



**Monday 21st February 2022**  
**Week Five Term One**

Dear families

It has been lovely to be able to touch base with a few of you at the Parent Information Sessions that our teachers are currently running.

Connection is so important, especially in our current context that has us masking ourselves off from each other and restricting interaction. There are lots of ways of staying in touch. Even just reading this newsletter is connecting you to the community that you belong to. A simple smile, a short friendly email or even a like on one of our School Facebook posts have been some of the ways I have felt connected to you all this past fortnight.

You are an important part of our school community, and we want you to feel like you belong. We also want you to feel supported in the rewarding, yet complex and sometimes exhausting role you have as parents.

Talking to other parents is a great way of being supported. There have been many times as a parent that I have beat myself up thinking what a failure I am, only to hear that another parent feels exactly the same.

Our Parents and Friends group are keen to find ways to connect our school community and support you in ways you need. Our Classroom Parent plays an important role in helping to do this and we encourage you to let us know if this is something you can help with.

My greatest advice to parents would be not to compare yourself to anyone else. You can get inspiration and tips from others but your family is unique and you know what is best for them.

The following reflection shared at one of our Parent Nights this week lists some great ideas to help us:

*As Parents,*

*Teach us to accept our children for who they are,  
So that in turn they may have the courage to be true to themselves.*

*To learn all that they can so that they can do their life's work that awaits them,  
And in doing so, make a difference in our world.*

*Being a Parent can be challenging and sometimes just plain hard.  
Amidst all our worries, the frustrations and irritations of our busy lives,  
When we question ourselves as parents...  
let us take time to share in our children's sense of wonder and enjoy them as they grow.*

*Let our presence, be our present to them.  
Knowing that one day we will rejoice  
In the adult they have become.*

God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!

Jennett Mullane  
Principal  
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**Free Dress Day for Tonga**  
Wear sun safe clothes and your closed in shoes.  
Bring a Gold Coin Donation  
**This Friday 25 February**

Aspire not to have more, but to be more.  
-Oscar Romero

## From our APRE



*A Catholic school as an inclusive learning community and an "open space" of meanings and relationships.*

*In a Catholic school mediations such as stories, symbols, rituals and values are offered and animated in a conscious and caring manner. Through these mediations, all members of the community are invited and are given the opportunity to enter into a living relationship with a transcendent reality we call "God" uniquely incarnated in Christ.*



It has only been in the last couple of years that we reviewed our school Logo and the meaning behind it. Our Logo is easily recognisable, but again do people know the meaning behind it?

In 2019 we spent some time refreshing our school Logo. Where the first logo came from for Star of the Sea we do not know. As part of the process, we discovered many logos that have appeared at Star of the Sea over time.

Our school logo depicts a star emanating rays of light. Our motto and logo go hand in hand to give a visual representation of the mission to our school community to show forth the light of Jesus Christ to the world. By virtue of our Baptism and the life of the Spirit within us, the witness of love and service becomes possible.

Before 2019, our logo had last been updated in 2011, so it was time for a refresh.

Our updated logo is still quite traditional. It is still a star that radiates rays of light. The Let Your Light Shine motto features within the logo, along with the symbol for Ave Maria to acknowledge the long-standing contribution of the Mercy and Marists at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School Gladstone. Our school was established in 1902, we are very proud of the history attached to our school.

Here are a couple of our old school logos.



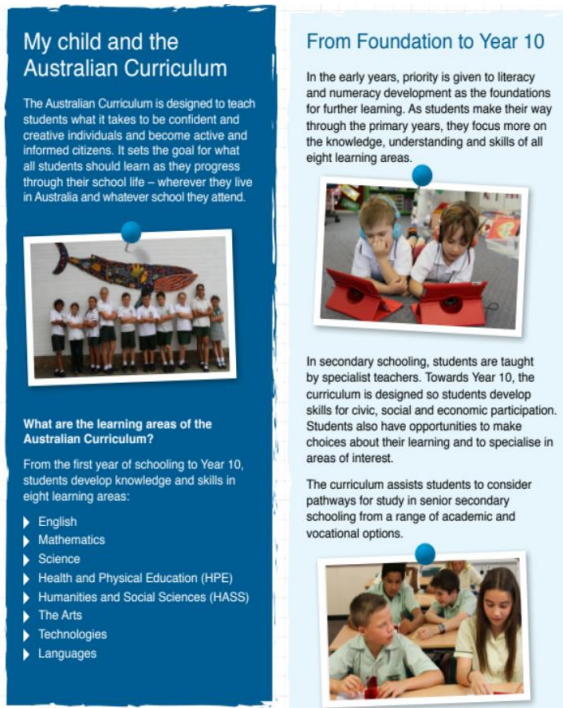
*Have a wonderful week,*

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



The Australian Curriculum is designed to develop successful learners, confident, creative individuals and active and informed young people who are ready to take their place in society. It sets the goal for what all students should learn as they progress through their school life.

Below is a snapshot of the Parent Brochure that has been designed to inform all parents of the curriculum progression from Foundation to Year 12.



The Australian Curriculum is flexible so that teachers can plan the learning for all their students, also taking into account their location. Over the next few weeks, each teacher will hold their Information Zoom sessions to share with you their vision for the year and how they intend to deliver the content stated in the Australian Curriculum.

Here is a [link](#) to the Parent Information Section of the Australian Curriculum. You could use this site if you are looking for further information on each stage of schooling.

## LOOK CLOSELY AT THIS PHOTO!!



It is our Year 6 student Bonnie Auld!!! Bonnie has been rehearsing for months and will soon be on the stage performing in the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Combined Schools Musical.

The Gladstone Regional Council has added two Sunday Matinee performances, for the Charlie and Chocolate Factory Combined Schools Musical. Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 11am.

You can either book tickets:

- online through the webpage: <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/event/charlie-the-chocolate-factory/>
- over the phone 49722822
- in person at GECC Box Office

Bonnie is part of the Nut Room Slinger’s group and the Reporter’s Crowd. She would love to see her Star of the Sea school mates at one of the Matinee performances.

Have a good week everyone.

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for our staff, students and their families as we journey through this new year: May we actively seek to belong, contribute and thrive.
- We pray for all who are new to our school community: May they feel welcome and supported in our Star of the Sea family.
- We pray for our 2022 School Leaders: May they shine their light brightly as an example for those they lead, following the example of Mary who shows us how to follow Jesus.
- We pray for those members of our school community who are battling sickness and suffering in their life: May they find healing and comfort.
- We pray for all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in any way: May they not lose sight of the virtues of hope and endurance.

## Student Absentee Phone Number



If your child is not attending school, you can call us, 24/7, to leave a message to report the absence. The **Student Absentee phone number is 4994 8301.**

As always, absences can be reported using Parent Lounge or by emailing your child's teacher (with a cc to [SOSG\\_Absentee@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:SOSG_Absentee@rok.catholic.edu.au)). This designated phone line gives you the opportunity to call the school at a time that is convenient to you.



## Instrumental Music Notes

"Scientists have found that music involves the left, right, front, and back portions of the brain, which explains why people can learn and retain information more readily when it is set to music."

A warm welcome to all of our continuing and new band families!

Please check the Term 1 timetable for lesson times. Timetables were emailed to parents. Paper copies can be collected from the school office.

**Intermediate Band is 7.45am on Tuesday mornings;**  
**Beginner Band is 8.00am on Wednesday mornings.**

Places and instruments are still available for your child to learn a musical instrument and play in our school band. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to learn flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, oboe, tenoroon, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, or percussion. School instruments are available for hire.

If your child is interested, please pick up an information pack from the school office or contact Mrs Mallett.

Mrs Kerrie Mallett  
Instrumental Music Teacher  
Email: [kerriemmusic@gmail.com](mailto:kerriemmusic@gmail.com)

## Port Curtis 10-12Years Basketball Team

Congratulations to Makenzie MacBeath on being selected in the Port Curtis 10-12Years Basketball team. The Capricornia Basketball trials will be held in Mackay on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Well done Makenzie!!

## Prep 2023 Enrolment Applications

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 are eligible to commence Prep in 2023. If you have a child eligible for Prep in 2023 please visit the school website [www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au](http://www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au) (Enrolments) and complete an Online Application. **All current families with a child eligible to commence Prep 2023 are required to complete and online application form.** Thank you.

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