As parents you know your children too. Have you considered how they learn best and what style of learning best suits? Can you recognise your child as to their preferred way for learning from the following descriptions?

**Characteristics of visual learners**
- easily recall things seen
- remember visual details
- see the ‘big picture’ before making a decision
- is organised, neat and observant
- appearance is important
- has trouble remembering spoken instructions
- is a good speller
- likes to read
- likes to have paper and pens handy
- is likely to write down instructions or see them demonstrated
- doodles while listening

If you said yes to many of these, your child is most likely to be a visual learner and will learn by watching, preferring to see what they are learning. Telling these learners how to do something may not make sense to them at all – they need to see it.

**Characteristics of auditory learners**
- remember information by talking aloud
- talk to oneself while learning something new
- often talks to oneself and vocalises when reading
- need to have things explained orally
- finds spoken language easy
- enjoys discussion groups over working alone
- may have trouble with written instructions
- may have difficulty with maths and writing
- probably likes music
- can be easily distracted

If you said yes to many of these, your child is probably more auditory learner and learns best by listening and memorising steps and procedures. They learn through listening to what others have to say and talking about what they are learning.

**Characteristics of a kinaesthetic learner**
- want to actually do whatever is being talked about or learned

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**Our Prayer**
Gracious God, you are like a loving father to us. Your love is constant and you are always with us, even when we turn our faces from you. Help us to turn to you in times of need and in times of sorrow, confident that you will always listen. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen

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Dear Parents,
We are each unique individuals with our own likes and dislikes, thoughts, attitudes and behaviours. We all learn at different rates and in different ways. Consider members of your family and your friends and acknowledge what you perceive is unique and special about each of them.

One of my favorite readings from the Bible is from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12 Verses 4-7. There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all. The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good.

As an educator I find this text empowering as it reminds me of how important it is to acknowledge each other, the talents and strengths each has to offer. It is in offering each’s gifts that a team of teachers can provide the best possible learning and teaching opportunities for the children in their care.

Teachers spend a considerable amount of quality time with your children and get to know them very well by the end of their time with them. They are able to determine how they learn and are very mindful of planning their lessons to cater for a range of learning styles and abilities. In doing so teachers recognise three distinct learning styles: visual, auditory and kinaesthetic learning.

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Tuesday 15 March. Do not send payment to school before this day. Family photo envelopes are available from the school office. Students wear their summer uniform.

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**NEWSLETTER**

**2016 DATES**

**March**
- Monday 7: 5pm Rotary Junior Community Award Parent Information Session
- 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: 10.30am Red Hub Morning Tea, Mr Grubb
- 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
- Tuesday 22: Year 6 Community Service
- **Thursday 24 April**
- Monday 11: Term 2 begins
- Wednesday 13: School Athletic Sports Day at Landy Field
- Saturday 16: 7pm School Education Board
- Sunday 17: 6pm Sacrament of First Eucharist Barwon Heads students
- Monday 18: 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG
- **Sunday 24 May**
- Sunday 1: 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG
- Sunday 8: 9am Sacrament of First Eucharist OG

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Our Lady Star of the Sea School, John Dory Drive Ocean Grove. Phone # 5255 4308
National Action Day Against Bullying Friday 18 March
Our Lady Star of the Sea has registered for this day and are students will have opportunities to participate in activities promoting how to support all students’ friendship skills and ways they can stand up to bullying behaviours. Tomorrow, Tuesday 8 March students will be gathering in their House groups between 9-11am. The students will be watching a performance called “Little Bad Wolf”, play dealing with friendship and bullying. For the other hour the students will share a picture story book about friendship and discuss what good friends do. They will then discuss what they can do when they are not treated well. Every child needs a network of at least 5 people they can talk to when they have a problem so they will trace their hand and record a name on each finger and thumb. Please talk with your child about this when they bring it home tomorrow night.

On Friday 18 March the students will participate in a circle time within their classes and bring home a “Bullying No way” card for further discussion with you. Click here to read an article on friendship skills, and how you as a parent can help your child to be a great friend. We need to teach our children these skills.

Kerryn Sells, Student Wellbeing Leader

SPORTS NEWS

2016 PREP PARENTS NIGHT OUT
Thursday 21 April from 7pm. Come along to the Ocean Grove Golf Club for some nibbles and drinks with other Prep parents and the Prep teachers. The cost of $10 will cover nibbles. Drinks at bar prices. Please pay on the night. RSVP by Thursday 24 March. A list is provided on the Green Hub noticeboard. Please indicate if one or both parents can attend and cross for neither.

STUDENT ACTION GROUPS
National Ride2School day
Thanks to everyone who participated in our “Ride to School Day” last Friday. It was great to see so many students actively travelling.

Jacob Muir and Sam French Travelsmart leaders

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Golf Tournament
20 students from Year 5/6 will be attending a golf tournament on Wednesday 23 March at the Ocean Grove Golf Club. Thanks to all the Year 5/6 students for their enthusiastic participation in the recent golf clinics.

Tennis Round Robin Competition
Good luck to Zak Dwyer and Alyssa Dickenson who will participating in a round robin tennis competition tomorrow, Tuesday 8 March. Alyssa and Zak will be trying out for a place in the divisional team.

Bellarine Swimming Championships
Well done to the 29 swimmers who travelled to Kardinia Pool last Friday. All students represented the school with pride and enthusiasm. Congratulations to the following swimmers who have made it through to the next round: Xavier Eales 50m butterfly; Jayden Pickett 50m Breaststroke; Girls 9/10yrs Freestyle relay (Kate O’Brien, Casey Kelly, Lily Mills and Chloe Lien); Boys 12/13yrs Freestyle relay (Xavier Eales, Zak Poynder, Ned Poynder and Charlie Mahoney).

CLASS NEWS

BIG NEWS IN THE GREEN HUB
Today our chicken eggs and incubator arrived in the Green Hub. It is really important that all visitors to Green Hub, including the toddlers, stay outside the double white lines marked on the carpet so the incubator is not disturbed. If the lid is lifted the humidity and temperature is altered and our eggs won’t hatch. If you do not want your child to handle the chicks after they have hatched please email your child’s class teacher.

Many Thanks Alison, Kylene, Nicole & Judi

Year 3/4 Specialist Program Week 1 Term 2
As our school sports athletics day at Landy Field is Wednesday 13 April the specialist program for Year 3/4 classes will be swapped to Tuesday 12 April.

YEAR 6 COMMUNITY SERVICE
Tuesday 8, 15, 22 March Community Service. Students will rotate visits to the Booral Centre, Seaview Manor Aged Care and Woodlands Kindergarten on each of these days.

Catholic Education Week at Our Lady Star of the Sea School
On Thursday 17 March the Term 1 Year 6 Representative School Leaders will be attending the Catholic Education Week Mass for Schools at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Melbourne.

On Sunday 20 March at the 9am Parish Mass the Staff, School Education Board members and Parents and Friends Association members are asked to attend to be commissioned as leaders of our school learning community. I trust you will be able to attend this event.

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist
NEWSLETTER

Monday March 7, Term 1 Week 7

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Year 5 student and Barwon Heads Cub Scout Luka von Aderkas McFarlane has achieved The Grey Wolf Award, the ultimate award for a Cub Scout. The requirements for this award present a significant challenge. It requires participation in a number of outdoor activities, attendance at leadership meetings, attainment of a number of badges, and the development of a resource. Luka also planned and successfully led a hike for fellow Cub Scouts around the You Yangs. Luka worked exceptionally hard to complete all the requirements and a celebratory ceremony was held this week. Well done Luka.

PARENTS and FRIENDS NEWS
Click here for PFA 2016 Contacts List. As a suggestion, this list could be downloaded and saved on your device.

Entertainment Books
Arriving Term 2 – Monday 18 April. The books were a real success last year, it was the best year yet so a special thankyou to all the parents that supported the school. Check out the next book - http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/flickbook/geelong
Pre purchase payment sheets have been sent home today, giving you the opportunity to access Early Bird Discount Offers. Profits from the Entertainment Books will go towards replacing the play equipment in the Senior Playground.

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Jayden did well coming first in the 50 metre Breaststroke.

Ned, Charlie, Xavier and Zak also placed first in their relay.

School Athletics Day
Wednesday 13 April at Landy Field, South Geelong. If you are able to help out with events on this day please email dbrennan@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au

Sporting Schools
Our Lady Star of the Sea continues to benefit from the Sporting Schools program. This Federal Government funded program enables schools to give student opportunities to participate in sport activities which may not otherwise be available to them, or to use equipment the school may not normally have available. This term the Year 1/2 students are participating in athletics coaching sessions every second Wednesday.

Tahnee Allen & Danielle Brennan, Sport Leaders

Casey, Kate, Lily and Chloe placed first in their relay.
**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**

**NEWSLETTER**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Social Golf Day**

Ocean Grove Golf Club
9 Cutridge St, Ocean Grove
Sunday 17 April
Shotgun Start 2pm

Individual entry $25 per person
12 Hole 4 person Ambrose Team (teams to be allocated)

Families of the players please join us for some fun kids games with BBQ and drinks from 4pm

RSVP and money due Wednesday 13 April
Places limited so get in early. To book your place contact Alanna Mills on 0409 865449 or email alannamills@comsus.com.au

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**REMINDERS**

This April, step up the amount of physical activity in your life and get more active, more often. Just by registering to take part in Premier’s Active April 2016 you have discounts and opportunities available. For more information go to https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/#/share/nhevFKI5.dpuf

**Easter Egg Raffle**
The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 24 March at 2pm.
Families from Prep, Year 1 and Year 2are asked to donate easter eggs. These can be of any shape or size. The Parents and Friends Association have sent home raffle tickets for families to sell. More books are available from the school office.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

St Joseph’s College
St Ignatius College Open Day
Sunday March 20 11am-2pm. Information sessions at

**MONDAY MARCH 7, TERM 1 WEEK 7**

11am and 12.15pm. Year 7 – 2017 Enrolment Applications close Friday 20 May 2016. Visit www.ignatius.vic.edu.au

View a Prospectus and download an Application for Enrolment Form.

**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.shcgeelong.catholic.edu.au/

Chrisie 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**

**Shadow Puppets and Duck Races**

During the week of 16 March, Barwon Heads is celebrating the ‘Festival of the Sea’. On Friday 18 March students from our school are participating in the Environmental Leadership program at Barwon Heads Primary School. They will be involved a Kids Teaching Kids session. In addition to this students from our school will be performing shadow puppet plays with an environmental theme at the ‘Pot Luck Dinner’ on Saturday 19 March on the grassed area near the rotunda. Families are invited to join the ‘Pot Luck Dinner’ and watch the shadow puppet plays. On Sunday 20 March a ‘Duck Race’ will be held on the Barwon River. Ducks will be for sale on Friday 18 March after assembly. The ducks cost $10 and this covers the insurance for the festival and allows the festival to be free. There are many great prizes to win in the Duck race.

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

Trish French and Helen Stephensen, teachers

**Click here** to view more information about Festival of the Sea.

**City of Greater Geelong City’s Heart**
The City of Greater Geelong invite the public to have their say about the Heart of Geelong. **Click here** to view more information.

**Sent home today with your child**

- Clonard open Day (Year 5/6)
- St Ignatius open Day (Year 5/6)
- Sacred heart College Open Day (Year 5/6)
- Catholic Education Melbourn Welcome to 2016
- Entertainment Book Pre Purchase Information