



Tuesday 20th April 2021 Week One Term Two

Dear Families

Welcome to Term 2 everyone!

I do hope you all had a wonderful Easter and had a chance to enjoy the peace and hope this great season brings.

As an empty nester it was a novel experience to have an extra 11 people take up camp in our household over the long weekend. I am still finding half eaten easter eggs around the house! It was a crazy few days, but it was a blessing to be surrounded by love and to be able to care for my extended family in this way.

It is very easy to get caught up in our own lives and their routines and priorities. We live in a world that reassures us that we just have to look after our own needs and not feel bad about doing that.

Easter reminds us that this attitude is not correct. There is a real danger in our busy lives that we may develop an indifference to the needs of others. We are time poor and stressed with our responsibilities. We also live in such a stimulating environment that we end up becoming indifferent to the plethora of wonder around us.

It is often said that the opposite of love is hate, but it is actually a complete lack of feeling that we call indifference. If we follow the example of Jesus and believe that we are called to a life that makes Him real for others, then we do not have a choice. Jesus rejected indifference and showed he cared about the suffering of others in perhaps the most extreme way possible.

Lucky for us we do not have to show our love in such an extreme way. **Little acts of service that show you are not indifferent can have a transformative effect.** I heard once that nothing we put into the Kingdom of God is ever lost. This can include the kind smile or word you share, the recycling you do, the patience you show and the help you offer to others.

I often tell the story of the smile I received as a tired, burnt out mother. It was a stranger walking by who saw my struggle and sought to reassure me with a smile of acceptance and understanding, not judgement. It still warms my heart and reminds me of how much we need each other and how **we all suffer when we seek to just look after our own interests.**

You will hear us talking lots about service and the importance of working together this term. The Student of the Week Awards your children will receive will also be acknowledging these traits. We invite you to continue the discussion at home and look for ways you can live lives of service, love and hope as a family.

NEW PREP TEACHER

We sadly said goodbye to Mrs Amy Rhodes at the end of last term as she headed off on leave for the rest of the year. We welcome Mrs Fiona Adamson to Star of the Sea as our new Prep B teacher and know she will be made to feel very welcome within our Star of the Sea family.

NEW SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP AREA

We have suffered a few setbacks with the new play area and car park as often happens with any project construction. We hope to have taken possession by the end of May at the very latest and look forward to the great enhancement these facilities will bring to our school.

2022 PREP ENROLMENTS

A reminder to our current families with Prep students for next year to register their child via the online enrolment link on our website. Please also spread the word to new families that you know are interested.

God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!

Jennett Mullane

Principal

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From our APRE

Welcome to Term 2. I trust you had a wonderful and blessed Easter. I personally feel well rested and look forward to whatever Term 2 is going to throw our way.



Due to next Sunday being ANZAC Day the Church celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday this week.

In the words of Father Andrew -

Good Shepherd Sunday is the World Day of Prayer of Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, when we are asked especially to pray that men and women called to this life will respond generously in imitation of Christ the Good Shepherd.

The theme of this year's Good Shepherd Sunday is "Do not be afraid." Despite the fears we might have in saying 'yes' to our vocation, Jesus urges us to trust in his presence and let those fears go. When we are living out our vocation, God's love is most fully revealed in our lives and that love is what overcomes all fear. Let us encourage all young people to discern what their vocation is, with faith that following God's specific calling for them is the best way for them to experience joy, peace and fulfillment in their life.

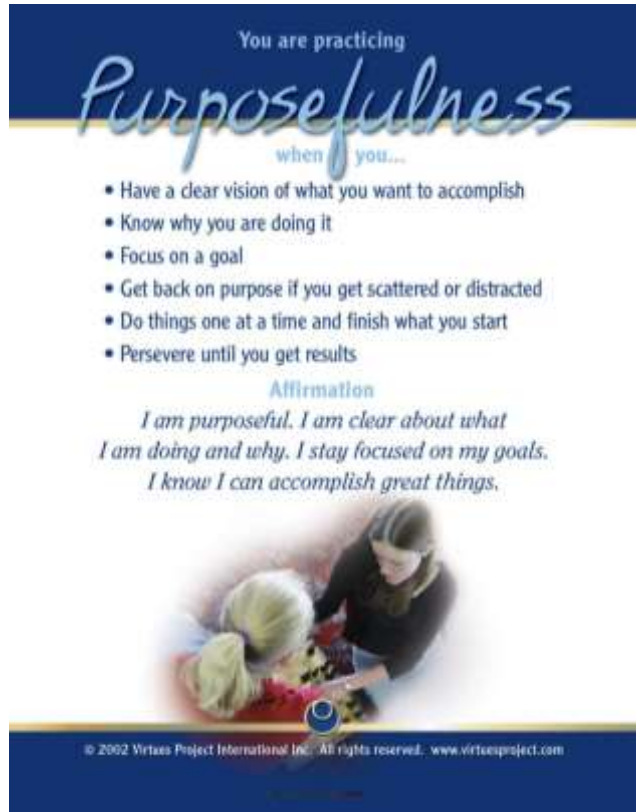
VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church. May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world.

Amen.



You are practicing
Purposefulness
when you...

- Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish
- Know why you are doing it
- Focus on a goal
- Get back on purpose if you get scattered or distracted
- Do things one at a time and finish what you start
- Persevere until you get results

Affirmation
I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know I can accomplish great things.

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How often are we clear about what we are doing? I love the idea of doing one thing at a time and finishing the things I start – my goal for this term 😊

MJR MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

Be a T.E.A.M. player – we all know that Together Everyone Achieves More.

WEEKLY WONDERING

I wonder what you would say to Jesus if he was beside you?

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Kellie Richardson

Assistant Principal: Religious Education

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for all of us as we celebrate the Holy Season of Easter: May the example of Christ's generous love inspire us to live lives of service for others.
- We pray for all those who have died: May God grant them the peace and joy and hope of the resurrection.
- We pray for all who seek to ease the suffering of others, especially charities such as Caritas: May we do all we can to support their generous work.
- We pray for those members of our school community who are battling sickness and suffering in their life: May they find healing and comfort.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

You are invited to join with the diocese in praying a novena to St Joseph the Worker for vocations starting on Friday the 23rd of April and finishing on May 1st, the feast day of St Joseph

the Worker. You can find the novena at www.rok.catholic.net.au or on our diocesan Facebook page. We will pray the 1st day of the novena together as part of a holy hour for vocations at St Joseph's Cathedral at 5:30pm on the 23rd of April. The holy hour will be livestreamed on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel.

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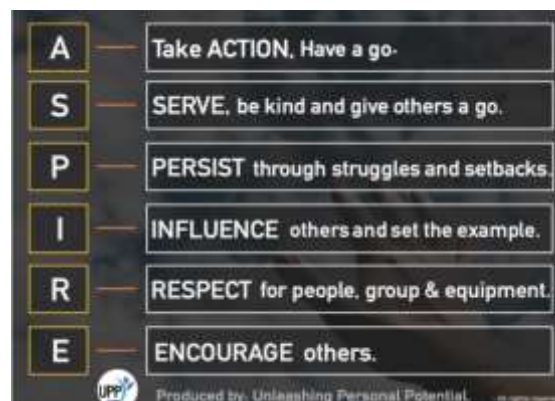
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CURRICULUM NEWS



Welcome back to Term 2 2021!!

As I was driving on the holidays I was listening to the radio and Luke McKenna the co-founder of the company UPP, Unleashing Personal Potential was being interviewed. I have met Luke a number of times and it was very exciting to hear him on the radio.

Last term the Year 6 classes did a follow up session with the team from Unleashing Personal Potential. The day focused on all students identifying and acknowledging their own potential to ASPIRE AS LEADERS.

Our students here at Star of the Sea are very lucky to have such a supportive P & F who provide our Year 5 and 6 students the opportunity to be involved in these leadership opportunities and Unleashing their Personal Potential. The workshops empower students to THRIVE as they learn, live and lead and specialise in building growth mindsets, grit and wellbeing.

Every term is a busy one, the next 10 weeks will be no exception, so I encourage you all to try and keep a positive mindset in order to THRIVE!!!

Have a good week everyone.

Anthony King
Assistant Principal: Curriculum

ANZAC Day March

Sunday 25th April



Star of the Sea School will once again be showing our support for our heroes past and present by marching in this year's ANZAC Day March.

The march will take place on Sunday 25th April.

Students will need to assemble outside the Westpac Bank at 10am dressed in full school uniform (including hat). It is important that students also apply sun cream and bring a water bottle to carry with them.

Whilst this is the official event that our school participates in and our Captains are present at, we are aware that some families have the tradition of attending the Dawn Service. If any of our older students are attending this service instead we would love for you to let the office know. Don't forget to wear your school uniform!



Lest we forget

WHEN MAY YOU DROP YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?

Please remember that supervision for your child is not provided until 8:10am each morning. **No child should arrive at school before that time please.**

We have a Before Hours Care service that is licensed by the department to care for our students before the official school hours begin. This means that children outside the care of that service cannot be on site while this service is operating in the licensed area.

If you do need your children on site before that time you will need to enrol them in our Before Hours Care Service.

More information about our OSHC Service can be obtained via our website:

<http://www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au/about-us/oshc.html>

We appreciate your support in keeping your child safe and complying with the legislation we are bound to work under.



P&F Meeting Tuesday 4th May 6:30pm

***Come along at 6pm for a drink
and a chat beforehand.***



***A reminder not to attend if you are
unwell please.***

Use of School Toilets

As part of our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning space for our students we have strict rules surrounding our use of our school toilets.

Only students who are currently enrolled at Star of the Sea School are permitted to use the student toilets.

Parents, volunteers, toddlers and high school students may use the Disabled Toilet located near the Tuckshop.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR
CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONS AND
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
MAKE IT SUCH A GREAT DAY.**



****Marsden House – Overall Cross Country Winner****

A "Student Achievement" book is available in the school office for all parents to submit details of their child/children's achievements in the school newsletter. Please contact the school office on 49721305 for further information.

11 Years Rugby League Team

Congratulations to Adam A on being selected in the 11yrs Rugby League Capricornia Trial to be held on Tuesday 4th May in Emerald.

Instrumental Music Notes

"Tracking rhythm patterns seems to play a vital role in music and speech perception, both important for acquiring reading skills."
Hallam, S. (2019) *Can a rhythmic intervention support reading development in poor readers? Psychology of Music, 47(5), 722-735. Bigger Better Brains.*

Beginner Band is starting this week!

Beginner Band is every Wednesday morning 7.45am to 8.45am.

Gladstone Eisteddfod entries are closing soon! Parents can place entries through Stardom.com.au

Percussionists wanted!


Do you already play the piano or have previous music experience? Our school band needs more percussionists. If you are interested in learning melodic (glockenspiel) and rhythmic (drums) percussion and playing in our school band please contact Mrs Mallett, or the school office.

Are you interested in learning the oboe or tenoroon? (mini bassoon). Our students have a unique opportunity to hire and learn these instruments through our school music program. Please contact Mrs Mallett for more information.

Mrs Mallett
Instrumental Music Teacher
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2022 Prep Enrolments Open

