Thursday 2 February, Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2017 school year, one that will provide many wonderful opportunities for our students within our respectful and supportive learning community.

Our prayer today recognising the Beatitudes, encompasses gospel values, which are important and witnessed through our daily lives. Each of us is unique, made in the image of God, and have values and character strengths. Throughout this year the Values and Character Strengths; Gratitude, Respect, Hope, Kindness, Forgiveness, Fairness, Zest, Persistence, Resilience, Getting Along will be referred to through our learning and teaching programs allowing children to recognise their uniqueness and strengths.


Students Year 1 to Year 6 who are joining our learning community are Samuel Leonard, Josie Leonard, Annie Leonard, Emily Neicho, Georgia Neicho, Mitchell Cook, William Deverall, Archie Deverall, Olivia Perkins, Georgia Perkins, Nikhil Madanayke.

Teachers joining our learning community for 2017 are Sharon Chingwin, Michael Coldwell, Madison Fenton, Taliah Plumb, Julia Wiltcox and Annalisa Seville. Garry O’Callaghan returns to Our Lady Star of Sea school after a year of teaching at Clairvaux, Belmont.

Our school grounds are looking fantastic thanks to the parents who laboured with love on Sunday afternoon. Gerard Donovan and Chris Dickeson provided a well-coordinated approach to ensuring many tasks were completed. Thank you to the families who attended. Your support is very much appreciated.

I look forward to 2017 as we embark on our School Review and engaging with you as partners to provide the best possible learning opportunities and care for the children at Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

Bless You with Gratitude and Hope, Rhonda J Boyd.

Principal

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES-Evacuation and Lockdown

Please be advised you that when an evacuation procedure is implemented at Our Lady Star of the Sea it will not be practicable to notify you until the all clear is given. You will appreciate the fact that for the personal safety of all, including staff, everyone needs to evacuate immediately and therefore sending our messages is not advised or practicable. During lock down gates will be locked to prevent entry to the school except for the emergency services. Staff will be positioned at the front of the school to direct those who may come to the school during the evacuation period and to direct the emergency services. In a lockdown situation you will be notified via SMS. Please be assured that staff are trained in dealing with evacuation and lockdown procedures and the school regularly practises the procedures so the children know what is expected and what to do in these situations. Please do not ring the school or come up to the school during evacuation or lockdown procedures.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Every day counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind. If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

• Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child has missed. (This will ensure they don’t fall behind.)

The school newsletter and Parent Calendar is available on the school website www.staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au the school App, (download for free from Google Play or the App Store) and the parents’ Facebook page (OLSOS Parents).

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2017 TERM DATES

TERM 1 - Tuesday 3 January – Friday 31 March.
TERM 2 - Monday 18 April – Friday 30 June.
TERM 3 - Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September.
TERM 4 - Monday 9 October – Thursday 21 December.

Friday 22 December last day for staff.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

• How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
• Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
• Happy those who mourn: they shall have mercy shown them.
• Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
• Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons and daughters of God.
• Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
• Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of evil falsely against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

(Matthew 5: 1–12)

NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au
child needs to do to keep up.
• Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Extended Absence
Please be reminded that parents are to request permission from the principal if your child will be absent for an extended period of time, such as a family holiday. To make a request please email principal@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au

Student Absences Procedures
Teachers need to know where children are every school day and it is an expectation that you notify your child's teacher to inform of student absences and the reason for absence. The preferred way for doing so is for you to directly email the child’s teacher.

Staff email addresses
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Green Hub
Prep Assessments / Meet and Greet Conversations
This is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and for the teacher to spend some individual time with your child to assess their learning needs. Timeslots for these sessions are booked through the school’s online booking system. Log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the prompts. The Parent Code to use is jrg6s. Sessions are available on Wednesday 8, 15, 22 February and Wednesday 1 March.

Red Hub
Are you able to help cover the students Star Learning books? If you have half an hour at pick up or drop off time to cover some books, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please see Miss Miranda in Red Hub if you are able to help.

Blue Hub
Welcome back to the 2017 school year. The teachers in Blue Hub are super excited to be working with your wonderful children this year. Please take some time to browse through the Year 3 Information Booklet by clicking here, which will hopefully answer some questions that you may have and give you an insight into what Grade 3 will look like this year. Please feel free to contact any of the Blue Hub teachers if you have further questions.

Yellow Hub
Yellow Hub students have been excited to begin the school year and ask and answer questions.
**NEWSLETTER**

**SPORTS NEWS**
The school Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 6 March at Landy Field, Geelong. If you are able to help out on the day please email Miss Tahnee, tallen@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au with your availability.

**Upcoming sports dates**

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**SCHOOL BUS**
Families wishing to use the school bus service for 2017 are to indicate their intention by completing and returning a form, accessed [here](http://staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au), by Friday 10 February. Students who live 4.8km or more from Our Lady Star of the Sea, with this school being the closest Catholic Primary School to their residence, may be eligible for the Student Conveyance Allowance. The distance is determined by the Student Conveyance Allowance System, taking the most practical route. Families of students who are not eligible for the Conveyance Allowance are invited to complete the form if wishing to use the service which will be at a cost of $150 per term. Preference for use of the bus is given to families who attract the Conveyance Allowance. [Click here](http://staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au) to refer to the letter included in the newsletter at the end of 2016. For further information contact the school office.

**STUDENT MEDICATION**
All student medication is kept at the school office. If your child requires a short term dosage of medication or has an ongoing condition requiring regular medication please complete a Medication Request Form which is available to be downloaded from the school website, or from the school office. The form and medication, in its original packaging is required to be left at the office.

**HEADLINE**
A case of headlice has been reported. Please check your children’s hair tonight, and regularly. [Click here](http://staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au) for further information regarding the treatment of headlice.

**CAanteN**
Our Lady Star of the Sea Canteen is open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch orders. During Term 1 on Fridays, Juices will be for sale at the canteen window for $1. [Click here](http://staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au) to access the Canteen Menu.

**Canteen Roster**
Parents are invited to volunteer to be included on the canteen roster. Volunteers are asked to help just before and during lunchtime for approximately 1 hour. To be on the roster please reply to newsletter@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au or text Kerry on 0414 926 144. Please indicate your preference of day, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Thank you for your support.

Kerry Street, Canteen Manager

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA UNIFORM SUPPLIER**
All uniform items can be purchased at Bellarine Uniforms, 162 Mooroobool Street, Geelong. Ph: 52219199

**SCHOOL RECYCLE UNIFORM SALES**
Items of uniform can be donated to the school to be sold through the Recycle Uniform Shop, open every second Friday.

**Mowing Roster**
Mowing Coordinator: Chris Dikoson 0430 023540
Would you like to join the Mowing Group? Volunteers are required for the Mowing Roster for 2017. All equipment is provided. Email your name and contact number to newsletter@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au to volunteer.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH NEWS**
Tel: (03) 9258 1673
Email: [tahnee@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tahnee@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au)

**Children’s Liturgy** – First Sunday of the month during the 9am Mass. Next Children’s Liturgy is Sunday 5 February.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**
City of Greater Geelong
Geelong Library Children’s and Youth Summer brochure
The Children’s and Youth Summer brochure is available now. A range of activities include; Makerspaces, 3D printing workshop, Manga Club, Advanced Mindstorms, The Writing Dome, Art House, Comic Sound Effects introduction to Arduino and heaps more. [Check out the website](http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au)

**Contemporary trends in parenting support**
Parenting Research Centre CEO Talks about Building Evidence. Warren Cann, CEO of the Parenting Research Centre, recently delivered a presentation on contemporary trends in parenting support. In his video clip from the presentation, Warren talks about approaches to gathering and using evidence that help improve the effectiveness of parenting support initiatives. [Click here](http://staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au) to watch the video.

**Ocean Grove Football Netball Club**
Girls Footy is about to kick off!
Girls wanting to play football for Ocean Grove in the 2017 season are invited to come along to a Meet, Greet and Registration Evening

**Wednesday 15th February @ 6pm**
**Shell Road Pavilion**
Meet the coaches and committee staff
Sign up and order uniform
Find out about training days and match days
We want under 12s, under 15s and Youth Girls (U19)

**Connewarre Wetland Centre Official Opening**
Sunday 5 February 2017 10am-3pm. Activities include guided tours, fun learning activities for children, retrieving dog demonstrations and more. For more information call Trent on 0412 958687. The Wetland Centre is at 649 Lake Road, Connewarre.

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