



**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**Week Four Term One**

Dear families

We hope your children had an awesome first week at school because we loved having them back with us. There were a few tired children on Friday, so I bet they slept well.

Please don't panic if your child is a little tired and stressed at the start of the year. It is very natural as they settle back into routine and adjust to the social, academic, emotional and physical demands that accompany their return to school.

Stay positive and reassure them they can do this. Keep them remembering the successes and positives that are there to be celebrated. Help them to focus on the personal strengths they have that will assist them. Talk to us if you need help giving them strategies.

The last couple of years have definitely taught us to bounce back from the knocks and think of new ways to do things. Whilst we cannot gather as a whole school, we had our first student assembly this week via Zoom, with our leaders doing a great job of leading us in this new format. I love that the Prep students now think I have a new career as a television star. They thought it was very cool that they were watching me on TV 😊



The concept of **Shared Wisdom** is one that has always been at the core of my personal philosophy. It is a belief that each of us holds a piece of the wisdom, and no-one has all the answers. It is a profoundly spiritual concept that reminds us that God made us as one people and He gives each one of us a piece of the puzzle that we have to work together to solve.

It changes the way you look at the world and treat people when you realise they have something valuable to teach you no matter who they are - students, parents, colleagues, family, friends and strangers.

I look forward to working with you all this year and I truly believe that you all have a piece of the wisdom that can help our school grow. Please know that I am always most happy to hear your ideas, worries and dreams and I look to providing a number of ways to assist you in doing so.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our **Parents and Friends Meeting** tonight if you can join us. The zoom link has been emailed but is also in this newsletter.



God bless you and Live Jesus in Your Hearts Forever!  
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## ***From our APRE***

Our world is full of symbolism, we identify through symbols. Our school is a Catholic school and I wonder if you have ever noticed the distinct symbols within our school which help to identify us as Catholic. One of the most common and possibly the most powerful symbols is that of the cross or crucifix. Have you ever thought of the difference between a cross and a crucifix? How do they make you feel? Do your children talk about this symbol – what does it mean to them?



2022 is the year for our school to participate in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey. Details of this survey will be coming out in the next couple of weeks, and we are hoping many community members fill the survey in to help us plan for the future. Staff, Students in Year 5 & 6 and Parents will be invited to participate.

We aim to be **welcoming to all** at Star of the Sea, but at the same time not losing sight of our Catholic Identity. Catholic Schools are striving to be meaningful and relevant in today's secular and pluralistic world through recontextualization (making meaning) and genuine dialogue. Every day we strive to achieve this at Star of the Sea.

## **BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING LITURGY**

This **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** February at **11:15am**. Everyone is invited to join the **livestream** as we ask God's blessing on our school community for 2022 and introduce our new school leaders. Our Year 6 leaders will receive their badges and commit to leading our wonderful school in 2022.

### **OUR MISSION**

- ***Love God as Mary did.***
- ***Respect ourselves, others and the world.***
- ***Value life-long learning.***
- ***Strive to achieve our potential.***
- ***Live our faith in Jesus within our community.***

### **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

Enrolments for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion opened on Monday, 7 Feb 2022 and close Monday, 21 Feb 2022. These Sacraments are open to **all children in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholic and have already completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).**

If you would like your child to receive these sacraments this year, please collect an information pack and enrolment form from the Parish Centre (10 Herbert St) or through any of the Catholic primary schools, between 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February. The information pack will include the dates of events that must be attended in order to receive the sacraments. Please mark these in your calendar.

*Have a wonderful week.*

*Kellie Richardson*  
*Assistant Principal: Religious Education*  
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## **HELP NEEDED**



Our beloved Prep boat is in need of some tender loving care. If you know of anyone who we would be able to contract to fix our boat, please contact the school.

We have made contact with a couple of businesses, but they are unable to help us. It doesn't need to float, it just needs to look good and be safe for our children to play on.



## ***IN OUR PRAYERS***

- We pray for our staff, students and their families as we journey through this new year: May we actively seek to belong, contribute and thrive.
- We pray for all who are new to our school community: May they feel welcome and supported in our Star of the Sea family.
- We pray for our 2022 School Leaders: May they shine their light brightly as an example for those they lead, following the example of Mary who shows us how to follow Jesus.
- We pray for those members of our school community who are battling sickness and suffering in their life: May they find healing and comfort.
- We pray for all affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in any way: May they not lose sight of the virtues of hope and endurance.
- We pray in thanksgiving for the life of John Lynch who generously supported Catholic schools across the Gladstone region: May his beloved wife, Maree, and all his family be consoled in their grief.

## **Use of School Toilets**

As part of our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning space for our students we have strict rules surrounding our use of our school toilets.

**Only students who are currently enrolled at Star of the Sea School are permitted to use the student toilets.**

Parents, volunteers, toddlers and high school students may use the Disabled Toilet located near the Tuckshop.

**P & F MEETING THIS  
TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
February  
6:30PM**



**You are warmly invited to attend  
our first Parents and Friends  
Meeting for the 2022 School Year.**

**Attendance will be virtual via  
through the following Zoom link:**

[https://rokatholic.zoom.us/j/64306468181  
?pwd=TGhFczA5eTdacnJaalFrZS9oRlVSQT0](https://rokatholic.zoom.us/j/64306468181?pwd=TGhFczA5eTdacnJaalFrZS9oRlVSQT09)

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Password: 636217



**The meeting starts at 6:30pm**

**Student Absentee  
Phone Number**



If your child is not attending school, you can call us, 24/7, to leave a message to report the absence. The **Student Absentee phone number is 4994 8301.**

As always, absences can be reported using Parent Lounge or by emailing your child's teacher (with a cc to [SOSG\\_Absentee@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:SOSG_Absentee@rok.catholic.edu.au)).

This designated phone line gives you the opportunity to call the school at a time that is convenient to you.

**School Blessing and  
Commissioning Liturgy –  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at  
11:15am**



Please join us virtually for our Opening School Blessing and Commissioning Liturgy **which will be live streamed via our Facebook Page.**

This link should help you connect to the live stream:

[https://www.facebook.com/staroftheseagladstone/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/staroftheseagladstone/live_videos/)

You do not need to have a Facebook Account to join the live stream.

At this liturgy we will ask God's blessing on the year ahead and welcome our new students, parents and staff. **We will also commission our 2022 Year 6 School Leaders and present them with their leadership badges.**

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**Our School Tuckshop will be open  
this week, operating every  
Wednesday and Friday.**



Orders can be made via the Flexischools App or with a paper bag and money. More information is available via our website:

<http://www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au/about-us/tuckshop.html>

## **CURRICULUM NEWS**

### THE ART OF INQUIRY

At Star of the Sea, teachers align their pedagogical teaching practice with an Inquiry approach to learning. Inquiry is a dynamic and interactive process involving questioning designing, investigating, experimenting, analysing, reflecting and acting.

**Kath Murdoch believes:**

***Inquiry teachers keep it real. They harness real contexts for learning by being authentic.***

***Inquiry teachers help learners develop skills and dispositions for life-long learning.***

***Inquiry teachers know their learners and help them find and pursue their passions.***

***Inquiry teachers provoke, model and value curiosity.***

I have met with each teacher during the past two weeks to discuss their planning for the term. We looked at data on each child and they have developed inquiry opportunities in each learning area to suit the strengths and areas of improvement for your children. This is going to be a great year!

Have a good week everyone.

**Anthony King**  
**Assistant Principal: Curriculum**



The Gladstone Regional Council has added two Sunday Matinee performances, for the *Charlie the Chocolate Factory Combined Schools Musical*. Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March @ 11am.

You can either book tickets:

- online through the webpage: <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/event/charlie-the-chocolate-factory/>
- over the phone 49722822
- in person at GECC Box Office

We have a number of our Star of the Sea students performing in this musical. They have been rehearsing for many months and would love you see them on stage.

# **DROP OFF/ PICK UP PROCEDURES**



*As we start the new year it is a good idea to refresh ourselves with the rules and procedures surrounding the safe arrival and collection of our students.*

***No child is to be on site before 8am unless they are enrolled in Before School Care.*** Teachers on duty from 8:10am. Failure to comply with this rule puts your child at risk and may incur fines as the area is licensed for Before School Care only.

*When using the Car Park we urge you to remember the following:*

- Please do not block the exits to the properties along the road. Keep your eye out and make room for them. This is especially important near the ambulance at the bottom of Central Lane.*
- PLEASE TURN LEFT at the bottom of Central Lane.*
- It is a wide turn for some vehicles to enter the car park and we ask you to be aware of this as you are travelling in the opposite direction and give way as necessary.*
- You are not permitted to exit the car in the Drive Through area. Students may only enter the car from the fence side. If this does not work for your family, please park your car and collect them. Students will not be allowed to cross the pedestrian Crossing to their car without you present.*
- Please watch out and give way to others entering and exiting the drive through area.*
- Feel free to come a little later to pick up if you can.*
- Smile...and breathe...we are doing all we can to keep your children safe.*





**STAR OF THE SEA**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GLADSTONE

**AS WE BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM.**



**Girl's skirts must have pleats both front AND BACK. The length must be closer to the knee than the top of the thigh please.**



**Shoes must be completely black with no writing or coloured edges or symbols.**



**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN ENSURING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IS WORN WITH PRIDE AND RESPECT.**



**PLEASE NOTE:**

Girls in Prep to Year 2 may also wear the elasticised skirt with bike pants available from our Uniform Shop.

Sports shorts must only be worn on sports days.

Boys must wear the navy formal shorts on other days and girls must wear their skirts please.

White socks must cover the ankle.

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