



Important Dates

Parent Teacher
Interview Week 6
and 7
Monday 24 August

Star Outreach
Meeting 9am
Friday 28 August

Sports Day/Colour
Run
Thursday 24 September

Last Day of Term
Thursday 24 September

Term 4 Begins
Monday 12 October

Recent News

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From the Principal



Dear Families

The children had a fantastic time at the disco last week and it was great to see them participate in an extra-curricular activity, albeit with a number of refinements. Many thanks to the P&F for organizing the event and to the small group of parents whom came to help. I should also thank those, other parents, who were eager to help but understood the restrictions we had to put into place.

These refinements or cancellations of activities will be with us to at least the end of the year, I think. The theme, as we move forward, is to be flexible and agile, with all the events planned for the rest of this term and the year.

In the week 1 newsletter, I shared some information from our Pupil Free Day, where I was fortunate to work with the school staff. This week I would like to share with you part 2 – Thriving people.

What are the qualities of a school where everyone can thrive (students, parents and staff)? God put us here to thrive not just survive! Did you know people with a spiritual dimension to their life, consistently rate their wellbeing higher, than those who have no spiritual life. As part of learning students' names, I have been asking them to fill in a "Thriving People" survey and the results of the Year 6 students have been overwhelmingly positive.

Shortly every student in a Catholic School in South Australia will participate in a simple wellbeing initiative – A Classroom Pulse Check In. The importance of the crucial partnership between parents/caregivers as the first educators of their children and teachers, more so than ever, cannot be overstated.

Please click on the view file below to find a parent letter that fully explains this survey.

Regards

Damian Weeks

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20.08.20

Child Protection Information

Cybersafety: Keeping Children Safe In A Connected World

This document provides schools with guidelines to assist us when sharing in the delights of young people learning online, while observing legislation, policies and practices that promote learning, protection and safety.

Wellbeing for Every Child – A Reminder.

We know that happy children learn well and can adjust to life's challenges in positive ways. All School staff and volunteers are mandatory notifiers meaning they are obliged by law to notify Families SA, if they suspect on reasonable grounds that a child or young person has been, or is being, abused and/or neglected. At Star of the Sea, Matt Perry and Damian Weeks are the contact people, especially for volunteers, who may need support with this process.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Throughout the year students will be engaging with the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. The curriculum is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. It covers a range of concepts including new additional material on contemporary issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

The curriculum is divided into 5 documents specific to the year level of the students plus 2 additional documents for educators working with students from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds and for students with a disability.

There are 2 main themes:

- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust

There are 4 focus areas:

1. The right to be safe
2. Relationships
3. Recognising and reporting abuse
4. Protective strategies

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum but can also be incorporated across other Learning Areas. Within the Health and Physical Education curriculum two focus areas Relationships and Safety outline the learning.

Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website:

<http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>

The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics including anxiety, depression, bullying and how to support your child.

20.08.20

From the Deputy Principal

Hello friends

I hope that these winter moments of late have provided some opportunities for connectedness and family time.

Grounds and Maintenance Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Grounds and Maintenance survey that was emailed to families in the past fortnight. The data will be collated and examined by the Grounds and Maintenance Committee and our School Board who will use the information to prioritise the grounds and maintenance initiatives moving forward. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Visitors on school site

Please remember to sign in and out at the front office when you are visiting the school. This may include activities such as listening to children read or helping to clean desks. For WHS reasons we need to know who is on our school grounds during school hours.

Please remember that any time you are on school grounds or in school buildings, to socially distance from children and adults who are not in your family. Hand sanitiser is available throughout the school for you to use.

School Crossing Monitors

Thank you to our Year 6 students who are our School Crossing monitors. They perform a very important task and help to keep our school community members safe. Please remember speed limits around our school and be mindful of pedestrians.

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else." – **Chinese Proverb**

Thanks and Blessings

Matt Perry

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Board Talk August Meeting

Coronavirus continues to impact on our world and the operations of our school. This will probably continue to do so for the remainder of this year. You may recall, that as a Parish School, we take our

directions from Catholic Education SA (CESA) in this area. CESA are following the advice of government agencies concerning how the current outbreak of coronavirus impacts students, staff and parents. Our focus is on minimising risk and ensuring we do all that we can to ensure our communities are safe. **The CV-19 theme for the remainder of the year is to be agile and flexible!**

Playing surfaces have been a hot topic in the Grounds and Maintenance survey. The building program comes to a close when the basketball courts, outside the Stella Maris building, are resurfaced. This is planned to be done over the October School Holidays, however, it is dependent on the weather. The oval surface is under investigation and we hope that a new surface will be laid over the Christmas holidays.

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From the SRC



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." **Mother Teresa**

Have you heard of PLAY IT ON? Play It On is a company that provides funding to families who are financially challenged so their children can participate in a sporting club. Play It On believes that EVERY child deserves a chance to play sport regardless of their financial situation. Recent surveys show that half the amount of kids in lower socio-economic areas participate in sport than kids in other areas.

How You Can Help!

You can help by donating your old sport gear, such as balls, bats and boots by putting them in the collection boxes. Look out for these over the next two weeks. Play It On refurbishes the gear and sells it online; the money is then used to create funds to pay for the tuition fees for the children. If you also want to purchase good quality pre-loved sporting equipment, click on the following link.: <https://www.playiton.com.au/shop/>

We are also holding a raffle to support Play It On. The raffle will be held from Monday the 24 August 2020 for one week. Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 tickets for 1 dollar. The prizes are 2 signed Crows footballs (from better years) and other sport balls. The SRC will sell the tickets at recess and lunch times in front of the library.

Stella Foley, Henry Sciberras and the SRC

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Kitchen Garden

Both Year 5 classes were fortunate enough to be able to participate in a kitchen garden cooking day. Students learnt about different produce, how to follow a recipe and how to work safely in a kitchen whilst demonstrating strong team work. We cooked chicken noodle soup, herb and cheese scones, spinach and feta pasties and Gianni's Le Omelette. All recipes included many ingredients that were grown in our school's vegetable garden. We would like to thank all of the parent helpers who volunteered their time as this would not be possible without their support.



SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all SOS students who attended the SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 6 August, particularly those who received a medal or ribbon and bannerette on the day. A great effort by all!

Jimmy Year 4 Div A 1st

Jess Year 6 Div A 3rd

Maeve Year 6 Div A 4th

Finn Year 4 Div B 3rd

Year 6 Div A Girls Age Champions

Year 4 Div A Boys Age Champions



Enrolment Information Needed

To assist us with future planning, please ensure you have enrolled younger siblings. We are currently enrolling for 2023.

If you are not sure, please contact Ms Vivian DePalma at the Front Office or email: vdepalma@star.catholic.edu.au

Thank you.

Sport News

Reception to Year 3 Swimming Registrations through Qkr! All info on Skoolbag app.

Athletic training has begun. Please see skoolbag app for the days and times of the various trainings. Dates and times are also on the Sports Office window.

SPORT DATES FOR Term 3 2020

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

Term 3 2020

SACPSSA Touch Carnival – Friday 4th September

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

Term 4 2020

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

SAPSASA Airport District Athletics Carnival - Monday 29 October 2020

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival - Friday 2 November 2020

Kristen Victory

Sports Coordinator/Teacher



PRAYER WALK

Go for a walk and use this guide to pray as you find each item

Bird - Thank God for promising to always be with us.

Bug - Ask God to heal those who are sick.

White Flower - Thank God for his wonderful Creation.

Fallen Leaf - Ask God to take care of your neighbours.

Fruit and Vegetables - Thank God for your food.

Pink Flower - Ask God to protect those in the medical field.

New Growth in the Plants - Thank God for new beginnings and fresh starts.

Butterfly - Ask God to take care of your family and friends.

Entertainment Books



Support our Parents and Friends (P&F) group school fundraising by purchasing an Entertainment Membership.

Entertainment is offering a free 6 week trial. Register for this between 24 August – 6 September 2020.

To find out more, and place an order to support us, visit <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1r61580>

20% of each membership sold goes into our fundraising initiatives (e.g. the brand new creative play space is supported by P&F fundraising).

DARE TO DREAM

ATHLETICS HOLIDAY CLINIC

Wednesday 30th September & Wednesday 7th October 2020.
SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End

A clinic for ANY 5-17 YEAR OLDS to learn,
have fun, improve their athletics skills,
and meet an Australian Commonwealth
Medalist & Olympian.



MEET TWO TIMES COMMONWEALTH MEDALIST & OLYMPIAN
(LONDON & RIO)

JESSICA STENSON
(NÉE TRENGOVE)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
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