



Newsletter Term 3 Week 9

Important Dates

Sports Day/Colour
Run
Thursday 24 September

Last Day of Term
Thursday 24 September

Term 4 Begins
Monday 12 October

17.09.20

Year 5 Camp



"On Wednesday the 9th of September the Year 5 students departed from Star of the Sea to El Shaddai Camping Centre at Wellington. This was our first school camping experience and we were so excited. When we arrived, we were welcomed by a lovely staff member named Chloe and given a short tour. El Shaddai was a beautiful place with a lot of facilities like a flying fox, trampoline and a beautiful oval. Each day we were divided into groups for all the activities. We participated in fun activities like canoeing, laser skirmish and rock climbing. The food was great too. Every evening we participated in different activities. On the first night we had a quiz night, and everyone had a lot of fun. On the second night we had a campfire and we got to roast some marshmallows followed by a movie night. On the third day we had our last 3 activities and then we headed back to Star of the Sea. Even though we were all sad to leave El Shaddai as we had so much fun, we were happy we got back to see our families."

By Chloe Davies and Charli Fanto.

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Recent News

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

It has been the second week of busy Sacramental Masses, I think we have now had about 8! Many families were concerned about how different these celebrations were going to be compared to pre-CV19 times. A number of parents have emailed, after their children's Confirmation and commented how wonderful the experience was. I too, found the Celebrations to be very child focussed and that the

small groups made it a far more intimate experience. Many thanks to Fathers Paul & Tan for leading all the celebrations and to Barb and Stella and the Parish for planning and running the celebrations. Many of the school staff also attended to support the children in our school and I would like to thank them for making the time to do this.

YEAR 5 CAMP

The Year 5 students and teachers had a great time at their Wellington campsite. The weather was fantastic and the activities even better. I went up to camp on the Thursday and particularly enjoyed the laser-skirmish. Quite a few staff left their families, to attend the camp and make the whole adventure possible. I would like to thank them for their dedication.

SWIMMING

School swimming seems to be going quite well and teachers are very happy with the venue, organisation and expertise of the staff. The Year 2 classes were very tired after their first session so they must have been working very hard! Thank you to the parents for their understanding around the CV19 restrictions too.

TERM DATES

Just a reminder that we conclude school next Thursday, September 24th at 3pm. Next term will begin on Monday, October 12th (ie there is no pupil free day). The school year will conclude on Wednesday December 9th. 2021 will begin on a Wednesday, January 27th, due to Australia Day.

MEETINGS

In the past fortnight I have attended meetings for the School Board, Parish Pastoral Council, Catholic Education Primary Principals and the Western Region Cluster of Principals. There is much happening in Catholic Education at the moment at all levels!

SPORTS DAY

This event is next Thursday, but as you know, we are not able to have parents attend. This year, Sports Day will be focussed on having a fun day rather than the usual athletics.

NEXT TERM'S EVENTS

The following term 4 events are on the calendar. These will be reviewed next term and we will be flexible and agile around the CV19 requirements that apply at that time!

Week 2 – Book Week

Week 8 – Graduation Assembly

Week 8 – Carols Night

Week 9 – Graduation Dinner

Regards,

Damian Weeks

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Board Talk September Meeting

As you would be aware, Catholic Education SA (CESA) is decreasing fees in all of its Catholic schools. The School Board discussed the different options that CESA presented for Star of the Sea School. We are currently modelling the impact on the 2021 budgets before finalising a decision.

Grounds and Maintenance

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey. This has helped to prioritise work moving forward. The committee is currently pursuing the re-surfacing of the oval and are now gathering quotes on the replacement of the watering system and grass.

OSHC

A decision was made to apply for an increase in the maximum number of children who can attend the service. This will take a number of months before we hear back but we are on the journey.

Road Crossing

The School Board discussed the increasing number of incidents at our crossings. Sadly, this has mainly involved cars belonging to school families. We recognise that families have busy schedules but impatience at the crossing puts the children crossing the road in danger, the monitors in danger, as well as other cars. Please consider the safety of others as you drive around these areas.

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From the SRC



Imagine not seeing a real ball your whole childhood? It was 2018 and Theresa Brown wanted to make a change. She worked at a local council and noticed countless families, specifically refugee families asking if the government offered financial assistance for the tuition fees of the various sporting clubs in the area. Some of these children were 12 or 13 years old and had only ever played soccer or cricket with home-made balls made from discarded odds and ends. So, Theresa founded 'Play It On', a company to provide sport funding for families. Theresa worked hard as the only employee until the start of this year when she also purchased a building located in Gilles Plains where she sorts and cleans the products donated. Over the years people have donated over 5,500 products to Play It On, and in the past few weeks Star of The Sea has raised \$500 for Play It On through many raffles. Students also donated their quality used sport equipment to help Play It On make an even bigger difference.

We will continue to show our solidarity with children around the world through 'Let's kick goals together' in Mission Week next term.

Henry Scibberas, Hayley Thomas, Mrs Foley

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Confirmation and First Communion Masses

The Confirmation and First Communion Masses have been intimate, reverent celebrations, focussed on joyfully welcoming our children into full membership of our church. This new format, because of the Pandemic, caused some concerns at first, however, we all came to realise that this year has given us the opportunity to celebrate our faith in new ways that truly brings us together in a community that we have appreciated. We have now celebrated 7 Masses, with one more on the 20th October. Thank you to Fr Paul Cashen, our Parish Priest, and Fr Tan, who have accompanied us on this journey, and the music groups from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish who have provided music for each Mass. My thanks must also go to our Year 4 teachers, Mrs Barb Conlon and so many of our staff who have contributed their time and expertise to our Sacrament Program.

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace by the power of the Holy Spirit,

Stella Foley



Digital Learning

ONLINE SAFETY SESSIONS

This week we had the awesome crew from Carly Ryan Foundation visit our school again this week to provide up to date valuable information about how to have positive and safe experiences online and risks we can try to minimise. Cam, Zac and Rachel worked with our Year 5 and Year 6 learners and had great information to share and answered many great questions we had. Next year, when Covid-19 restrictions have eased for gatherings for adults we will arrange a parent information session. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 please have a conversation with them about what they learned in the session this week and check out the following links for more information.

These sessions are in addition to the sessions we have been given to us, yet to be scheduled, as part of the Google grant recently received through the Project Rockit organisation.

Finally, a reminder that Carly Ryan Foundation fact sheets are a great place to start to get up to date info about the apps your kids may be using

<https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets>

<https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

<https://www.projectrockit.com.au/>



Sphero Robotics

Last week our Year 4 classes started working on their STEM design challenge linked to their learning about the HMS Endeavour in History. Our first lesson was being introduced to the robotic Sphero balls and how to program them. Over the coming weeks we will be working through the challenge of designing a boat that uses the Sphero robotic ball as the boat's engine. We will share our boat designs and Sphero programs with you in a few weeks.



Sport Day Reminders

- All students to wear white t-shirts. They can wear their house colour as ribbons or socks.
- Hair spray / zinc cream / nail polish is allowed – this must be done at home and not brought to school to apply
- No parents are allowed to attend Sports Day due to CV-19 current restrictions
- Students lunches needs to be ordered via Qkr! by 4pm today. If not ordered lunches need to be brought from home – no food available for purchase on the day.
- Students will walk to and from St Michaels will be dismissed from school

Star Outreach



“Connecting families and Building community”

Community Kitchen: Please remember that meals are available in the freezer near the tuck shop. This service is available for all members of our school community. Please feel free to take a meal when you need it – maybe your family is impacted by illness or loss, maybe a new baby has been welcomed or maybe you have just had a hard week. Find more information on the SkoolBag app under Star Outreach.

Sports Day: Unfortunately, as families will not be attending Sports Day this year, there will be no 'Toddler race' held for pre-schoolers. Star Outreach group would still like to make all pre-schoolers feel a part of our community, so we will be arranging a small gift to be presented to them in Term 4 through Little Stars and Playgroup. We look forward to involving our pre-schoolers in future sports days.

Uniform Shop Extra Hours

Uniform shop hours are Tuesday 8.30am - 10am.

They will also have extra opening times for Weeks 9 & 10 and Term 4 Weeks 1 & 2 on Thursday 8.30am-9.30am. This will help with the uniform season change over.

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.

WELCOMING
NEW NIPPERS



Less screen time, more sunscreen time!

Come & Try

SEASON 10 OCT - 19 DEC
FOR SATURDAY DETAILS VISIT
WWW.GRANGESLSC.ASN.AU AND
BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE



THE SURF LIFE SAVING SEASON IS NEARLY HERE! FREE 'COME & TRY' FOR CHILDREN 5 YEARS & OVER.

When: Saturday 31 October & Saturday 7 November

Time: 12:45pm for 1:00pm session start

Where: Henley Surf Life Saving Club, Henley Beach

At Henley Surf Life Saving Club, we are offering a free 'Come & Try' session to children aged 5 and over interested in joining our Juniors Program for the 2020/21 season.

Experience the welcoming, family friendly atmosphere of our club where we focus on participation & community values as well as the competition aspects of Surf Life Saving.

For more information, contact the Henley Surf Life Saving Club Junior Committee by email: juniors@henleyslsc.com.au

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our values are:**

FAMILY

**One united
community**

INTEGRITY

Lead by example

RESPECT

**Embracing diversity,
encouraging unity**

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TEAMWORK

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excellence**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRIALS FOR THE 2021 SEASON

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR JAGS COMMUNITY. TRIALS FOR THE 2021 SEASON ARE ON OCT 13 + OCT 15. ALL GIRLS OF ALL AGES AND ALL SKILLS LEVELS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

A FULL DAY OF FUN FOOTBALL! PERFECT FOR ALL SPORTY GIRLS. DEVELOP SKILLS, FRIENDSHIPS AND CONFIDENCE IN A POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT. GO TO WWW.SWAGSOCCERACADEMY.COM/SCHOOLHOLIDAYS/TERM3

MINIROOS CARNIVAL FOR AGES 5-11

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, CREATE A TEAM, AND COME ALONG TO OUR MINIROOS 4SIDE CARNIVAL! A NIGHT FULL OF FUN GAMES WITH FRIENDS! GO TO WWW.SWAGSOCCERACADEMY.COM/4SIDE

