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## Important Dates

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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

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## From the Principal

### SACPPA CONFERENCE

Usually the SA Catholic Primary Principal's Association holds an annual conference. Last year the conference was cancelled, like so many events.

This year the theme of the conference was, "Outstanding Leadership for Excellent Schools."

As leaders in Catholic Schools in South Australia we have been challenged to work together in a systematic way to ensure each and every one of our schools excels. We are all striving to provide an education which develops a generation of young people who are "thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires." The Blue Print for Step Change outlines clearly defined strategies and expectations about our ways of working. In order for Catholic Education South Australia to become a system of excellent schools, we need to also ensure that we have a system full of outstanding leaders.

This year the conference was centred around collective leadership and we were fortunate to hear from some nationally and internationally renowned presenters.

The speakers included:

Louka Parry - the CEO + Founder of The Learning Future and works globally as a speaker, learning strategist and education futurist. He speaks on innovation, leadership and change having worked with thousands of leaders and educators from diverse contexts all across the world, including in high-level policy fora such as the OECD, UNESCO, and the European Commission, and with all Australian States and Territories.

Dr Peter Goss - leads PwC Australia's school education consulting practice. His focus is to help school education systems and departments to develop and deliver better policy and improve how they support schools and teachers and ultimately lift student outcomes.

This builds on the six years Pete spent leading the School Education program at the Grattan Institute. His work focused on how education systems and data can help schools and teachers adapt and improve their practice. His team provided independent, rigorous and practical solutions to some of the country's most pressing problems in school education. During his time at Grattan, Pete was a frequent media commentator and was twice published in The Conversation Yearbook "50 standout reads from Australia's top thinkers".

Michael Fullan - OC is the former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto. He is co-leader of the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning global initiative ([npdl.global](http://npdl.global)). Recognized as a worldwide authority on educational reform, he advises policymakers and local leaders in helping to achieve the moral purpose of all children learning. Michael Fullan received the Order of Canada in December 2012. He holds honorary doctorates from several universities around the world.

Key take-away: Collective Efficacy - the shared belief in conjoint capacity to produce results, where the primary input is 'evidence of impact.' A culture of collaboration to implement

high-yield strategies.

Peter Kenyon - is a social capitalist, community enthusiast and founder of the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. (Initiatives for the Development of Enterprising Action and Strategies). Over the last four decades he has worked with more than 2000 communities throughout Australia and overseas seeking to facilitate fresh and creative ways that stimulate community and local economic renewal. He is motivated by the desire to create healthy, caring, inclusive, connected, sustainable and enterprising communities and local economies.

In the last week of this term, I will be taking a week of Long Service Leave and caravanning over to Perth! Narelle will be assisted by Stella Foley and Dominique Laurendi (whom we will release from class) during the last week.

Enjoy the last few weeks of term.

Damian Weeks

## Recent News

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### From the Acting Deputy Principal



### Term 2 Highlights

Learning at Star of the Sea, across all year levels this term has been rich, diverse and authentic! This can be said for all students, but also for our staff team. Learning has no finish line! God's plan for us is that we continue to learn each and every day; about each other, about our various life experiences and about communicating and connecting. We are the sum of our lived experiences and our young

people at Star of the Sea are privileged to engage in high quality learning experiences daily, thanks to our learning environments and dedicated educators. I have grown as an educator and educational leader, thanks to the beautifully, nurturing community of learners which includes students, families and staff. Thank you!

I would love to include all learning highlights from the term, but the newsletter would be the size of a novel! Please see below for information about our Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass, Year 6 Camp, Year 5 Author Visit, Year 4 Excursion and Year 3 Dream Big Excursion.

### **Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass**

On Friday, 11th June, after 16 long months, the Star of the Sea School community gathered to celebrate the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Father Peter. On behalf of the Star community, we said 'Thank you, Stella!' for her beautifully prepared, well-rehearsed and meticulously organised, Feast Day celebration for our school! This was our first with Father Peter but also our first since February 2020. It was truly remarkable! In keeping with the theme of the gospel story for the feast day, 'what once was lost (the shepherd's sheep and metaphorically, the sense of connectedness for our community since Covid) was now found! Alleluia! Dana Court's flute playing evoked goosebumps as we silently joined in solidarity for prayer.

The fundraising efforts also exceeded our expectations and so we express our gratitude for the contributions of all families, teachers and students in this process! \$1300 dollars raised toward the Marine Discovery Centre. Kaya Nicholls, our music teacher, supported all students in learning the actions and lyrics of the new song to mark 200 years of Catholic Education.

Narelle Sandercock  
Acting Deputy Principal

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# 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

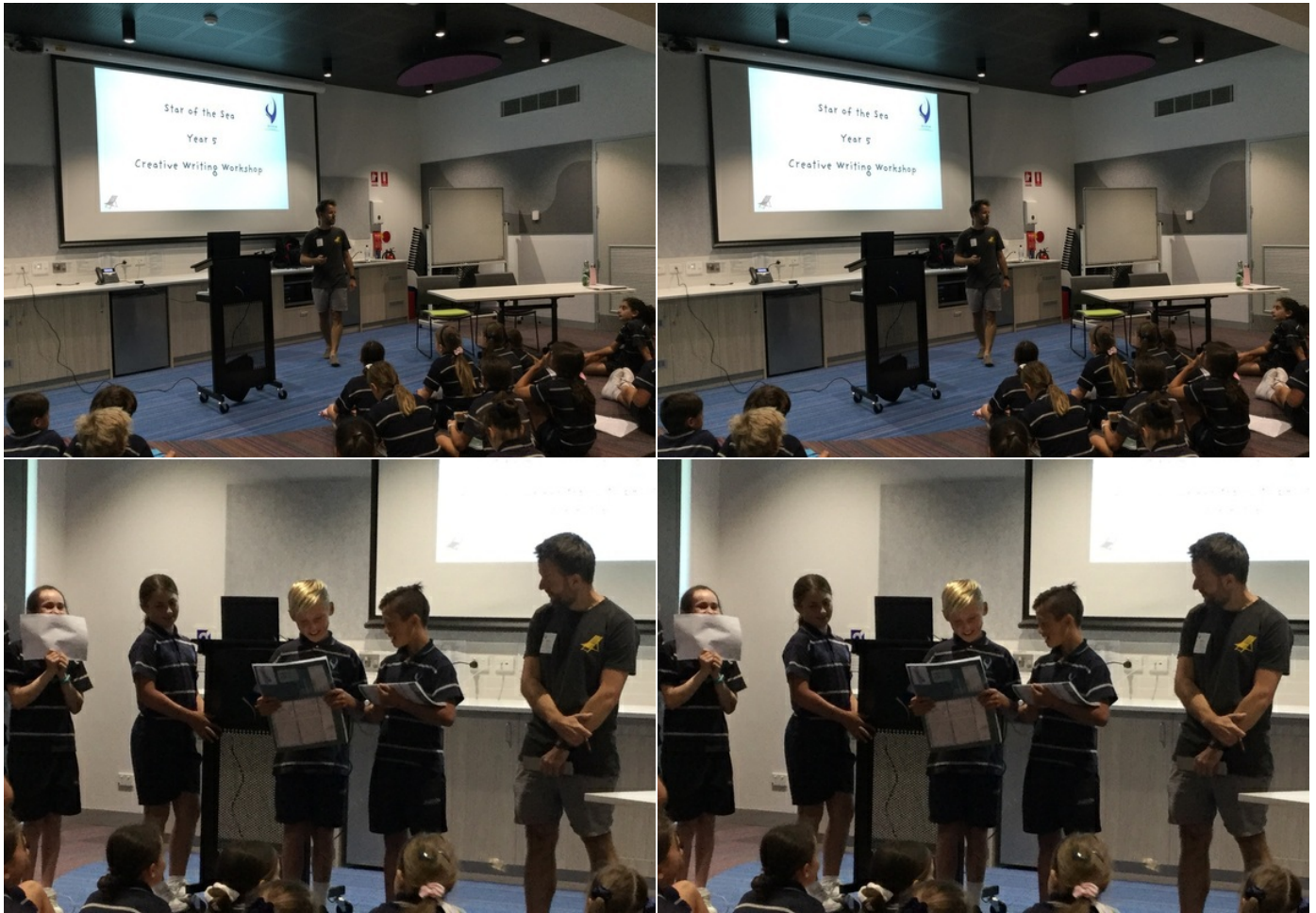
What do you do when you have a children's author amongst your parent cohort? You book in an incursion of course!

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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## Gold Sponsor



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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We thank SV Built for their support.

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## Sport News

A reminder that all sporting information will come out through the Skoolbag app and registrations are made through Qkr!. If you do not have either of these apps please feel free to see the office staff for support with downloading the apps or to ask any questions. Once you have registered using QKR please ensure that the registration has gone through by checking the receipts section in the app. If you do not have a receipt, then it hasn't gone through.

Congratulations to the students who took part in the SAPSASA Metro Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 10 June. All students should be proud of their achievements, they were chosen to compete for their District which is an achievement on its own. A huge congratulations to Sean O'Reilly who won a silver medal in his section of the race. Well done, Sean.

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## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> August @4pm and 6pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.)

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### 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