

## Important Dates

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**P&F Meeting 7pm**  
Monday 23 October 2023

**Photo Day**  
Tuesday 24 October 2023

**Year 6 Assembly**  
2.30pm  
Thursday 26 October 2023

**Photo Make Up Day**  
Friday 27 October 2023

**Year 4 Assembly**  
2.30pm  
Monday 30 October 2023

**Term 3 Reception**  
**Excursion**  
Tuesday 31 October 2023

**All Saints Day**  
Wednesday 1 November  
2023

**All Souls Day**  
Thursday 2 November 2023

**SACPSSA Athletics**  
**Carnival**  
Friday 3 November 2023

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19.10.23

## From the Principal

Dear Families

Welcome to the last term of the 2023 year, how quickly time flies by!

As you know I have had time off to travel to Europe and participate in Renewal Leave last term and have come back quite refreshed. Later in the newsletter you can read about the first leg of my trip.

This is a very busy term so please keep an eye on the calendar and announcements.

We held a very successful Pupil Free Day, with our staff, on Monday. The professional learning covered three very important areas:

- Learning Walks and Talks
- Assessment and Reporting
- WHS training
- Diabetes training

### 2024 Class Placement

We will soon begin the organisation of classes for next year. We invite parents to share any educational factors regarding the placement of their child. The type of information you may like to share could fall into a number of needs that your child has, social/emotional, learning, physical and behavioural (please note that this does not include selecting a particular teacher).

Students also get input into their class placements and they will soon be asked to choose some friends that they would like to be with next year.

It is always possible to take into consideration requests received by the due date. This is not the case once this date passes because moving one student will affect the placement of many other students and the balance of the class.

If you would like to share any educational factors regarding the placement of your child please email me at [dweeks@star.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dweeks@star.catholic.edu.au) by **Friday 27 October 2023**.

Have a great term.

Damian Weeks

Principal

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## Recent News

# Principal Renewal Leave

Every 12 years Principals qualify for renewal leave and last term I took half of my eligible leave, to do three things:

- Visit the birthplace of the Sisters of Mercy, in Dublin
- Intensive study at the Leuven University
- Walk some of the Camino trail

The first leg of my trip took me to Dublin and the birthplace of the Sisters of Mercy (the founders of our school).

Catherine McAuley, was an Irish Catholic religious sister who founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.

The women's congregation has always been associated with teaching, especially in Ireland, where the sisters taught Catholics (and at times Protestants) at a time when education was mainly reserved for members of the established Church of Ireland.

In 1824 Catherine used her inheritance from an Irish couple she had served for twenty years to build a large House of Mercy where she and other lay women would shelter homeless women, reach out to the sick and dying and educate poor girls. The House on Baggot Street opened in 1827. To give these efforts greater stability, Catherine and her co-workers founded a new religious congregation. Before her death on 11 November 1841, Catherine founded convents and works of mercy throughout Ireland and England.

Dublin is also home to the famous St Patrick's Cathedral. Unfortunately, the pictures do not do justice to this awesome building. Founded in 1191 as a Roman Catholic cathedral, it is currently the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland. St Patrick baptised Christian converts on this site 1500 years ago.



19.10.23

## From the Acting Deputy

Dear Star of the Sea Families

Welcome to Term 4. It has been a very smooth start to this final term of the year, and it has been wonderful to engage with children and families again.

As this term is only 9 weeks, please take the time to review the Term 4 Calendar which includes all of the whole school, year level, class and specialist events for the term.

Staff will provide further information prior to each event so that you have clarity about arrangements.

Upcoming events for Term 4 include:

- School photos
- P&F Gala Ball
- SACPSSA Athletics Carnival 3-6
- Mission Week
- Various assemblies, liturgies and excursions
- Carols night
- Year 6 Graduation

I look forward to seeing families at each of these events.

Kind regards

Gemma D'Angelo

Acting Deputy Principal

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## From the APRIM

### Season of Creation

On the last day of Term 3, our whole school took part in a pilgrimage to the beach to celebrate the Season of Creation. We prayed together, gave thanks together and enjoyed the gifts that God has blessed us with through Creation.

It was a wonderful way to end our term and our week-long activities celebrating our wonderful world.

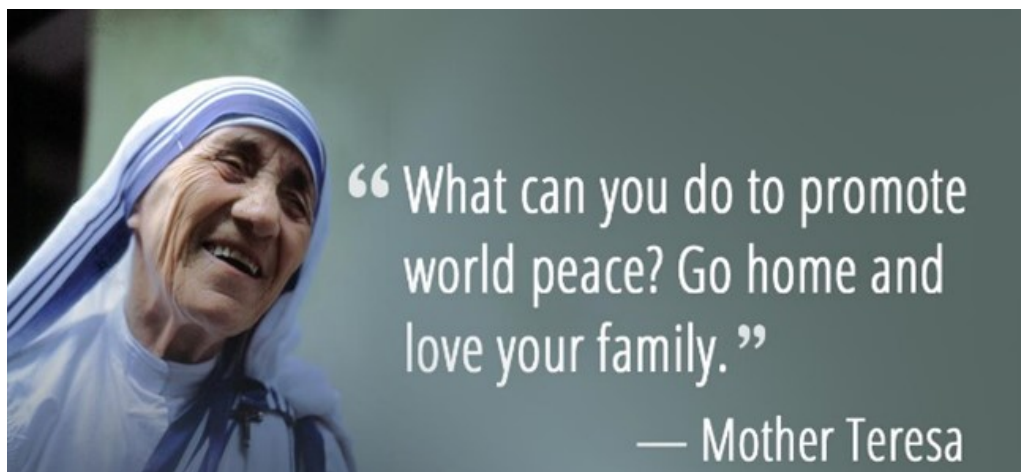
### Praying For Peace

As I reflect on and see the footage of the unfolding events that are currently happening in our world at the moment, I wonder and ask myself, 'How can this be happening and what can I do to help?'

My thoughts immediately go to the words that beautiful Mother Teresa once said when she received a Nobel Peace Prize. When asked, "What can we do to bring about world peace?" she replied simply, "Go home and love your family."

Peace begins with us. In our hearts, in our thoughts, in our words and in our actions. We have the power to spread peace and love every day.

What can you do today to show peace to others?



### Task Design and Assessment in Religious Education

On Monday, our pupil free day, the teachers spent part of the day exploring and learning about how to create rich learning tasks and assessment tasks to allow all learners to go from Surface Learning, to Deep Learning to Transfer Learning.

Hattie, Fisher and Frey (Visible Learning, 2017) Describe these 3 levels of learning as:

*"Surface learning does not mean superficial learning. Rather, surface learning is a time when students initially are exposed to concepts, skills, and strategies. Surface learning is critical because it provides a foundation on which to build as students are asked to think more deeply."*

*"We define deep learning as a period when students consolidate their understanding and apply and extend some surface learning knowledge to support deeper conceptual understanding."*

*"Transfer learning is the point at which students take their consolidated knowledge and skills and apply what they know to new scenarios and different contexts. It is also a time when students are able to think metacognitively, reflecting on their own learning and understanding."*

The teachers worked together in teams to look at their learning tasks and assessment tasks in Religious Education and to design ways we can assist our learners to take their knowledge, skills and dispositions in RE from surface learning to transfer learning.

Our teachers work exceptionally hard on designing rich learning tasks where all students can explore the concepts in the Religious Education curriculum.

With gratitude

Domenique Laurendi





## Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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## Catholic Schools Athletic Carnival

The Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival will be held Friday 3 November. A team list has been emailed to all students who have been nominated.

Thank you

Kristen Victory

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## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who completed the 2023 Premier Reading Challenge. We had a total of 500 students from Reception to Year 6 taking part. A huge congratulations to the 110 students who read 20 books instead of the usual 12 to celebrate the Reading Challenge celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

The certificates and medals are going to be dispatched to school in November and will be distributed once sorted into class groups.

Students who completed the 20 book challenge will also receive an additional certificate to acknowledge their achievement.

Well done to everyone,

