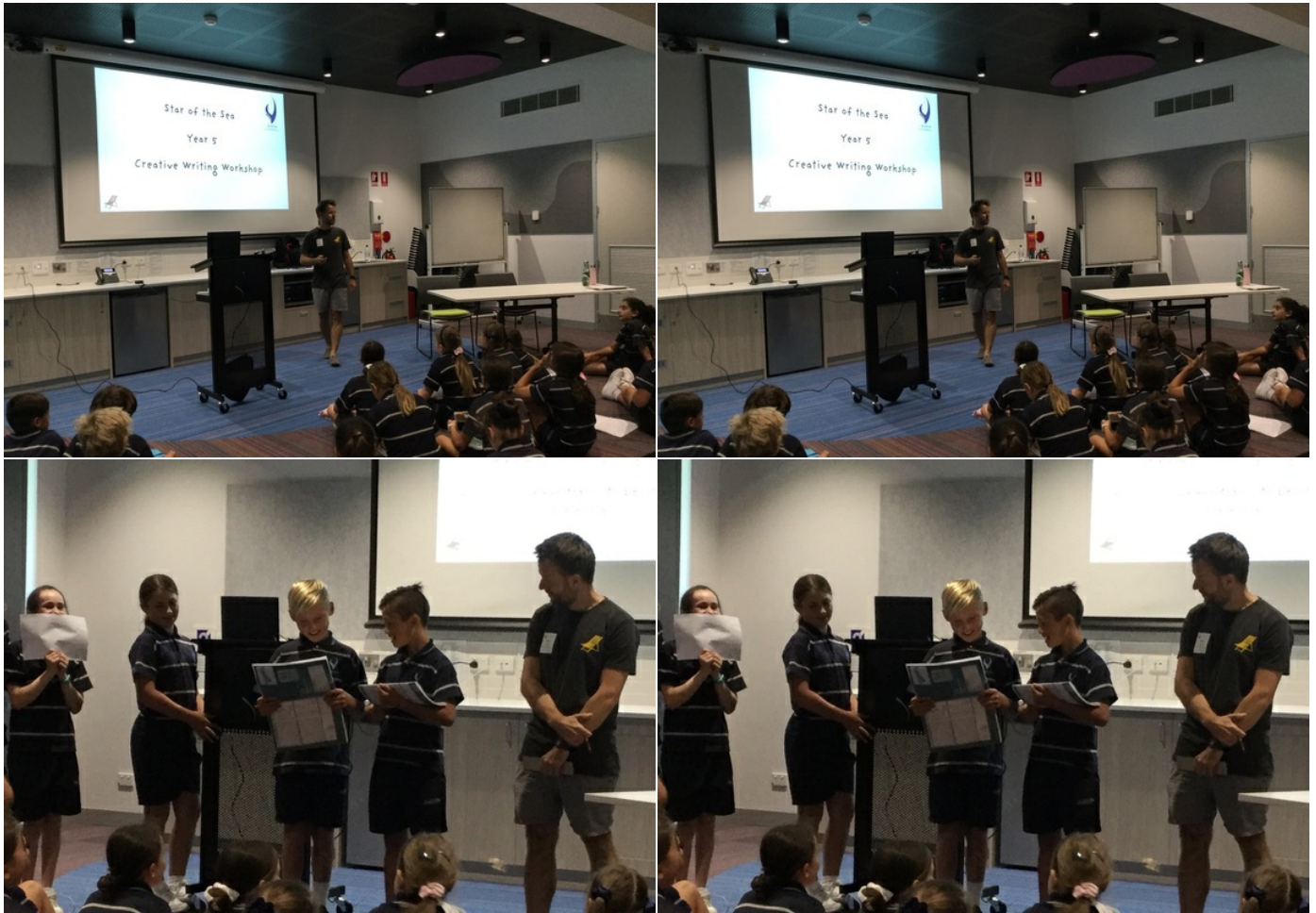
What do you do when you have a children's author amongst your parent cohort? You book in an incursion of course!

The Year 5s were lucky enough to have David Richardson come in to share some of his best tips and tricks when it comes to developing characters for stories. David Richardson is the author of Doug & Stan, a fictitious series of funny, short stories for children told through rhyme.

David explored the structure of a narrative and how characters can make or break a great story. Students worked in pairs to develop characters based on 'the hero' and 'the villain'. To heat the competition up David borrowed our school sports day shield, which would be won by the team who could create the most extravagant characters!

Not only was this a fun and interactive session, but one that our students were able to connect strongly to their learning!

Year 5 Teachers



Year 4

Earlier this term, the Year 4 classes went on an excursion to the Dream Big Festival.

What an amazing day we all had. We saw two performances each.

The highlight was a performance called *The Narrator*. We all got onto a bus and as we were driving around through the city streets of Adelaide, one of the passengers was narrating the story of his life. Outside the bus, actors were acting out the story and bringing the story to life. It was exciting and captivating, and kept us all entertained. The performance was a great way to explore how to tell a story in the first person and write with imagination.

We also visited the SA Museum where we explored many of the different exhibitions. Our focus was to make connections to our unit of work in Geography on the continents of Africa and South America.

We all enjoyed being in the city and being part of this wonderful festival.



Year 3

Year 3 Excursion - DREAM BIG FESTIVAL

The Dream Big Festival in the city was well worth attending by our Year 3s. They engaged readily in the themes and learning of the Magic Beach play, based on the wonderful story by Allison Lester. Singing, laughing and chatting filled the bus journey into the city, as the children were most excited for their first official excursion of the year. The Dunstan Theatre came to life with performers embellishing the original story, providing insight into possible narrative evolutions. The props and scenery captured children's imaginations as they were both creative and colourful. Students appreciated the additional opportunities of finding out about various Adelaide landmarks that were passed on the way. These included The Parade Grounds, Adelaide Oval, the Rotunda, the River Torrens, the Adelaide Train Station and Parliament House.



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We are pleased to announce our **Gold** sponsor for the 2021 Star of the Sea Gala Ball is **SV Built**.

SV Built is a locally owned family business founded in 2015 by Emile Ellens, an old scholar of Star of the Sea and father to Aria in Reception. It was created to fill a void in the market for small boutique builders with a keen focus on quality and customer satisfaction.

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School is a major building block to our children's lives and we are very proud to support Star of the Sea in bringing up our next generation.

We thank SV Built for their support.

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Sport News



FULHAM UNITED GIRLS SOCCER COME 'N' TRY

Fulham United are proud to offer the opportunity for girls of any age and experience to come out and try the 'World Game'

When: Monday July 9 2018

Where: Fulham United FC – Collins Reserve, Valetta Road, Fulham Gardens

Time: 10am to 11am

To Register: Please email Junior Girls Technical Director Leigh Matthews on leighmatt00@hotmail.com with the following details:

Name

Age

Contact details

Any medical concerns

Sacraments

SACRAMENTS

It is Time for Confirmation and First Eucharist (Holy Communion). This is for Year 4 kids (and above) at Star and other schools in the Parish.

**Parent Enrolment and Information Evening:
Thursday 24th June at 7pm in the Church. It is essential that you or a representative of your family be there. Information and enrolment forms available online and at the back of the Church – Any further enquiries Barb Conlon 0439 305 543**

**Ceremonies will be held on
Saturday 28th August @4pm and 6pm**

Sunday 29th August @11am, 3:30pm and 5:30pm.
(You will notice some of these Mass times are outside the usual parish Mass times to avoid overcrowding.)

Sport Dates For Term 2 and 3 2021

SPORT DATES FOR Term 2 2021

SACPSSA Netball Carnival - Wednesday 30 June

Term 3, 2021

SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 5 August

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 18 August

SACPSSA Touch Carnival - Week 7 day TBC

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival - Friday 3 September

REC- Year 1 Swimming lessons - Week 8

Year 2 - 3 Swimming lessons - Week 9

These are the dates that have been set so far so mark them in your diaries!

Kristen Victory

Sports Coordinator / Teacher