



## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Week Two Term Two

Dear Families

I had the great privilege a few years ago of travelling to the Holy Land and, as part of that trip, we visited the War Cemetery in Beersheba which was the scene of the famous charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade where so many Australians bravely fought.

I was particularly touched by the gratitude of the local people that was still evident 100 years later. We were stopped by a number of people who wanted to speak to us and cheered because we were Australian. I also saw Australian flags flown from local people's apartments.

It's not till you have been in a country still not at peace that you really appreciate what a great gift we have here in Australia. Those locals have never forgotten the courage and generosity of our Australian soldiers and I pray we too will never forget.

The meaning of ANZAC Day has broadened and shifted since that first ANZAC Day to what it is today. The Australian War Memorial site describes the first ANZAC Day in 1916 as being one that served to support the serving men and women, increase recruitment and increase patriotic support. Over the years it has changed in its emphasis many times.

This year I noticed many personal touches in those who marched and joined the parade. Items such as posters, badges, photos and clothes were used as ways of telling and respecting the many stories connected with this important day.

The men and women who inspire this day should always be at its centre, but I don't think there is anything wrong with taking some time for self reflection to see how it affects us personally. By doing so, we stop ANZAC Day from becoming something distant and removed and instead, give it personal meaning and relevance.

General David Hurley reminds us that we are heirs to a great legacy and that ANZAC Day is indeed a day of reflection and responsibility.

He emphasises that "Anzac Day is a day to acknowledge those *who suffered and still suffer from the effects of war. A day to remember the strength of the human spirit and the value of mateship, but above all else, it is a time to remember those who have fallen. Almost a century after the Gallipoli landing we need not search for more than four words to embody the spirit of Anzac - **courage, endurance, mateship, sacrifice.** These words have stood the test of time."*

<http://www.theage.com.au/comment/anzac-day-why-it-still-resonates-20130424-2ie7q.html#ixzz46q8LyGcS>

### Lest we forget.

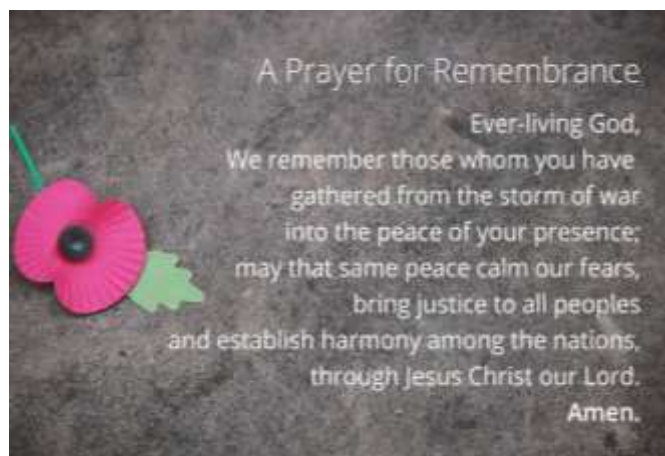
Congratulations to everyone who helped make our Cross Country so great – the staff who set up the day before, the parents who helped at the event, our wonderful Mrs Blake who coordinated such a great day and all our students who participated so whole heartedly!! We saw many great examples of Team work and endurance and we were very proud of everyone.

God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!

Jennett Mullane

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## ***From our APRE***

This term we focus, as a school, on the virtue of service. Our Year 5 students broadcast a very important message on Friday helping us all to understand what service is all about.

Some wise words from the broadcast -

*"Service is giving to others, making a real difference in their lives. It means considering others' needs as your own."*

*"The technical term from the concise English Dictionary gives meaning to the art of being helpful, without waiting to be asked, doing every job with excellence. When you act in the spirit of service, you can change the world!"*

*"Doing thoughtful things to help your family and friends makes you feel good about yourself too! Working with enthusiasm and really having compassion for those who need help, makes our world a much better place."*

*"By doing your part to care for the Earth by recycling, reducing and reusing our waste is also being of service to our Mother Earth."*

Service is not only about giving to others because we all know that through being of service to others we can feel a sense of self-worth, so it is a win – win for everyone involved.

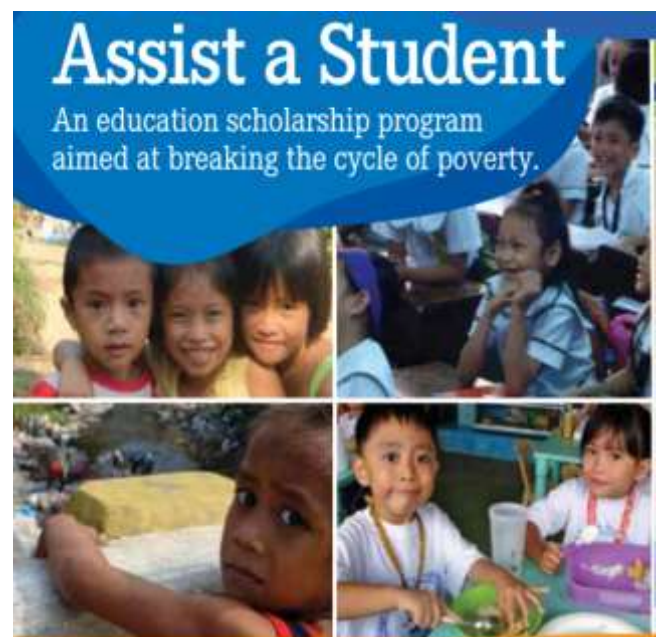


Everyone at Star of the Sea plays a part in being of service in many different ways. Last term Chayse in Year 4 met with Mrs Mullane to see if it would be ok if himself and his brother Nate started collecting containers for change from around our school. The money collected from this initiative is being donated to our Mission collection and in the 6 weeks they have been collecting containers from school lunches they have been able to donate nearly \$80 towards our Mission money total. Thank you Chayse and Nate.



Another way our students are being of service is by separating food scraps from general waste at lunch time. This is a simple act having an impact on our Earth. This waste no longer goes to land fill.

Last term our school donated a total of \$850 toward Project Compassion. We also made a donation to the NSW flood appeal to the value of \$308. The money raised from our Mission collection this term goes toward the St Vincent de Paul Assist a Student Program. A total of \$70 can assist a student and help them with educational needs.



You are practicing  
*Thankfulness*  
when you...

- Are thankful for the gifts of life
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- See the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn
- Enjoy your sense of wonder about the beauty in the world
- Are willing to receive what others want to give
- Count your blessings every day

Affirmation  
*I am thankful for the many gifts within me and around me today. I appreciate my life. I look for the lessons. I expect the best.*



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Take time to be thankful – there is always something to be thankful for. I am thankful that I am part of a wonderful community, full of generous and caring people.

**MJR Message of the Week**  
**T.E.A.M.**

*Coming together is a  
**Beginning**  
Keeping together is  
**Progress**  
Working together is  
**Success.***

**WEEKLY WONDERING**

**I wonder if you give thanks for God's love and care for us?**

***Have a wonderful week and stay safe,***

***Kellie Richardson***  
***Assistant Principal: Religious Education***



***Be a lighthouse for your family.***

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- We pray for all of us during this Easter season: May we proclaim the message of our risen Christ with hope and joy and conviction.
- We pray for all who live with war and suffering: May the leaders of our world govern with wisdom and concern for all.
- We pray for all who have fought for peace in our world, especially our own soldiers who have fought for Australia: May we always be grateful for their sacrifice and may we too work for peace in our daily lives.
- 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 of those suffering due to the COVID Pandemic: May they be given strength in their suffering and consolation in their grief and may they receive the treatment and care they so desperately need.

***P&F Meeting***  
***Next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>***  
***May @ 6:30pm***

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



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

## CURRICULUM NEWS

### Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with students in all year levels – Prep to Year 6.

The Department of Education and Training, in partnership with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, has developed the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum for Queensland students. The Curriculum consists of classroom lessons across three phases of learning: Prep - Year 2, Years 3 - 6, and Years 7 - 9. The Curriculum, available to all Queensland schools, aims to develop student knowledge and skills to recognise, react to and report unsafe situations.

The Curriculum is based around three key messages: **Recognise, React** and **Report**.

- The **Recognise** message encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise warning clues.
- The **React** message helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.
- The **Report** message encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Teachers use a variety of materials, including interactive whiteboard activities, worksheets and safety books, to deliver the Recognise, React and Report messages. Developmentally appropriate scenarios are used to explore and discuss safety situations that children and young people may encounter in the home, at school or in their environment.

Students are encouraged to share the resources they complete in class with their families to help keep parents informed about the content being discussed and to promote discussion about safety in the home. Resources for the Parent Guides for each of the phases are available [online](#).

Have a great week everyone!

**Anthony King**  
**Assistant Principal: Curriculum**

**DATE CLAIMER**  
**NEXT THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY**




***Every student will have the chance to buy a Mother's Day present. Don't forget to bring along some money! Presents vary from approximately \$5 and raffle tickets are always popular as well.***

***Please send a bag with your child that they can place their presents in.***

***We are also in need of parent helpers who can donate an hour or two to assist us that day. Please contact the school office if you can help.***

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## ***Flu Season Reminder***

As you are aware every year Queensland experiences an influenza or flu season. As we enter this season it is timely to remind parents and care-givers not to be complacent about flu. Queensland Health advises that where possible, people need to be vaccinated for the flu every year.

Flu is a virus more serious than the common cold and can be spread through talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following is advised:

- Keep your child home from school;
- Ensure your child washes their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitiser gel;
- Encourage your children when coughing or sneezing, to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately;
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest;
- Consult your doctor if you are concerned about their symptoms.

Queensland Health Guidelines advise that individuals displaying flu like symptoms should stay at home until such symptoms have passed (normally 5-7 days).

Families should also reinforce the recommended protective actions listed above.

Increased awareness and ongoing attention to prevention and control measures, such as vaccination and good hygiene, are steps that we can all promote to reduce the impact of influenza.

## **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.



# ANZAC DAY 2021 - LEST WE FORGET



# Student of the Week Award

*Congratulations for always giving your very best.  
You shine your light in the way you strive for excellence  
and you show your peers an example of  
how they can achieve more.*



STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2022 Prep Enrolments Open

The bottom section features a blue background. On the left, there is a photograph of four children sitting around a table with art supplies, engaged in a craft activity. On the right, there is a vibrant, colorful mosaic of a cross, surrounded by intricate patterns and designs. Below these images, the text 'STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. Below that, the text '2022 Prep Enrolments Open' is written in a larger, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a white star-shaped logo with a circular emblem in the center containing the letters 'SM'.



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