



Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

Important Dates

Term 1 2022 Begins
Monday 31 January

Class of 2021



Dear Families

Well, here we are at the end of another year. I am thankful that we have been able to hold all our end of year events this year. Some need "Covid tweaking" but we held true to the essence of each event. The Carols Night seemed to be a great success, not quite the usual event, but much improved on what we were able to do last year.

The Year 6 students were farewelled at a Graduation Dinner on Monday night, which was a fantastic event for the students and their families. While we were unable to hold this event last year, it was a great gathering to celebrate the end of primary education for our two classes of Year 6.

On Tuesday morning the weather cleared for a perfect setting for our End of Year Liturgy. Unfortunately, our student numbers are still too large to hold this event in the church, but a lovely sacred space was created in the courtyard. Following the Liturgy there was a farewell to the Year 6 students and a handover of leadership to the Year 5 students. The awards, presented at the Graduation Dinner, were shared with the whole school and special guests presented the Mary Colton Sr Cynthia and Tony Quinn awards. A full list of award winners can be found in this newsletter.

I thank everyone in our community for their understanding as we negotiated the difficult path through Covid 19 restrictions. Many of these restrictions changed throughout the year but as a community we responded by being flexible and agile.

On behalf of our community I would like to thank all the staff at Star of the Sea. Very few people realise the work that goes on in the background, especially in regard to keeping children safe, with all the restrictions. The hard work of the teachers, particularly in the area of literacy, are really paying off for your children.

On behalf of all the staff here at Star of the Sea, thank you for your support this year and may we wish your family a happy, safe and blessed Christmas season.

Next year, we start on a Monday, January 31st and we look forward to catching up with everyone then.

Regards,

Damian Weeks

Recent News

2021 Award Recipients

Tony Quinn

Kyla Broadbent
Ryan Donovan

Sister Cynthia

Emma Devine

Mary Colton

Zara Wilkinson

Principal's Award

Marisa Sghirripa

Mercy Awards

Poppy Allen
Jack Crafter
Cartia Baftiroski
Lucas Cooper
Amber Kuszczakowski
Tahlia Martin
Isla Martino
Zac Nicholas
Olivia O'Bryan
Lilyana Paris
Lambis Skoumbris

Academic Awards

Chloe Davies
Emma Devine
Dana Court
Lucy Scott
Isabel Cavallo



Fr John Rate Award

The Father John Rate Award was created in memory of our much-loved Parish Priest, Fr John, who passed away in 2019. This award: 'To be on Earth the Heart of God', is in recognition of someone who is a special member of the Star of the Sea Community and lives out our school charism of 'Spirituality of the Heart'. Like Father John, this person makes the world a better place, by promoting God's love for all people and creation.

The Fr John Rate Award is being presented to someone today who is held dear by the school community. They show friendship to everyone and always give generously of themselves. They go the extra mile. They love to have fun and are always thinking of ways to involve students and staff in everything. They also have a love of history and a determination to keep alive the beginnings and life here at Star of the Sea.

It is with great pleasure that I now present the Fr John Rate Award to Mrs Deb Tucker in recognition for all she has done for this community. Deb, would you please come forward now to accept your award.



2022 House Captains



Congratulaions to our 2022 House Captains

TEAM	CAPTIAN	VICE CAPTAIN
Coolock	Jimmy Burton Lilla Nicholas	Nicholas Sghirripa Taylor Trimboli
Fitzpatrick	Ollie Tape Isabella Tambakis	Anton Kumar Zoe Santos
McKillop	Tyson Mutton Lara Dragani	Jack Wade Sibella Wilkinson
McAuley	Myles McMahon Ruby Warren	Ryan Veart Ella Van Dommele

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Christmas Carols

