



A huge Star of the Sea welcome to our new families and staff that are joining our team this year. We hope your time with us will be rewarding and you enjoy being part of the 'Star family'. A warm welcome back to our existing families and staff. We hope you all had a relaxing break and took some time to enjoy the sun and special times with family; creating long lasting memories. We hope this New Year will bring everyone good health and happiness.

## Senior Team Newsletter Term 1, 2021

### Exciting things happening this term:

This term sees the students involved in the following learning outside of the classroom:



**Camp 1 8-12<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Rooms 20, 21 and 23;  
**Camp 2 15-19<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Rooms 18, 19, 22

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy**  
– 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Senior Team swimming sports** are to be held at the Lloyd Elsmore Pools on the **12<sup>th</sup> of March** and Interschool swimming will be at the same venue on the **19<sup>th</sup> of March**.



### Connected Learning...

This year our overarching concept is **JOY: a gift from God that fills us from within**. We are hoping the students will be able to start the year positively, with the adventures and experiences of camp, and then use their learning so as to bring joy to others. Our term one concept is Whanaungatanga with the understanding that "growing ourselves to build relationships that bring joy and inspire others as Jesus does" is a transfer knowledge. Our curriculum lenses are Health and PE as well as Social Studies. Term 2 will have us looking at Discovery through a Science lens, Term 3 Creativity via a Technology focus and Term 4 Inspire where we bring all our learning together in an 'Exhibition of Inspiration'

### Some important dates for you



#### 8-12<sup>th</sup> February

Camp 1 (Rm's 20/21/23)

#### 15-19<sup>th</sup> February

Camp 2 (Rm's 18/19/22)

#### 25<sup>th</sup> February

Meet the Teacher evening

#### 22 February - 5<sup>th</sup> March

Life Education

#### 8 - 11<sup>th</sup> March

Shared Pathways Training

#### 5<sup>th</sup> March

Beginning of Year and Commissioning of Leaders Mass;

11am OLSOS Church

#### 12<sup>th</sup> March

Senior Team Swimming Sports

#### 19<sup>th</sup> March

Interschool Swimming

16<sup>th</sup> April End of Term

### Homework

This will not begin until Week 4. Each week your child will have a **spelling** list to learn and possibly some other tasks as set by their teacher. There is an expectation that every child will also engage in some form of **reading** for twenty minutes each night. Parent support with these daily tasks would be appreciated. Time spent on **Maths Whizz** will also help each student master and maintain various maths skills. Along with these weekly tasks there may be a termly task, consisting of a rich task that will benefit your family. This is to be completed by the due date. This task will tie into our current term focus.

### BYOD

A reminder that students are allowed to bring their own device to school each day but, before they can do this, both parent and student need to sign the annual agreement that relates to use of the device and digital citizenship when using a device.

#### No contract = No device.

Contracts are being given to students over these first few weeks to enable them to be used in Wk 4. Having their own device allows each student more flexibility in the classroom.



### Reminders

- Please try to be at school by 8.30 am.
- Hats are required every day at school.
- Black sandals and short sleeve shirts are to be worn all term.
- PE gear is required every day at school.
- Any homework is due back at school each Friday.
- Keep engaged with your child's learning via the Seesaw app.
- Talk to your class teacher first about any concerns you may have then **Heather Collins** as team leader.

### Senior Team Teaching Staff

**Room 18** – Miss Andrea Begunk & Mrs Rebecca Sentch

**Room 19** – Miss Kendall Evans

**Room 20** – Mrs Helen Burger (Mrs Ruth Holt)

**Room 21** – Mrs Heather Collins (Mrs Ruth Holt)

**Room 22** – Mrs Raneen Kettoola

**Room 23** – Miss Catherine Sheffield

**Team Leader** – Mrs Heather Collins

Here's to a great term of fun and learning focusing on the two key skills of communication and collaboration



