Dear Parents,

Thank you for the overwhelming support voiced and received to express appreciation for the manner in which the staff cared for the children during our recent precautionary lockdown. It is empowering to receive this support. The emails, cards of support and chocolates too were appreciated.

I understand that some have voiced opinion in relation to the detail communicated via email and the School App. Perhaps fear of the unknown, or the use of social media where instantly knowing, are driving factors for these comments. Respectfully I remind you that in instances like the lockdown recently experienced prioritising activating our emergency management plan and caring for the children was and always will be our greatest concern. The initial message sent to you was to inform you we were in lockdown and to tell you to stay away from the school, for your safety, and to allow the staff to do what they are trained to do in caring for the children. Whilst I understand that you may have been concerned I was grateful that you did not refrain from phoning the school.

As previously advised by Our Lady Star of the Sea school staff are trained in lockdown and evacuation procedures and exercise these duties with responsibility, respect and care. For those who need clarity a lockdown is when students, teachers and staff are confined to their rooms or within the school building due to a perceived or real threat outside. The lockdown continues until the all clear has been given. An emergency evacuation is the immediate and urgent movement of people away from the threat or actual occurrence of a hazard inside or outside. Depending on the hazard there are a number of designated evacuation points, including an area in the school yard near the Purple Hub, the hardcourt area at the front of the school, the oval or the Church. The evacuation continues until the all clear has been given.

Increasingly, the school is faced with priorities with the demands associated with communicating, in various ways, to parents. The use of technology opens a variety of options. Our preferred and usual way for written communication to parents, particularly through the newsletter, is via email. The school newsletter is emailed to families each week, however it is also available on the school website www.staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au and the school App. You can download the school App for free via the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. The Parent Calendar is available on the school website under News and Events. In response to requests made through the School Education Board and Parents and Friends Association further use of the School App is being investigated and established.

Further to this we have recently signed on to an SMS service. Primarily, SMS will be used for notifying parents of emergency situations, either emergency management practices or real evacuation or lockdown situations, or important last minute changes such as when buses on excursions that are running late will be communicated with the new time. We will continue to use emails and the School App to convey these messages too. Other online tools used are Parent Paperwork for excursion information and forms and the School Interviews website for signing up for various activities including parent teacher conversations.

Students travelling by car, bike, scooter or walking to school are to arrive at school in the morning after 8.30am. Students arriving before 8.50am are to put their bags in their bag boxes and then go outside to play until 8.50am when the music will play to indicate it is time to come inside. At 9am a bell sounds and classes commence. The school day ends at 3.30pm.

You may be wondering about the display of colourful ribbons tied to the fence in John Dory Drive. They are a visible and tangible sign of support for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their families. In explaining why they are there to the children you can tell them it is a sign of support for others who have been hurt or still hurting. You may add a ribbon to show your support and to pray the following prayer.

Thank you,

Dawn Dori
Principal

NEWSLETTER

2016 DATES

February
Mon 29-Fri 10 Mar Year 3/4 Swimming Program
Monday 29 7.30pm PFA meeting Ocean Grove Hotel
March
Wednesday 2 No school for Preps
Friday 4 National Ride2School Day
Tuesday 8 “Little Bad Wolf” incursion
Wednesday 9 School for Preps
Friday 11 School Closed-Professional Learning Day for Staff
Monday 14 School closed - Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 15 School photos
Wednesday 16 School for Preps
Friday 18 11.30am-1pm School Country Cross Country
Sunday 20 9am Commissioning Mass for School Education Board, Parents and friends, staff at Our Lady Star of the Sea church
Monday 21 11.30am-1pm Tabloid Sports
Thursday 24 2.30pm dismissal-conclusion to Term 1
April
Monday 11 Term 2 begins
Wednesday 13 School Athletic Sports Day at Landy Field 7pm School Education Board
Saturday 16 6pm Sacrament of First Eucharist Barwon Heads students
Sunday 17 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG 2pm Parents and friends Golf Day
Monday 18 7.30pm Parents and friends meeting
Sunday 24 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG
May
Sunday 1 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG 6pm Term 2 Family Fee instalment due
Sunday 8 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG

Monday February 29, Term 1 Week 6

Our Prayer
Gracious God, you love us and wait patiently for us to come to you. Even when we turn away from you, you are always hopeful that we will ask for your forgiveness. Help us to become the people you intend us to be. Continue to reach out to us with hopefulness, patience and love. We ask this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen

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Website: www.staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au
Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, source of all consolation and hope. By your Son’s dying and rising He remains our light in every darkness, our strength in every weakness. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of body, soul and spirit. Rescue them from bitterness and shame and refresh them with your love. Heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse and revive the spirits of all who lament this sin. Help us to follow Jesus in drawing good from evil, life from death. Make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

God bless you. Rhonda J Boyd, Principal

Worry and Anxiety
In today’s world there are many things our children worry about. Quite often it means that we as parents need to help change their thinking. We need to not encourage our children to be fearful or worried but build confidence in them, by listening and helping them with coping skills. Click here to access the first article in a series to be shared with you over the next few weeks. This article relates to anxiety and how parents can support their children to live in hope rather than fear.

Kerry Sells, Student Wellbeing Leader

CLASS NEWS
INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS
“The Little Bad Wolf” on Tuesday 8 March is a puppet play production by School Performance Tours, with a focus on bullying and friendship. The play will be performed in Red Hub. The play is generic for all year levels so is ideal for children to attend in our House groups.

The timetable for the performances is:
- 9-10am: Boyd and Malady
- 10-11am: Wathaurong and Mercy

An activity about anti-bullying, and linking it to Palm Sunday will be completed by the House Groups when they are not attending the play.

PREP
Hopes and Dreams Sheet - A big thank you to all the Prep parents who have already returned their hopes and dreams responses. It has been exciting sharing your responses with your child. We would love this sheet back as soon as possible so it becomes the first record in your child’s Learning Journal Portfolio.

Restorative Questions - Please check your child’s reading folder tonight for a small card that outlines the restorative questions we use at school to help students reflect on their actions. Many parents have found these questions a valuable resource to use at home when issues arise. If your child is the eldest in the family they will have these questions if your class teacher has not already given them to you during the Getting to Know You Meeting.

Road Safety - Tonight your child has received their own copy of the book “That's the Sound the Street Makes”. The story follows the adventures of Elia on her walk to school and promotes the message that it is important to be a safe and responsible pedestrian. Many of our students were already familiar with this story from kindergarten. If parents are interested, a free App has also been developed. It can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play. (Search for VicRoads).

Thanks for your ongoing support. Alison, Kylenie, Nicole, Judi

YEARS 3/4 SWIMMING PROGRAM
As previously sent out via Parent Paperwork, the Year 3/4 swimming program will run from today, Monday 29 February to Thursday 10 March. There is no Swimming Program on Wednesday 2 March. The students will be walking to the pool. Parents will be required to help walk the students over to the pool and with changing. Each group will be leaving school 15 minutes before their session commences. If you have questions or concerns before or during the swimming program please see your child’s class teacher or the Star of the Sea supervising staff member. Please do not approach the swimming teacher or pool staff.

Times are as follows:
- 3/4 JR/JD: 12:30pm – 1:05pm
- 3/4 BC/JD: 1:10pm – 1:45pm
- 3/4 LK/RO: 1:50pm – 2:25pm
- 3/4 TA/RO: 2:30pm – 3:05pm

Students in 3/4 JD and 3/4 RO have been advised which group they are in, and the session times for their group.

Year 3/4 students who have swimming during lunch will eat before they go.

RED HUB-YEARS 1/2
As part of the Red Hub Inquiry unit, “Who am I?” we have been discussing how it feels to belong, and different groups we belong to. We are now looking more closely at our families. Our Learning Intentions are:
- “I Belong to Different Families (biological, class, school, community)”. “Members of my family are located in different places”.
- “My family originated from a different country”.
- “I use social skills to interact positively with others”.

By the end of this unit we hope that the children will have developed an understanding that each family is different and special, therefore we ask that you spend some time with your child to discuss and make a list of the people in their immediate family (up to grandparents). Either email to teachers, or bring in a copy of a family photo/s. Make a note of your family’s country of origin/s (this could go back a few generations). Please make sure this information is collected by this Friday, 4 March. We are looking forward to exploring our diverse family backgrounds. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you, Year 1/2 teachers.
Safety Club
Always walk around corners, particularly at school because you could hurt yourself or someone else if you are running and you collide Travelsmart

National Ride2School day
Our Lady Star of the Sea will be registered for this event. Practice the safe routes to school as you walk, scoot or ride to and from school. Click here for the Safe Routes map. Matt Eales, Travelsmart and Safety Club Leader

MATHS NEWS
Life is like Maths. Our memories and learning experiences all add up!
The current Mathematics focus for each hub are as follows:
Green Hub: Basic number skills. Recognising and recording numbers. Partitioning numbers.
Red Hub: Number and Place value. Recognising, making, ordering and partitioning numbers. Skip counting from different starting points.
Purple Hub: Investigating and exploring number sequences and patterns. Reading, modeling, recording, ordering and partitioning numbers. Place Value.
Yellow Hub: Number and Maths measurement investigations. Place Value.

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School Athletics Day
Wednesday 13 April at Landy Field, South Geelong. If you are able to help out on the day please email us with your availability.

This week LET’S GET FIT!
With the warm weather sticking around try and ride your bike, ride your scooter or walk to school one day this week and while you’re out exercising and getting some fresh air, your class might even win the “Golden Sneaker” award. If you live too far away and need to drive to school or catch the bus, try going for a walk after school and get some fresh air before tackling your homework!! LET’S GET FIT!!

Tahnee Allen & Danielle Brennan, Sport Leaders

This April, step up the amount of physical activity in your life and get more active, more often. All it takes is 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Get started by registering, then log in to the Active April Activity Tracker to track your progress throughout the month. You can also create and join teams to get others involved and enjoy the fun together.

Just by registering to take part in Premier’s Active April 2016 you get 10 free passes to a participating YMCA or local government facility, 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online, free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve, free Get into Cardio Tennis session, a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium, a chance to win some great prizes including tickets to the 2017 Australian Tennis Open Finals, a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro Camera.

Visit https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/#sthash.nhevFKI5.dpuf

SUNSMART
Although it may not look or feel like it, sun protection is still needed even in this cooler weather. At this time of year, UV is still at high levels. Please make sure sun protection is encouraged with your children beyond Term 1 until the end of April. School hats are required to be worn until the end of April.

Download the free SunSmart app, set the sunscreen reminder and use the sunscreen calculator tool.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to Mitchell's Dairy in Ocean Grove for the donation of milk crates to be used for imaginative play in the Junior area. The creations are already "stacking up"!

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Go to http://www.festivalofthesea.org.au/Program.html

Trish French and Helen Stephensen, teachers

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH Tel: (03) 5258 1673 Email: httqcliff@bigpond.com

Children’s Liturgy

First Sunday of the month. Next Children’s Liturgy is Sunday 6 March during the 9am Mass.

REMINDERS

National Ride2School Day

School Camp

Year 3/4 students will have an overnight stay at Sovereign Hill. Wednesday 10 - Thursday 11 August: 3/4JK, 3/4BC, 3/4TA Thursday 11 August - Friday 12 August: 3/4RO, 3/4JR, 3/4JD

The Year 5/6 students will have a two night stay in Melbourne between Wednesday 5 – Friday 7 October. Camp costs have been included in the 2016 School Fee statement. Payment for Year 3/4 camp is due by Friday 22 July and for Year 5/6 camp by Friday 9 September.

School Photos

Your child has been given a photo envelope. Please return this envelope to school on photo day, Tuesday 15 March. Do not send payment to school before this day. Your child will need this envelope to hand to the photographer. Family photo envelopes are available from the school office. Students wear their summer uniform.

Easter Egg Raffle

Through each year the students are delighted to participate in the Easter Egg Raffle, to be drawn on the last day of Term 1. This year we are inviting families from Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 to donate easter eggs. These can be of any shape or size. The Parents and Friends Association will be sending home raffle tickets in coming weeks. Easter eggs can be sent to the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Joseph’s College


St Ignatius College Open Day


Clonard Open Day

Click here to view information regarding Clonard College 2016 Open Day.

Sacred Heart College Open Day

Tuesday 22 March 2016.

Register online at: http://www.shgewagong.catholic.edu.au/

Option 1 - Tour at 4pm then an information session at 5.30pm.

Option 2 - Tour at 5pm then an information session at 6.30pm.

For more information, please contact our College Registrar, Chrissie Johnson on 5222 0490. Siblings of current students enrolment applications close Friday 18 March 2016. Closing date for general enrolment applications is Friday 20 May 2016.

FESTIVAL of the SEA Surf Art Exhibition

Call out to local artists. Festival of the Sea is paying homage to surf culture this year and organisers are holding a surf art exhibition on Sunday 20 March. Submissions of art works that feature surf themes, including drawings, paintings or photographic images are welcomed. There is no entry fee for this exhibition and artists can sell their work at the event. Further information can be obtained by calling 0488 992721 or email festivaloftheseab@gmail.com

Twilight Jazz, Music & Food

Hello all you jazz, wine and food lovers, Friday 11 March there will be an outdoor event from 5pm-9pm, out the front of the Barwon Heads Community Hall, on the corner of Ozone and Hitchcock. Licensed bar with wine, beer and soft drinks available. Additionally, Caliko Korean BBQ and Roam’n Pizza food truck will be on site selling their scrumptious wares.

Natalie Lewington, Festival of the Sea

Barwon Heads Community Arts Hub

Community members are invited to complete a survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSLZXGCX to provide data for a feasibility study. The closing date is March 21 2016. A consultant will facilitate a community forum on Saturday 9 April 2-5pm at the Barwon Heads Senior Citizens, Clifford Parade. If you have any questions, please call Victoria Strachan barwonheadsarts council@live.com

Ocean Grove Primary Apple Fair

Come and celebrate the 21st annual Apple Fair at Ocean Grove Primary School on Friday 11 March from 4pm.

City of Greater Geelong Supported Playgroups.

Vacancies still exist at the City of Greater Geelong’s Supported Playgroups. During Supported Playgroup, the smalltalk program will be delivered to all families and parents will to enable them to become aware of the importance of interactions with their child, learn how to interact positively with their child and develop positive social support networks with other parents. Programs currently operating in Corio, Norlane, Ocean Grove, Grovedale, St Leonards, Bell Park and Whittington. Please contact Nicole Vinken-Powell on 5272 4619 for further information. Eligibility criteria apply.

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