Monday 13 February, Term 1 Week 3

Schools and society owe each child the following, which go far beyond the traditional basics as defined by the 3 ‘R’s. The ‘new basics’ include:

- Learning to understand oneself as a ‘learner’.
- Cooperating and collaborating with others.
- Knowing oneself in relation to others, and for students in Catholic schools to develop a relationship with God.
- Being actively involved in local communities.
- Communicating effectively in speech and writing and with digital devices.
- Investigating and solving a wide range of issues or interests.
- Applying information in everyday life situations.
- Creative and critical thinking.
- Logical reasoning and clarification of issues.
- Understanding our own and other cultures.
- Appreciation about local, national and international issues.
- Valuing those qualities which make a civilised and compassionate society.
- Appreciating and modelling approaches to healthy living.
- Expressing ourselves through the arts.
- Participating in sporting opportunities.
- Learning via a range of multimedia applications including digital technologies.

Meeting these ‘new basics’ is an exciting challenge for learning communities and one that Our Lady Star of the Sea school embraces with interest and enthusiasm. In implementing the recently introduced new Victorian Curriculum as a guide to our learning and teaching programs the curriculum includes a strong focus on the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy and on personal and social skills, thinking skills and new areas of learning such as computational thinking.

If we went back to the traditional basics, the 3 R’s as known in the past, we would be denying our children key essential contemporary knowledge, understandings and skills necessary for now and the future. The introduction of the learning area of Digital Technologies aims to enable students to become confident and creative developers of digital solutions through the application of information systems and specific ways of thinking about problem solving. As a learning community we need to embrace the changes offered and encourage our children to be learners in a world that offers much more than the basic 3 R’s.

God Bless You with respect and hope, Rhonda J Boyd.
Principal

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NEWSLETTER

2017 DATES
February
Monday 13 6.30-7.30pm Success for Beginning Readers Parent Information Session
Tuesday 14 9.15am Beginning of School Year Mass
Wednesday 15 No school for Preps
Monday 20 7pm School Education Board meeting
9-10am Parent/Carer Helper Information Session
6.30pm-7.30pm Parent/Carer Helper Information Session
Wednesday 22 No school for Preps
Thursday 23 5-7pm Welcome to School Picnic
Monday 27 3.40pm Rotary Award Information Session
Mon 27-Fri 10 Mar Year 3 Swimming Program
March
Wednesday 1 Ash Wednesday
No school for Preps
Sunday 5 10 am-12pm Working Bee
Monday 6 School Athletics at Landy Field
Tuesday 7 6.30pm Information Evening for Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 8 No school for Preps
Monday 13 Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 15 School for Preps
Friday 17 National Ride2School Day
Mon 20-Fri 31 Year 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 21 School photos
Tues 28 & Wed 29 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Friday 31 End of Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal
April
Tuesday 18 Start of Term 2

2017 TERM DATES
TERM 1 – Tuesday 31 January–Friday 31 March.
TERM 2 – Tuesday 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.

YEAY 1-6 PARENT /TEACHER MEET AND GREET CONVERSATIONS Have you booked your time for the parent teacher ‘Meet and Greet’ Conversations? Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Parent Code sypd4

Prayer
The prayer today reflects on the Anniversary of the 2008 Apology to the Indigenous People of Australia. This apology was made especially to all who were part of the Stolen Generations and also those who were affected by it.

Almighty and Loving God, you who created all people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we recall the stories of our past. You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven. We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced. We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families. We are sorry and ask God’s forgiveness. Toughen the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits.

In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable. Lord, you are our hope. This we pray in Jesus name.

Amen.

Dear Parents,
More than likely you have heard the argument, and with an element of regret, that schooling is not like it used to be. Occasionally I hear parents express concern as to what is happening in schools, suggesting for a return to what is commonly referred to as a lack of ‘basics’. I am sure that parents don’t want a return to methods of the past or to recreate schooling of yesteryear; rather, they want to be confident that certain areas are given appropriate emphasis. Most likely the following list contains what parents want for their children:

- To read fluently.
- To write with correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- To express themselves clearly.
- To be competent in numeracy skills.
- To have a sound understanding and appreciation of the world in which we live.
- And for those in Catholic schools, to develop an understanding and relationship with God.

What could be more reasonable? I cannot imagine any teacher or educational professional who would not share these objectives. The only problem is this list is not complete! For students living and working in our world today, schools need to, and of course do, provide a lot more.

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STUDENT LEADERS

Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.

~John Maxwell

Students are given opportunities to be leaders within our learning community. These opportunities allow them to learn to be respectful and responsible leaders and add value to our learning community.

**House Leaders** were announced at last Friday’s assembly. Each year Junior (Year 2) and Senior (Year 6) House Leaders are chosen. Congratulations to the following students:

**Wathaurong:** Levi Norman, Samuel van Uijtert, Charlotte Teague, Lexie Annand, Imogen Payne, Pearl Peace-Teague, Baxter Briggs, Hudson Stephenson

**Mercy:** Henry Wright, Stephanie Whatley, Georgie Connolly, Jack Connoley, Natalia Eyck, Toby Duckett, Harvey Connolly and Alyssa Coghlan

**Malady:** Casey Kelly, Tia McNaughton, Oliver Moran, Zac Dwyer, Xavier Monahan, Blake Mitsud, Briony Peplow, Eva Azzopardi

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AT OUR LADY STAR of the SEA

Our Lady Star of the Sea staff continue to build on their professional learning and implementation of Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices facilitates the building of positive and healthy relationships and establishes a supportive environment that is fair, consistent and democratic. The underlying principle is that relationships are important. When a harmful or disruptive incident occurs, the focus is on the harm caused to the relationship and the subsequent repairing of that harm; rather than, what rule has been broken and therefore what consequences will be imposed. This approach endorses the reality that when individuals live in healthy and life giving relationships with significant others, there is abundant personal growth, capacity for character building and a high level of achievement in all areas of endeavour.

All classrooms continue to do Circle Time which is one of the Restorative Practices strategies. It supports all students feeling a strong sense of belonging and importance within their class group as well as providing an engaging and fun setting for their social and emotional learning.

Affective Questioning will also continue this year. Affective Questioning supports the idea that every misbehaviour is seen as a learning opportunity and enables the student to reflect on their behaviour but also think about who has been affected and how things can be made right or repaired.

They are as follows:

1. What happened?
2. What were you thinking at the time? What are you thinking now?
3. Who was affected? How were they affected?
4. What needs to happen to make things better?

The importance of consistency with language and approach is essential to a whole school approach to behaviour management. We would also like all families to continue to use these questions with their children at home. It is seen as a learning opportunity and enables the student to reflect on their behaviour but also think about who has been affected and how things can be made right or repaired.

Kerryn Sells, Student Wellbeing Leader

ROCKY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARDS 2017

Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 6 students are invited to participate in the Rotary Junior Community Awards (RJCA). The program aims to assist students to gain a more informed and balanced view of our community. It also offers students the opportunity to develop personal skills. This is done by the students designing a series of activities to take place during the year based on similar lines to the Duke of Edinburgh Award that is offered to older students. Year 6 students who are interested in the program have been asked to discuss their interest with their families. Arrangements have been made to fully discuss the program further with interested parents and their child, and to assist with decisions that need to be made with regard to participating in the program. This meeting will take place, with a Rotary Club of Ocean Grove representative, on Monday 27 February in Purple Hub, commencing at 3.40 pm.

Marianne Caddy, Teacher Liaison for RJCA

CAR PARKING IN JOHN DORY DRIVE

The parking area along the front of the school includes a No Parking Zone, which means that drivers may stop in this zone for no more than 2 minutes, the car must not be turned off and must not be left unattended. The driver is not to move more than 3 metres away from the car, therefore, can get out to assist children in and out of the car. Ahead of this zone is the Bus Zone. This zone is to be kept clear at all times, except for buses, between 8am and 4pm. U TURNS are illegal, and unsafe, across the solid white line in John Dory Drive. Parking options are available around Shell Oval, Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre and in Martin Drive.

SAFE TRAVEL ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Our Lady Star of the Sea School is a Travel Smart school. Students, and their families are encouraged to be active travelers to and from school by riding, walking or scooting. Active travelers help the environment, traffic congestion, neighbourhood and community connectedness. It is a great way to start a day of learning and playing whilst promoting independence. Click here to access the Safe Routes Map. Maybe parents can organize a group of students together to ride or walk from these meeting points.

ASThma MEDICATION

If your child has Asthma medication at school please provide a new supply, in its original packaging. All medication must be kept up to date. If your child’s condition has changed since their last Asthma Management Plan please upload an updated Plan to the school also.

CAMP, SPORT AND EXCURSION FUND

The CSF is a government funded payment to eligible families to help with camp, sport and excursion related costs. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. For further information, in particular eligibility criteria, and to access application forms visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au. Applications are to be lodged at the school office no later than Monday 27 February. A new application is required for 2017.

CONVEYANCE

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The allowance is available to eligible students travelling to Our Lady Star of the Sea on the school bus or by private car, providing the eligibility criteria is met.

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary.
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended.
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Click here to access the Student Conveyance Allowance Form. This form must be completed and returned to the school office no later than Monday 27 February 2017.

CARE AND CONCERN

At different times in our lives circumstances can alter which can cause change in routine and focus. The school community at Our Lady Star of the Sea can offer support by helping out with meals when families are in need of support due to sudden illness or death of a family member. Members of the school community are invited to join co-ordinated roster to help out with meals during these times. If you feel you could help and join our roster please email the school office at secretary@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au. If you ever know of someone who could do with support in the form of meals please contact the school office. Care and Concern upholds confidentiality and regards the sensitivity of family circumstances. Distribution of meals is through the school. Thank you in advance for your help.

Kellie Clark, Care and Concern Coordinator

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LOST PROPERTY
Please ensure that all of your child’s items are clearly named so as misplaced items can be returned to rightful owners. All unnamed and unclaimed property will be donated to our Recycle Uniform shop, Green Thumbs or St Vinnies. Each class has an orange container for children to leave their property during play and lunch time; lunch boxes, drink bottles, windecheaters and the like. There will be no further lost property bins situated at the office.

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

Library
This week the students will have library borrowing on Friday. Don’t forget to pack your child’s library bag. Preps will borrow one book only to begin with and we will see how we go and returning this each fortnight.

PMP
The Perceptual Motor Program will begin in Week 5, on Friday 3 March. PMP will run after assembly each week. There will be a roster on the Green Hub Notice Board for parents to sign up as helpers. Alternatively email Kylene with your availability at kgray@staroceanegrove.catholic.edu.au. Please remember that all parent helpers require a current Working with Children’s Check and a signed Code of Conduct.

Road Safety Book - A Gift for Preps
The TAC, VicRoads and the Department of Education have provided a free copy of the book “Click Clack” for each Prep student. This is an engaging story with an important message.

Reminders
- Return School Nursing Program envelopes to the office.
- Box of tissues to your class teacher.
- Provide an art smock for your child to use at school.
- Complete and return your Parent Reflection Sheet.
- Parent helpers with Working With Children Checks and signed Code of Conduct can begin helping after the Parent Helper session. A roster will be placed on the noticeboard for you to fill in your availability.

Red Hub
Click here to access Red Hub Term 1 information.

Dress ups
We are looking to set up an imaginative play area with dress ups and props. If you have clothes or items (such as jackets, hats, scarves, handbags, prams that are not being used, we would love to have them to the Red Hub.

Baby, kinder and school photos
As part of the unit “Our Story” we are looking at how we have changed, leading into how our school has changed. We are wondering if each child could bring in photos from different stages in their life, for example baby, kinder and Prep. These can come in an envelope to school and we can copy them if you’d like them to be or they can be emailed to your child’s classroom teacher.

Blue Hub

The children in Blue Hub have settled in beautifully to the year and have been extremely busy with learning many new routines, particularly with their iPads. We have many extracurricular activities happening this term, so please read below to ensure that you are familiar with them.

Last Tuesday the Prep students visited Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Letter Focus
The Letter Focus for this week is the letter S.

Character Strengths
The Personal Strengths Focus for this week is Persistence. Acknowledge the times you see your child using this strength at home this week.

Information Booklet
Click here to access the Information Booklet for Year 3.

Mass
In preparation for Reconciliation, we will attending Mass, leaving school at 9am and walking to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, returning to school at approximately 10.15am on the following dates: Thursday 23 February, 9 and 23 March. Families are welcome to join us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 28/29 March
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use Parent Code cs64m. Please let your child’s teacher know if your child will not be celebrating their Reconciliation. Please note that there won’t be a sausage sizzle after the celebration as earlier indicated on the booking form.

Swimming
27 February-10 March. If you would like to assist with the swimming program, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Home Learning
Today your child received their first Home Learning tasks for this week via the App, Showbie. They have been shown how to access the App and how they can upload some creative responses for each task if they wish. They will still bring home an exercise book that they can record their responses in too. Please read the Information Booklet for more information or see your child’s teacher if you need some assistance. Home Learning will be uploaded to Showbie each Monday and is to be returned to school on the following Monday.

Growth Mindset
We are encouraging the children in Blue Hub to develop a Growth Mindset approach towards their learning and to know that mistakes are a part of this learning. We are focussing on the effort that the children are putting in and encouraging them to have a go and take risks. Please click here for some helpful questions that you might use at home with your children.

Sport Uniform
Just a reminder that sport uniform for Blue Hub is Thursday and Friday.

Yellow Hub

Students in Yellow Hub have settled into the new year in ‘Awesome Mode’. A big thank you to all for a great start to the 2017 year. Today we have sent home a copy of the Yellow Hub information booklet so please take the time to have a read and check out some important information and dates. This Friday Year 4/5/6 are on assembly so come along and listen and see what the Year 4 students have been up to. If you happen to be walking through Yellow Hub make sure you check out the yellow ‘hubmarine’. There are some pretty awesome kids on board!
**Purple Hub**

**Peer Support**
This afternoon the Year 6 students led the Peer Support sessions with the Year 1-4 students. The Peer Support program is a wonderful opportunity for students to get to know other students across all year levels. The Year 6 students have worked on planning fun activities for their groups. The Peer Support Program will be running for the next three Mondays from 2-3:20pm.

During this time our Year 5 girls are participating in the 'M Power' program and the Year 5 boys are participating in the 'Revved Up' program. Both programs are designed to support the students' social and emotional learning.

**Learning Focus**
Our focus is Economics and Business and the students will be creating their own businesses. We will be holding a 'Trade Fair' later in the term. In Maths our focus is 'Place Value and Number Facts.' Our writing focus is recount later in the term. In Maths our focus is 'Place Value and Number Facts.'

**Words Their Way Spelling Program**
Beginning Friday 17 February, each Friday after assembly the Year 5/6 students will be participating in the spelling program. Words their way, from 9.30 - 10.15am. To make this program more successful we need parent helpers. We need two helpers each Friday and we would like to set up a roster system so that you don't have to commit to coming each week. We would need your help for two consecutive Fridays. Please email Trish if you would be interested in helping with our spelling program.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Victorian Open Golf Clinic**
Last Tuesday some Year 5/6 students enjoyed a day on the green at 13th Beach Golf Course with the Vic Open Golf team. The students participated in many activities, met professional golfers and practised their shots.

**Swimming Trials Years 3-6**
Thank you to the 68 students who participated in the trials today for the Bellarine Swimming Championships. You will be notified if you have qualified.

**Athletics Day at Landy Field**
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, talen@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au with your availability, specifying your preference for a Junior or Senior activity. 

**Lunchtime Martial Arts**
Classes are available during lunchtime with Adam from Warrior Academy. Students learn techniques, games and drills that are fun and safe. This is a great opportunity for children to develop confidence, coordination and self-defence skills. Suitable for all levels, from beginners. For information and booking please call Adam on 0409 589369.

**PARENTS and FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**School Welcome Picnic 23 February**
To start the new School year the PFA are hosting a School Welcome Picnic on Thursday 23rd February 2017 from 5-7pm. BYO picnic, chairs, picnic rug and drinks. We hope to see many families, old and new, at the picnic. This will be a great opportunity for Year 6/Prep Buddies to meet with their families.

**Parent's Social Night 17 March**
Come along to this term's social night out on Friday 17 March, from 7pm for drinks at The Mex. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new families to the school.

**Easter Raffle**
The PFA will be helping to coordinate another fantastic Easter Raffle this year - an event that is much loved by all the students. If the senior year levels Year 3-6 could donate chocolate eggs and the junior year levels Prep – Year 2 could donate pancake mix it would be greatly appreciated and will spread the donations. If anyone has any small baskets that they would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them at the school office. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday 31 March 2017. Raffle tickets will be sent home to families two weeks prior and must be returned to the school by Wednesday 29 March.

**WORKING BEE**
The proposed dates for Working Bees for 2017:
Term 1 Sunday 5 March 10am.
Term 2 Sunday 21 April 10am
Term 3 Sunday 20 August 10am

**CANTEEN**

**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 to access the Canteen Menu.

**Canteen Roster**
To volunteer to be on the canteen 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 Moorabool Street, Geelong
Ph: 52219198

**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.

The next opening date: Friday 24 February 9-9.30am
MOWING ROSTER
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) 5258 1673
Email: htqcliff@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://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au

REMINDERS
School Fees
School Fee statements have been emailed to families. Please check that you have received yours. The Student Levy and Term 1 instalment is due by Friday 17 February.

Messages to Students
If you request a message to be passed on to your child regarding end of the day arrangements please ensure you contact the office by 3pm.

Success for Beginning Readers Literacy Session
Prep - Year 2

Parent/Carer Helper Information Session Prep - Year 6
Monday 20 February 9am – 10am or 6.30pm – 7.30pm. To book to attend go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use Parent Code 6rw5k.

Kerryn Sells, Deputy Principal

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 part 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NAB AFL Auskick Program 2017
Barwon Heads NAB AFL Auskick commences on Friday 24 March 5 - 6pm at Barwon Heads Football Club, Bluff Road. The NAB AFL Auskick program is aimed at children aged 5-12 and makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions they will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment. To register children must be turning 5 this calendar year (2017). To Register visit aflauskick.com.au If you have any questions please contact Amy Raleigh amyraleigh@bigpond.com

Bethany Saver Plus
Click here for further information about this program which may assist families with school expenses.

Developing Resilience in Girls
Presented by Educator Sharon Witt, on Tuesday 28 February, 7-9pm at Clonard College, 225 Church Street, Herne Hill. This is a community event, everyone welcome. Cost is $20. To book your place email rick@criticalagendas.com.au and include your name and number of tickets required. Payment is on the night, cash only. Click here for further information about the presentation.

Furniture for Sale
For sale at school are 2 bookshelves, student desks with tubs, others without (they have a cord access hole) and 1x 4, 1x3 drawer filing cabinets. Desks/tables ideal for homework, hobbies, or to charge devices. If you are interested call at the school office between 3.30-4pm Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 February.