



Important Dates

Fluffy Friday
Friday 27 June 2025

Reports Emailed Via SEQTA
Tuesday 1 July 2025

Reception Excursion (RT and RH) to Art Gallery
Wednesday 2 July 2025

Little Stars Graduation/Farewell Liturgy
Wednesday 2 July 2025

Last Day of Term
Friday 4 July 2025

Pupil Free Day
Monday 21 July 2025

First Day of Term 3
Tuesday 22 July 2025

From the Co-Principals

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are already approaching the end of the term? It has been wonderful to reflect on all the rich learning experiences and opportunities our students have embraced over the past term including Walk Safely to School, Feast of Pentecost, Reconciliation Week, STEM challenges across various year levels, excursions and incursions. The student's growth, curiosity, and enthusiasm have truly shone through all these different opportunities with more to come in Term 3.

Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming several special guests to our school: Blair Boyer MP, Mark Butler MP, Aria Bolkus (Labor Candidate for Colton), Dr Neil McGoran (Executive Director of Catholic Education South Australia), and John Neate (Chair of SACCS). Our amazing Year 6 students gave them a warm welcome and proudly led them through a tour of our Reception classrooms and our

unique Marine Discovery Centre. It was a joy to showcase some of the exceptional learning taking place across our school. Our guests were genuinely impressed by the quality of teaching and the engaging, enriching experiences our students are part of each day.

Moments like these remind us of how special our school community is full of vibrant learning, dedicated staff, and students who continue to inspire us every day.



I wish all our families a joyful and restful July school holiday break. May it be filled with fun, laughter, and special moments together. I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a fantastic Term 3!

Student Reports

Next week, your child's Semester 1 report will be available via SEQTA. Please ensure you have downloaded the SEQTA Engage app and have the correct login details to access the report with ease.

As a reminder, student reports reflect cumulative learning. The Semester 1 grade contributes to the overall achievement for the year and helps guide ongoing learning and growth in Semester 2.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress further, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

It has been a joy to read through the reports and see the wonderful learning, effort and growth that has taken place across the semester. We are so proud of what the students have achieved so far and look forward to seeing their continued progress.

Star of the Sea Recognised as One of Australia's Best Workplaces in Education

We are thrilled to share that Star of the Sea School has been recognised as one of Australia's Best Schools for Teachers and awarded a 5-Star Employer rating by The Educator magazine. This national recognition highlights our commitment to fostering a supportive, professional, and values-driven environment where educators feel respected, empowered, and inspired.

This achievement is a reflection of our entire community staff, students, and families who together help make Star of the Sea a place where excellence in education and wellbeing thrives.

We are proud to be a school where great teachers love to teach and even prouder of the incredible team that makes this such a special place to work and learn.

Strength Switch Parenting Course - Free for Star of the Sea Families

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded a \$1,000 grant from Catholic School Parents South Australia to support the delivery of the Strength Switch Parenting Course.

Developed by Professor Lea Waters AM, PhD — a world-renowned psychologist, Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne, and creator of the Visible Wellbeing SEARCH Framework — the Strength Switch Parenting Course provides parents with a practical and research-based guide to strength-based parenting.

The course consists of three 2-hour workshops delivered on Wednesdays in Weeks 7-9, Term 3 (3, 10, 17 September). Information for booking will come out early Term 3.

Workshop titles include:

- Discovering Strengths in Your Kids
- How Strengths Help in Difficult Times
- Growing Strengths and Positive Mindsets

Benefits for Parents:

Parents participating in the Strength Switch Parenting Course:

- Develop action plans to start shifting their immediate reactions at home toward strength-based responses.
- Gain confidence in applying strength-based strategies through guided practice and discussion.
- Receive practical activities to strengthen family bonds and promote wellbeing at home.
- Access expert guidance from the course facilitator.
- Build an increased awareness of strengths and their role during both good and challenging times.
- Establish a network of supportive parents to share experiences and learn collaboratively.

Staff News

As we prepare for Term 3, we are delighted to welcome two Mid-Year Reception classes to Star of the Sea. These classes will be led by the familiar and much-loved faces of Abby Griffiths and Chelsea Gilbert. Abby and Chelsea are already well known within our school community; Abby has supported us in various ESO and contract roles over the past few months, and Chelsea has been a valued ESO for the past few years. We are confident that our new Reception students will thrive under their care, and we look forward to seeing the learning journeys ahead.

Next term we welcome back Sam Carpenter from Maternity Leave. Sam will be returning as our Art Teacher in Semester 2, working on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are so pleased to have her back and know our students will enjoy reconnecting with her and her creative energy.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Vivien Iasiello, who has been teaching Art this term. Vivien has done a fantastic job nurturing our students' creativity and supporting their learning. We are very grateful for her dedication and the joyful experiences she has brought to the Art teacher role.

This term we also say a heartfelt farewell to Denise Gariboli, who will be leaving us at the end of Term 2. Denise has made an incredible contribution to Star of the Sea over the years, working with countless students and families and offering warm and supportive care, particularly in Playgroup. Her dedication to the learning of our students has been truly appreciated, and we wish her all the very best as she steps into an exciting new chapter in her career.

We also farewelled Beth McClean, who has embarked on an exciting overseas adventure. Beth's calm presence and kind nature will be dearly missed, and we send her our warmest wishes for the journey ahead.

Next term, a number of our wonderful ESOs will be heading out on Teaching Placement as they move toward the final stages of their studies. We wish Sally Thompson, Jordan D'Angelo, Sarah Balboa, Kayla Stamoulis, Ryan Schrapel, and Carla De Virgilio all the very best as they undertake their final placements before graduating as teachers. We know they will do a fantastic job and make the most of this important experience.

Finally, we send our best wishes to Maria Ottrey, who will be taking some well-deserved leave during much of Term 3. We hope she has a restful and enriching time and look forward to hearing her stories on her return.

Long Service Leave

I would like to let our community know that I will be taking Long Service Leave during Weeks 1–3 of Term 3. I'm looking forward to spending some special time with my family on a holiday and taking the opportunity to rest and recharge. I have every confidence that our wonderful school community will continue to flourish in my absence, and I look forward to returning refreshed and ready for the rest of the term.

Anti-Bullying Rapid Review

The Australian Government recently announced an Anti-Bullying Rapid Review.

The Review will look at current approaches to addressing bullying in schools, what is working and what needs strengthening, with the aim of providing options for the development of a consistent national standard for responding to bullying and its underlying causes in schools.

The Review is now accepting submissions. The Review co-chairs, Dr Charlotte Keating and Dr Jo Robinson AM, are seeking views from students, parents, teachers, and those involved in school education across the country. Submissions can be made anonymously if preferred.

To provide feedback through the submission process, please visit www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review.

This link contains instructions on how to participate along with the Review's Terms of Reference.



Go well,
Annette Diassinias
Co-Principal

From the Aprim



Archbishop O'Regan's Pastoral Letter on the Occasion of the Convocation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod

"As the Father Sent Me, So I Am Sending You"

A new pastoral letter from the Archbishop is now available for your reflection.
Please [follow the link to download](#), which is also available in multiple languages.

Fluffy Friday - Winter Dignity Drive

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 27th June is Fluffy Friday.

Students are welcome to wear all their favourite winter woollies (scarves, beanies, slippers, onesies etc) as a reminder of how lucky we are to have warm homes, clothes, and food, especially in these cold winter months. We ask that families donate goods which will go to the Hutt Street Centre and Catherine House to help those in need. A little love can go a long way. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Reception Families: Cotton tips/hair ties/lip balm

Year 1 Families: Adult female socks/spray on deodorant (not roll on please)

Year 2 Families: Muesli bars/packets of crackers or biscuits

Year 3 Families: Toothbrush/small toothpaste/bodywash /shower gel

Year 4 Families: Face cleanser/moisturiser

Year 5 Families: male beanies/male socks

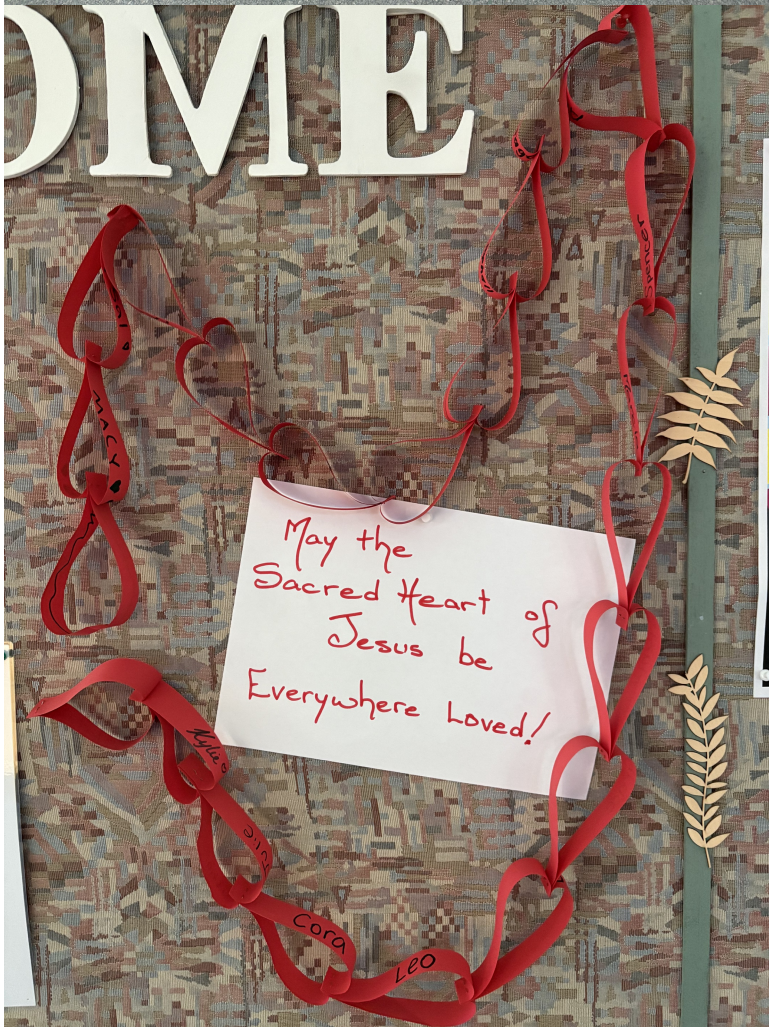
Year 6 Families: Instant noodles/2 min noodles

Other Items that are needed:

New Sleeping bags / Warm blankets / New Pillow Cases

Playgroup News

This week in playgroup our gorgeous little children acknowledged the feast day of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. They wrote their names on a 'heart', decorated their piece & formed them into a chain to display in the church. They also took up a collection for the Winter Dignity Drive. Thank you to the very generous group of families from the community.



Year 2

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What great learning we have been doing in Year 2!

In English, we have been enjoying reading on Epic reading, reading to our Year 6 buddies and enjoying fiction and non-fiction texts. We have been working to improve our comprehension skills. We work diligently to complete our daily phonics and have been looking at what a good sentence needs. In Listening and Speaking we had a lot of fun presenting our Who am I? with some very clever facts. We have been learning to write information reports with sizzling starts. See some below.


Year 2 Snapshots of our super sizzling starts to begin our information report writing. Did we capture your attention?




Imagine you are in the jungle, and you see claws on a tree. You wonder, how did they get there? Suddenly a tiger pounces on the tree beside you. Wow! Their claws are so sharp that they can climb to the top of the trees. Tigers are really good at climbing.

ROAR! That is the sound of a tiger. WOW! I just found out some facts about a tiger. First fact, a tiger's urine smells like butter popcorn. That is very weird. Next fact, there are only 4,000 tigers left on earth because people keep killing them. They are fantastic swimmers. Last fact, their stripes help them camouflage when they are hunting. Lucky last fact, male tigers can reach 3.3 metres in length.

Mention the word tiger and the first thing that comes to mind is a soft, scary, angry tiger with sharp teeth in a green, leafy forest, in the water, about to pounce and ready to bite. Did you know tigers have the same pattern of stripes.

The Year 2 students had an amazing animal encounter. They put on their possum ears and listened attentively to our special guest, Brett. The students had the chance to pet a stunning owl and a cool crocodile along with lizards and a possum. In small groups, they held a massive python and even got up close and personal with a cute quokka. Throughout the experience, they learned some fantastic animal facts.



What's happening this term with Digital Technology

Apple StorySchool with Tristan Bancks

StorySchool is a Community of Practice, bringing educators from Australia and New Zealand together to enhance literacy and communication skills using iPads through storytelling and creative expression. Led by StorySchool creator and author Tristan Bancks and Dr. Chris Blundell of Queensland University of Technology, the program provides resources and teaching and learning ideas. This term our digital learning coordinator, Kim, will be engaged in the program by attending 4 out of school hours workshops and implementing her learning into our classrooms alongside teachers.

CESA STEM MAD

We're thrilled to share that our school is participating in the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) STEM MAD (Making a Difference) program. This exciting initiative encourages students to explore the fascinating worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in a meaningful way.

STEM MAD challenges students to identify real-world problems and then apply their STEM knowledge and skills to design innovative solutions. They might develop new services, create helpful products, or come up with groundbreaking innovations – all with the goal of making a positive impact on the lives of others or our environment.

This program is not just about learning; it's about empowering our students to become creative thinkers, problem-solvers, and true changemakers in our community and beyond!

We have 3 groups of Year 5 and 6 students who are working regularly with two experienced STEM educators on staff Kim Martin and Bianca Annese as part of an enrichment program towards entering their innovative solutions into the STEM MAD showcase later in the

year.

Last week, one of the teams had a sewing lesson with Dee from the tuckshop and Kim!

Children's University

All students who registered to participate in the Children's University program for 2025 have now received their passports and access to the online portal to track the events and activities they participate in. The goal is to encourage families to experience a variety of activities and learning events over the course of the year and celebrate learning that occurs outside of the classroom.

P&F Newsletter

Star of the Sea School

P&F NEWSLETTER
 semester one edition

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community for your continued support throughout all the events held at Semester One. Your enthusiasm, time and energy have played a vital role in making each season a success.

We are delighted to share some of our achievements and give you a sneak peek at what's to come in our latest P&F Newsletter. As part of this, we're proud to recognise the generous local businesses and individuals whose sponsorship has helped bring our fundraising goals to life—particularly for our major event of the year, Blanc Soirée. Your support means the world to us and plays a key role in making these special events possible.

These are all businesses not by families within our school community, so we encourage you to support those who so generously support us.

PLATINUM SPONSOR

Introducing Blanc Soirée's Platinum Sponsor
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With over 20 years of real estate sales experience, Gianna has spent the past 13 years with Owens Casserly in North Beach. The range of her services, precision, and integrity in every sale, specialised the coastal outliers from Sempsons to Glenmore. Renowned for her strong client relationships, an impressive 90% of her business comes from repeat and referral clients.

Gianna's eldest son, Xavier, started Reception last year, with little brother Hudson set to join Star of the Sea in Term 3. Gianna is excited to begin her family's journey with the school and already feels a deep sense of connection with the community.

Whether you're thinking of selling, looking to buy, or simply unsure about the value of your home, Gianna would love to help. Feel free to reach out for expert advice—or even just a friendly chat!

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Fundraising Update



Family Fun Day
 Sunday 12th March
 Free event funded by the P&F



Donut Day
 Friday 11th April
 Raised \$1,100



Easter Raffle
 Tuesday 29th April
 Raised \$1,200



Mother's Day Stall
 Thursday 6th May
 Raised \$600



Ladies Movie Night
 Friday 28th June
 Raised \$400

Term Three Events

Blanc Soirée
 Saturday 18th August
 Tickets \$175 per person

Thanks to its generous community, we have some truly exciting auction items on offer for Blanc Soirée. We're sure you'll find something you'll want to share with your soon!

If you'd like to donate an auction item or become a sponsor, we'd love to hear from you. Silver \$2,000 and Bronze \$500; sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Please contact
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 (School Representative)
visad@newstar.catholic.edu.au

School Disco
 Friday 19th September

SOTS DISCO
 Friday 10th SEPT

FATHER'S DAY STALL
 Thursday 4th SEPTEMBER

With a P&F SATS TEST!

• **Twilight Lawn Bowls**

• **Kytens Bakery Fundraiser**

This year, we're raising funds to enhance our school's community spaces, with a particular focus on the imaginative play area and student wellness initiatives.

Thanks to you generously, we're already seeing the impact: the new tables have been added to the undercroft area, and donated chairs maintain our beautiful school logs are now ready for use at after-school sports events. We'll be proudly showcasing our school's spirit.

A horizontal banner with a light blue background. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a red squid swimming, with several books floating around it. In the center, the text 'Children's Book Week' is written in a dark blue, sans-serif font, with '16-23 August 2025' below it in the same font. On the right, the text 'BOOK AN Adventure' is written in a red, cursive script font. To the right of this text is a circular logo with a blue border containing the text '80 YEARS OF AUSTRALIAN STORIES' and a central icon of a book.

Children's Book Week
16-23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure

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AUSTRALIAN STORIES

Finance News

Dear Parents,

All families should have now received a family statement. Please review your statements to ensure that you are up to date with your payment arrangement.

A friendly reminder that quarterly instalments are due in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Please contact the Finance department on 81157400 (Option 3) or email accounts@star.catholic.edu.au if you have any queries or concerns.

OSHC

Dear Families,

Tomorrow, Friday the 27th June, is the last day to make any changes to your July Vacation Care bookings. Please ensure any changes are made by contacting OSHC.

Please note: For any Cancellations during Vacation Care a medical certificate must be provided for CCES to be payable, otherwise full fees are due and payable if your child is absent during the service.

Please use the paths
and don't walk or climb
in our sand dunes



These areas have been severely eroded by recent high tides and weather. The sand dunes are a fragile and protected part of our ecosystem. Walking or climbing on them can cause long-term damage to plant life, habitats, and natural erosion control.

- Stick to marked trails and designated areas
- Respect wildlife and the natural environment

Let's work together to protect this special landscape.
Thank you for doing your part!

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STAR OF THE SEA
P&F COMMITTEE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

BLANC SOIRÉE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

WOLF BLASS 'THE MAN'
MORPHETTVILLE RACECOURSE
79 MORPHETT RD, MORPHETTVILLE

7 PM TO 12 AM

ENJOY A THREE-COURSE SIT-DOWN MEAL
INCLUDES A 5-HOUR BEVERAGE PACKAGE.

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

EARLY BIRD TICKETS: \$155 PER PERSON
REGULAR TICKET PRICE: \$175 PER PERSON

Don't miss out on securing your tickets for the upcoming *Blanc Soirée* this August, a standout event on our school's social calendar! The evening promises to be a memorable celebration, complete with exciting auction items and a vibrant community atmosphere. We're looking forward to a wonderful night and are incredibly grateful to our dedicated P&F team for all their hard work in bringing this event to life.

The P&F recently hosted another wonderful event with the Star of the Sea Ladies Movie Night last weekend. Those who attended enjoyed a special private screening, creating a fun and relaxing evening. A heartfelt thank you to the P&F for their incredible organisation and for bringing our community together in such a thoughtful and fun way.

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**SATURDAY
AUGUST 16**

**9AM
REGISTRATION**
9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix
www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-2025

cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events