



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Week Five Term Two**

Dear Families

It was the end of an era on Friday as our final PICK UP at the Church took place. This week has seen us move to the new car park and we appreciate the way everyone has been working with us to put our new procedures into place.

A video explaining the new procedures can be found on our Parent Page: <https://sites.google.com/rok.catholic.edu.au/staroftheseaparentpage/home>

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any suggestions you might have to help make this PICK UP routine as safe and smooth flowing as possible.



It is not always easy to cope with change and a school as old as ours doesn't have to implement big changes very often. Having these wonderful new facilities is a special gift that many would never have imagined us receiving as an inner-city school.

We have lots to work out together. We begin with the new Car Park but will start to explore the Play Area as we take possession at the end of this week. From there we will work out the routines and procedures that best suit the needs of the students.

This is only Stage One of the Project. As a school community we get to now start planning what the next stages will look like. There is a Playground to design, along with other play/learning areas and lots of planting! Our P&F has already started looking at options for Grants and we invite you to be a part of helping us develop the rest of the area. If you would like to be involved, please contact me directly or through the front office.

Our Caulfield Committee is a sub committee of our Parents and Friends group and they are hard at work planning for this annual event which takes place on 16<sup>th</sup> October. There will be lots of ways for you to help so keep your eye out as we get closer to the date. At present they are seeking sponsorship for the event so please contact us if you are interested.

God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!

*Jennett Mullane*  
Principal

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**From our APRE**

I am a great believer in 'actions speaking louder than words'. At Star of the Sea this term we focus on the virtue of Service and the message of team work and recognising the Spirit of Jesus in others. We have had some wonderful assemblies to help explain these ideas and it is awesome that everyone hears the same message. On Friday Year 6 explained that Service is also about your intentions – we shouldn't be doing things for others so that we get recognition or something in return. Jesus was the perfect example of this – he recognised others' needs and put them before his own.

Sunday was the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This reflection from Liturgy Help fits perfectly with what we are on about at our school.

**REFLECTION – by Greg Sunter**

Living the Gospel – Proclaim Good News

*Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe – even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called to 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.*

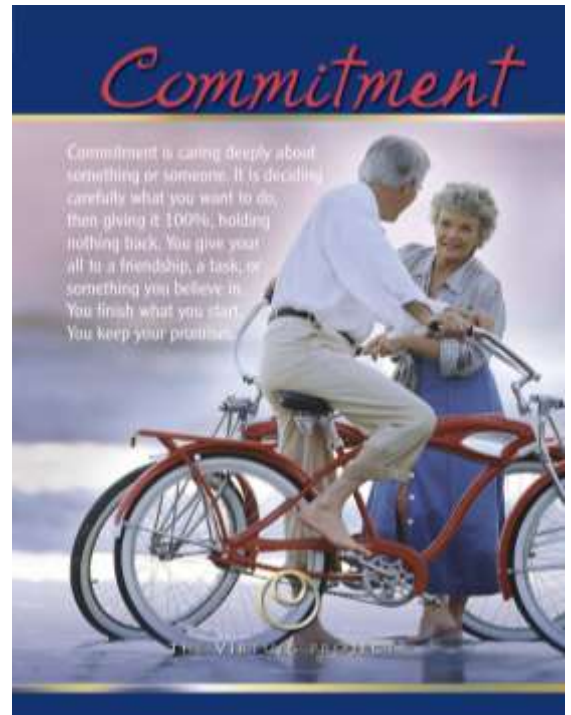
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**MJR MESSAGE**



**WEEKLY WONDERING**

**I wonder how we can keep in touch with those we cannot see?**



**Give 100% to what you decide to commit to.**

**Have a wonderful week,  
Kellie Richardson  
Assistant Principal: Religious Education**



**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- We pray for those children preparing for their Confirmation: May the Holy Spirit guide them in their lives and fill them with courage, joy and peace as they lead the lives they have been called to.
- We pray for an inquisitive spirit that seeks always to find God in our lives: May we seek Him in ourselves, in others and in the beauty of the world around us.
- We pray for all of those suffering due to the COVID Pandemic, especially those experiencing its extreme effects such as in India: 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.
- We pray for peace and justice in our world and for sound leadership that seeks an end to violence and hardship for their people.
- We pray for all those who have died: May God grant them the peace and joy and hope of the resurrection.



## CURRICULUM NEWS



EDUCATE / ENGAGE / SHARE / SHOWCASE

[The Creative Recycling Centre](#) is an environmentally focused community group with a creative and inclusive vision of connecting, educating and empowering the Gladstone region's approach to waste minimisation, recycling and environmental protection. Tracey and Gaetane visited Star of the Sea on Monday to spend time with our Environmentally Eager Year 6 students.

They spent time learning about the four main ecosystems in the Gladstone Region – The Reef, The Mangrove, Dry Scrubs and The Rainforests. The game they played involved them identifying:

- The living and non-living components of each ecosystem.
- Ways humans have impacted the ecosystem.
- Items of rubbish found in the ecosystem.
- Ways to reduce the negative impact humans have on the ecosystem.

The 2021 Ecofest theme this year is **ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION**. *By assisting in the recovery of the ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed and conserving the ecosystems that are still intact we can help nature to recover on its own.*

The students then wrote a letter to Earth, expressing their feelings, hopes and/or pledges of individual action to protect and restore our natural ecosystems. These letters will become a part of the final artwork on paper mache globes created by a local artist, which will be on display at Ecofest. The [2021 Ecofest](#) is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 3pm at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens.

We are very lucky to live in Gladstone, Central Queensland where we are surrounded by so many ecosystems. If you have time, try and get your children to the Ecofest to learn more about the environment and what they can do to help it thrive.



Have a good week everyone.

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



# **DATE CLAIMER**

## **Whole School Picnic and Disco**

**Friday 11 June  
5:30pm – 8:00pm**



***Come and help us celebrate the great new facilities we have.***

***Bring your own dinner and a rug and enjoy a picnic and a dance.***

***A bar will be operating on the night to sell drinks.***

***Parents should please be aware that, while some dance music is being organised for the student's enjoyment, no formal supervision of the children is being provided by the school. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children during this social gathering. Students may not attend this function without being accompanied by a supervising adult.***

***A reminder not to attend if you are unwell or experiencing Covid symptoms. Please sign in on arrival and obey all distancing guidelines.***



# Student of the Week Award

*Congratulations on showing a spirit of team work  
with those around you.*

*Thank you for your willingness to help those  
around you even without being asked.*





## Student Travel Rebates



### Semester 1

#### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$40/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$30/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available service not owned or associated with the school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [SchoolTransport.com.au](http://SchoolTransport.com.au) during May.

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> May.

