Dearest Parents,

I applaud the parents of the Year 4 group that are confident and embracing the values and character strengths of respect and humanity. I encourage the children to make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis has stated: “Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity’. It’s a disgrace’ that people are treated ‘as objects, deceived, raped, often sold many times for different purposes and, in the end, killed or, in any case, physically and mentally damaged, ending up thrown away and abandoned.’ 12 December 2013

God of Goodness and Mercy, we ask you to hear our prayers for those men, women and children who are denied their freedom and forced to suffer at the hands of powerful and ill-intentioned humans. For those enslaved in agricultural fields, construction sites, mines and factories, for those sexually exploited for pleasure and entertainment, may all be treated with respect and dignity. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents,

At Our Lady Star of the Sea school we endeavour to ensure children starting school or returning to school are confident and happy and you, the parents, are comfortable in the knowledge that children are familiar with their learning environments with teachers welcoming the children to the new learning community. It was therefore a pleasure to visit the learning spaces during our first week at school and to see children and teachers settled to school routine and obviously making a happy start to the 2017 school year.

An important next step in continuing to ensure the children are confident and happy is to give you an opportunity to discuss your child’s needs with your child’s teacher. You are able to do this by attending the “Meet and Greet” Conversations that are scheduled at school. We will also be introducing the “Meet and Greet” Conversations at school.

Why Connect at School?

We cannot underestimate the importance of connecting at school and being a part of your child's learning journey. At Our Lady Star of the Sea school we value our positive school community and the many positive relationships that are formed. It is important for your child's learning and development that they have you involved in their journey. Click here to read more about the benefits and ways you as an adult can connect to your child's school.

Kerryn Sells, Student Wellbeing Leader

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SCHOOL MASS

Next Tuesday, 14 February, Our Lady Star of the Sea school will be celebrating the beginning of the school year, at the Parish Mass at 9:15am in the church. We invite family and friends to be a part of this celebration.

WELCOME AND COMMISSIONING MASS

The Welcome and Commissioning Mass will take place on Sunday 26 February, at the 9am Parish Mass. We invite all Prep families and those families new to our school, to attend on the day and be introduced to the Parish. This year, we also will be celebrating the commissioning of school staff, School Education Board and members of the Parents and Friends Association.

STUDENT INTERNET USER AGREEMENT

As part of students’ use of digital technologies and the internet here at school, teachers are committed to encouraging students to use safe and responsible practices while online. We require that all students from Prep to Year 6 are aware of their responsibilities when working online and understand expectations from our school in being responsible digital citizens. Please see the attached Student Internet User Agreement which we request you read with your child and have them sign, along with yourself, to display a commitment to the rules and expectations. This Agreement is in addition to the Year 3 - 6 iPad Usage Agreement which relates to the Bring Your Own Device program. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

If there are any children who are not from the Year 3 level who wish to celebrate their Sacrament Reconciliation this year can they please contact mhallam@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au.

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Welcome to all students and parents for 2017. Everyone seems to have settled in very nicely in our first week of school. Year 5/6 is a very busy year with many educational, sporting and fun opportunities for the students.

iPad Apps
Parents are asked to ensure Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Classroom Apps are available on the student’s iPads.

Golf
Tomorrow, Tuesday 7 February 53 Year 5/6 students are going to 13th Beach Golf Club to participate in activities at the Victorian Golf Open. Students need to wear their sports uniform and bring their lunch, drink bottle and school hat. The bus will leave school at 11.30am and return to school by 2.30pm.

Year 6 Leadership
This week the Year 6 students will present their leadership speeches. Leadership positions will be announced at assembly on Friday 10 February. This is a very exciting time for our Year 6 students.

Peer Support
Next Monday afternoon the Year 6 students will lead the Year 1-4 students in the Peer Support program. This program is an excellent opportunity for our students to work with students across all levels and make new connections. The Year 5 boys will be participating in the ‘Revved Up’ program and the Year 5 girls will be participating in the ‘M Power’ program. All of these programs compliment and support our students in their social and emotional learning.

Information Book
Please take the time to familiarise yourself with our 5/6 Student Information book. In this booklet it highlights our expectations for homework and what will be required. It also has important dates of events occurring throughout this year. Click here to access the Information Book.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations
We are looking forward to our ‘Meet and Greet’ sessions where you can help us to get to know your child a little better. Students are invited to these sessions.

Reminders
Students need their hat at school everyday.
Please bring a box of tissues.
Sport uniforms are to be worn Wednesdays and Fridays every week.

NEWSLETTER

HUB NEWS

Days for Sports Uniform
Prep: Thursday and Friday
Year 1/2: Wednesday
Year 3: Thursday and Friday
Year 4: Tuesday and Friday
Year 5/6: Wednesday and Friday

Green Hub
Congratulations …
to our amazing Preps who have made a smooth transition to school life. The Prep Hub Team look forward to journeying together with you and your child in 2017.

Prep Assessments / Meet and Greet Conversations
www.schoolinterviews.com.au Parent Code to use is jrg6s.
Sessions are available on Wednesday 8, 15, 22 February and Wednesday 1 March.

Reflection Sheet
Tonight your child will bring home a Hopes and Dreams Reflection sheet in their Green Take Home Reader Bag. This sheet becomes the first page of your child’s 2017 Learning Journal. Your child has already recorded their key hope for the year on this sheet. Please complete your own reflections on the bottom half of the sheet and return it to school as soon as possible so we can start adding samples of your child’s learning to their journal.

Prep Information Book
Click here to access the Prep 2017 Information Book is attached to this week’s newsletter. This is a valuable resource that you may need to refer to on a regular basis.

Strengths
Our Strengths Focus for this week is ‘Teamwork’. Acknowledge the times you see your child using this strength at home this week. Discuss the times when your family need to work as a team.

Blue Hub
Mass
Throughout Term 1, the students in Blue Hub will be attending Mass at the church on a Thursday, each fortnight, in preparation for Reconciliation. We will be leaving school at 9am and walking to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on John Dory Drive and returning to school at approximately 10.15am. The dates that we will be attending Church are Thursday 9 and 23 February, 9 and 23 March. Families are welcome to join us.

Reconciliation
The Year 3 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year on either 28 or 29 March from 7-8 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Can you please let your child’s teacher know if your child will not be celebrating their Sacrament of Reconciliation? To indicate your choice of date go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use Parent Code cs64m.

Swimming
27 February- 10 March. There will be no swimming on Thursday 2 or Monday 6 March. If you would like to assist with the swimming program, please let your child’s teacher know.

Reminders
Please remember to bring in an art smock, box of tissues, headphones and your Internet User Agreements if you haven’t already done so.

Yellow Hub
Question and Answer time in Yellow Hub.

Year 4 students share Prayer Time.

Purple Hub
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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, specifying your preference for a Junior or Senior activity.

SWIMMING TRIALS:
Swimming trials will be run on Monday 13 March for the Bellarine Swimming Championships. If your child is interested they can see Miss Tahnee for more information. Students will be trialled and timed over a 50 metre distance. It is important that your child is comfortable and confident in swimming a 50 metre length of a pool.

Upcoming sports dates

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Tahnee Allen, Sports Leader

MOWING ROSTER
Mowing Coordinator: Chris Dickeson 0430 023540
You would 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) 5258 1673
Email: htcliff@bigpond.com

Children’s Liturgy – First Sunday of the month during the 9am Mass. Next Children’s Liturgy is Sunday 5 March.
Geelong Deanery Masses http://geelondeanery.cam.org.au

REMINDERS
Success for Beginning Readers Literacy Session Prep - Year 2
Monday 13 February at 9-10am or 6.30-7.30pm. This is an information session on how to best support your child with their reading and writing, both at home and in the classroom setting as a parent helper. We will also look at how to listen to your children read and helping them with the reading process. The same session is offered twice so choose a time that suits you best. These sessions will be held in the Green Hub. To book to attend go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and use Parent Code 6rw5sk.

Parent/Carer Helper Information Session Prep - Year 6
Monday 20 February at 9am – 10am or 6.30pm – 7.30pm. The same session is offered twice so choose a time listed below that suits you best. These sessions will be held in the Green Hub. To book to attend go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use Parent Code 6rw5sk.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Bellarine Hockey
Are you interested in hockey? Hockey Bellarine run an introductory program for primary school aged children in to hockey. It’s called Hookin’Hockey. It starts February 11 at 9am at St Ignatius College, Drysdale, off Gillies Road. February 11 is a free come and try session and if the child/ren like it, they can then register and pay online. Click here to see attached a flyer for your perusal. Registration includes a stick, ball, shinguards, bag and reversible singlet and 8 weeks of hockey on synthetic. For further information call Alison on 0478 01184 for search bellaine hockey on Facebook.

Bellarine Sunset Fun Run
Click here to access information regarding this upcoming event.

Staff Email Addresses
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Monday 6 February, Term 1 Week 2

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