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Important Dates

Year 5 & 6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival Tuesday 28 July Year 3 & 4 SACPSSA Netball Carnival Wednesday 29 July School Photos Tuesday 18 August

# Let me introduce myself.....



On Monday I was very fortunate to begin with a pupil free day, where I was able to work with the staff. Every staff member in the school attended the morning session. Here I was able to introduce myself to the staff in a fun and interactive way. This was followed by the most important part of the day, where I unpacked the work that I do around "Culture," which, when put simply, is just the way we do things around here. With an emphasis on "WE."

After morning tea we turned our attention to education. Here we looked at the concept of, "Thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires." This is, of course, part of Catholic Education SA's, "Living, Learning, Leading Framework."

As the day progressed I shared my goals with the staff for the first ten weeks:

- Learn all staff names in the first week
- Learn a Year level of students names each week
- Ring a parent of each student once I have learnt their name
- · Inquire as to how each person is thriving at school
- Discover more about the culture of the school
- · Create a data wall of all students in the school showing where they sit individually

Overall, I have had a very welcoming few days at Star of the Sea School. I look forward to sharing more about our first day with the staff, over this term.

Regards, Damian Weeks

# **Recent News**

# From the Deputy Principal

#### Hello Friends

A warm welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to all of our families to Semester 2. We extend a very warm and sincere welcome to our new Principal, Mr Damian Weeks. We are sure that you'll have a fantastic experience at Star of the Sea School.

#### **Our School Buildings**

Parents and community members are welcomed back to the school site this term and are able to enter the school corridors and buildings. We ask adults to remember social distancing requirements when around other students and other adults. Please remember to wash and sanitise hands frequently before and after entering school corridors and buildings. It has been wonderful to witness students developing resilience and self-help in moving from the school perimeter to their classrooms independently since social distancing requirements came into effect.

#### Grounds and Maintenance Survey

Coming out next week will be the Grounds and Maintenance Satisfaction Survey. I encourage you to complete this with your child as this will provide the Grounds and Maintenance Committee and School Board an indication of your satisfaction with our school buildings, grounds and the priorities the school community will have over the coming years.

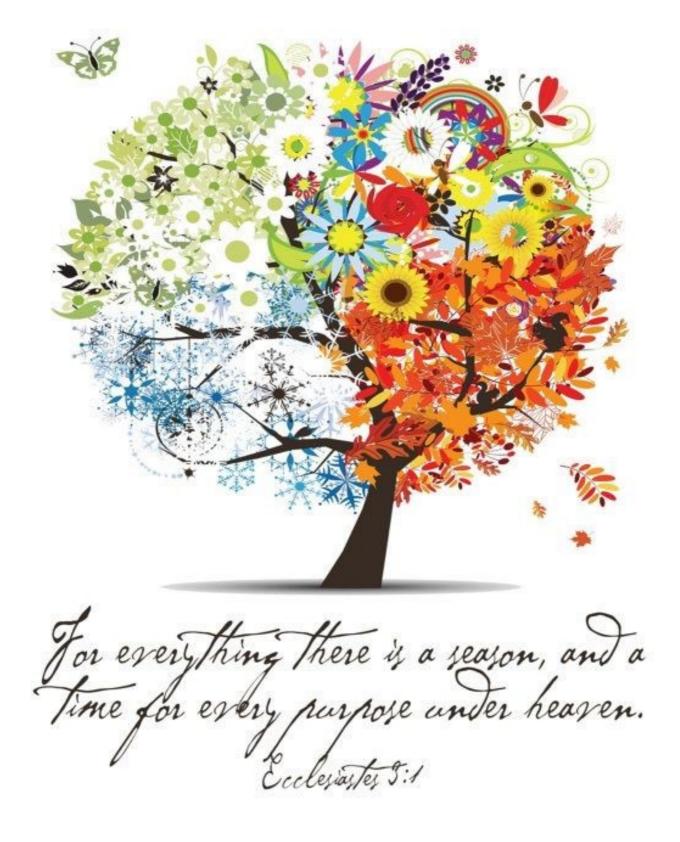
#### Before school supervision

I remind our parents and community members that supervised yard play begins at 8:20 am. All students need to be in the main courtyard near the Stella Maris Building. Please help us maintain our duty of care by encouraging children to move to this area upon arrival at school.

Change often takes time. It rarely happens all at once. John Lewis

Thanks and Blessings Matt

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"Star of the Seasons." This is how a four-year-old, with much excitement, described joining his brothers at Star of the Sea by commencing the 'Little Stars' Program. One of the wonderful times at our school is when our 'Little Stars' start their transition towards

beginning Reception in 2021. Three groups have commenced this term and it has been wonderful meeting these children and their families. We warmly welcome many new families, and of course, Mr Weeks into the Star community and hope that you soon feel at home here. "Now is the winter of our discontent" might be famous words by Shakespeare, and even though we have experienced sea-fog, winds and rain the sun is shining brightly today.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is being celebrated across Weeks 1 and 2. Please pray for these children as they proudly begin their journey into deeper faith. Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated together within special masses later in Term 3 and 4. Information is being sent to all Year 4 families, but others are invited to join us. The Parent Information Session will be held in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church: Week 4, Tuesday 11th of August at 7pm.

May you find places of refuge and beauty across the term and be blessed with cozy winter family time.

Stella Foley APRIM

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### Sport News

Netball, Basketball and Football recommence up again this term however soccer will not. As per the message on the Skoolbag App and the email sent, the 2020 soccer season has been cancelled. Refunds have already been processed.

Football, Basketball and Netball all begin next week, all team lists and info has been emailed to registered students, team managers and coaches for Basketball and Netball. Team lists and info will be going out to football families today and tomorrow.

Nominations for SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival students in Yrs 3 – 6 were taken off Qkr! at the beginning of the week due to COVID19 restrictions however SACPSSA are currently in consultation with SA Health and there may be the possibility that we can add students. We will not know until the end of next week therefore if your child has missed out on nominating and would like to take part, please contact the office and ask them to put your child's name on the cross country list. I will contact families if we are reopening nominations. Please note there will only be a very limited time to nominate if that is the case.

SACPSSA Netball Carnival is going ahead next week. There has been changes due to COVID19 restrictions. All information has gone out through the Skoolbag App and there is another nominating process for students in Yr 5/6 due to their day change. Please note, if your child has not already nominated for Wednesday's carnival, they will be unable to attend the Tuesday carnival. Please see the Skoolbag App for further info. Parents please note that Parents / Grandparents, etc are allowed to attend the carnival as spectators. Only parents who are allocated Team Managers are able to attend the carnival. This is due to COVID19 restrictions and numbers.

Kristen Victory Sports Coordinator/Teacher

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#### Sport Dates

#### Term 1 2020

Metro SAPSASA Swimming Carnival - this will be rescheduled please stay tuned for further info.

Term 3 2020 SACPSSA Netball Carnival - Year 5/6 Tuesday 28 July, Year 3/4 Wednesday 29 July

SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 6 August

SACPSSA Touch Carnival - Day TBC

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

#### Term 4 2020

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival - Rescheduled date TBA, however it should be early October.

SAPSASA Airport District Athletics Carnival - Monday 29 October

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival - Friday 2 November

## COVID19



# WELCOME TO STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

# **Dear Parents/Visitor**

# Please do not enter the school grounds if you have:

- 1. Returned from **NSW**, **ACT or VIC** within the past 14 days and are required to quarantine.
- 2. Been in close contact with a person who has returned from **NSW**, **ACT or VIC** within the past 14 days.
- 3. Been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- 4. Are currently **unwell** and **experiencing** any of the following symptoms:
  - o **Fever**
  - o Cough
  - Sore Throat
  - Shortness of Breath
- Body aches
- o Chills
- o Runny nose
- Fatigue



Thank you for helping us to protect the health and safety of our school community.

# Canteen

A reminder that the canteen is now open 5 days a week for QKR! orders and only cash sales for lunch snacks eg iceblocks.

QKR! orders need to be in no late 9.15am.

Thank you Deanne Taggert

# Keep it Local



The Star of the Sea Business Directory is a way of supporting our school community by using our local family businesses. There are a number of business categories ranging from accounting and air conditioning to cafes, hairdressing, printing and retail, and many others.

If you are thinking about renovating at home or you need an electrician or simply doing a coffee run please think local and if possible use the school directory to locate a family business.

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# MINI CREATIVES KIDS ART AND CRAFT CLASSES

ONLY \$12 PER CLASS

Wednesdays 4 - 5.30pm STARTING IN TERM 3 EACH WEEK CHILDREN WILL LEARN NEW ARTS & CRAFT TECHNIQUES & SESSIONS ARE BASED AROUND FAMOUS CHILDREN'S BOOKS SUITABLE FOR AGES 6-12 YRS

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COMMUNI CENTRE

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