



Star of the Sea Catholic School

*The Hervey Bay City Catholic Parish School, supported by
Brisbane Catholic Education Centre
and
catering for children from Prep to Year 7*

Our Vision

Our vision for Star of the Sea School is to provide a quality education within our Australian Catholic tradition where children are happy, motivated and challenged to do their best.

Information for 2008

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As 2007 draws to an end, I wish you all a safe and Holy Christmas. Enjoy your children over this break. I hope the information in this booklet will assist you in your planning for next year. The staff at the school will endeavour to continue to work with you in partnership and to do this communication is vital.

To the new families joining us, welcome to the Star of the Sea Family. I hope that your child's time with us is both happy and enriching and I look forward to your association with our wonderful school community.

Some hints for good communication:

- Newsletter** This is the main source of information throughout the year. It will always be given out on Friday. It is also accessible on our web site, should your child forget to bring it home, or should more than one party be interested in the contents.
- Teachers** Your child's class teacher has the best knowledge of how your child is progressing in class, therefore if you are concerned or would like to know your child's progress next year, please contact your child's teacher as soon as the concern arises to arrange an interview.
- Principal** If you have a concern about school routine or an unresolved matter from the class teacher, then I am always interested and will make myself available to you at the earliest possible time. If it is a classroom matter it will always be referred back to the classroom teacher if it has not already been dealt with.
- Accounts** If you ever have a concern with regard to payment of school fees or an account you have received, please contact Lesley in the office. These fees are essential to be able to run and resource our school. Payments can be made through direct debit by our school, if you wish to spread the cost over the year.

As part of this partnership the school also has three groups that work with the staff to improve and operate the school.

The Pastoral School Board

The Pastoral School Board has responsibility for the formulation of the School Renewal Plan, budget, maintenance and policy writing. It is made up of the Principal, 4 parents' members, 1 staff member, and a delegate from the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parents and Friends Association

All parents of the school are members of the Parents and Friends Association. This association's role is to support the principal and staff of the school by assisting to develop a community atmosphere through the organisation of social events, provide opportunities for discussion on current educational topics and to administer the Fundraising Levy so as to support the School Renewal Development Plan. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and all parents are welcome.

Care and Concern Group

From time to time, families may find themselves in a situation where they may need some assistance. This group is made up of volunteer parents who offer support and friendship to other parents. They hold a morning tea on the first Friday of each month after assembly and all families are welcome. Julie Lynch is the coordinator of this group and she can be contacted at the school or the Parish. If you ever need assistance please do not hesitate to contact Julie or your child's class parent.

Community Partnerships

At Star of the Sea, we believe that parent involvement enriches our family-oriented school. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's education through a variety of means including:

- Regular assistance within the classroom
- Tuckshop volunteer
- Volunteer at school sporting events, functions or excursions
- Star of the Sea Board member
- Parents and Friends Association participant
- Care & Concern group

Children are provided with opportunities to be active members of the wider community through things such as:

- Participation at local events
- Healing Masses and special liturgies
- Visits to nursing homes
- Participation in various charities

Patrick Colley - Principal

Dates for 2007:

Please note that our new-look website will be up and running for 2008 and an up-dated calendar will be a part of this

Term 1

23 - 29 Jan	Professional Development and Planning Days (Pupil Free)
Jan 23 – 25 & 29 th	Office open
Wednesday, 30 Jan	Students from Yrs P-7 return to school
21-24 March	Easter Holidays
Friday, April 4	Term 1 finishes, 3.10pm

Term 2

Monday 14 April	Professional Development & Planning Day
Tuesday 15 April	School resumes for Term 2
Friday 25 April	ANZAC Day Holiday
Monday, 5 May	Labour Day Holiday
Friday, 23 May	Maryborough Show Holiday
Monday, 9 June	Queen's Birthday
Friday, 27 June	Term 2 finishes, 3:10pm

Term 3

Mon. 14 July	Professional Development & Planning Day
Tues. 15 July	Children resume school for Term 3
14-20 July	World Youth Day Sydney
Friday, 19 Sept.	Term 3 finishes 3:10pm

Term 4

Mon. 6 Oct	Ministerial holiday
Tues. 7 Oct	Children resume school for term 4
Mon. 20 Oct	Professional Development & Planning Day

Friday, 5 Dec.

School finishes for 2008 at noon.

School Hours

Year P-7 8:50am till 3:10pm

Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care is available at the school from 7:00am to 8:50am and in the afternoon from the end of school till 6:00pm. Vacation Care is available during the holidays and on all Professional Development and Planning Days. Before school care, after school care and vacation care are all registered through CentreLink and fees can be claimed as part of your child care costs. For more details and bookings Ph 4124 9372

Staff for 2007

Class Teachers (Changes may occur due to appointment of new staff)

Prep	Sharon Sargent and Helen Freshwater
Year 1	Belinda Wynn and Madeline Shannen
Year 2	Lisa Elmes and Michelle Morey
Year 3	Mary White and Shannon Cattell
Year 4	Maureen Breikers and Mich Welch
Year 5	Pat Curran, Chris Mead/Jo Ryan and Majella Lennox (3 days)/Natasha O'Donnell (2 days)
Year 6	Paul Davoren, Jacinta Robertson and Michelle White (4 days)/Natasha O'Donnell (1 day)
Year 7	Tom Riley and Amanda Borger

Learning Support Teacher	Margaret Blomeley	Teacher Librarian	Stephanie Smith
LOTE Teacher	Lynette Balloqui	Guidance Counsellor	Lyn Bardsley
Student Support Teacher	Karen Jansen	Music Specialist	Gunilla Myren
PE Specialist	Billie Willis	Assistant to the Principal RE	Chris Mead
Assistant to the Principal Administration	Brian Forbes	Principal	Patrick Colley

Support Staff

School Office	Lesley Tracey	Debbie McQuaid	Deborah Robertson	
Library Aide	Margaret Castles			
Teacher Aides	Ella Bishop	Renate Roberts	Theresa Honey	Lesleigh Schiffke
	Vivienne Lynch	Liz Elmer	Monique Tyrrell	
IT	Jodie Mc Laughlin & Bill Pedler			
Tuckshop Convenor	Cathy Milijasevic			
Uniform Shop Convenor	Marie Murphy			
Groundsman	Rex Chamberlain			
Instrumental Teachers	Paul Damms : Wind and percussion	Lindsay Ginn : Guitar	Kelly List :Strings and Keyboard	

Uniform Shop Hours over the Christmas Holidays

Jan 21-25	8:30am to 12:30pm
Jan 29	8:30am to 12:30pm

If you can not get to the uniform shop at these times then Marie Murphy is happy for you to contact her on 4125 4508

Booklists

Booklists have been given out to all current parents and to most of our new families. If you did not get the chance to send the completed list away to be packaged for you, or can purchase them locally. The lists are available on the website.

Fees and Levies for 2007 : All fees and levies are compulsory

Tuition Fee

This fee pays for the day to day running of the school and the purchase of resources for children's learning.

One Child	\$837
Two Children	\$1101
Three or more children	\$1372

General Purpose Levy

This levy pays for bus travel, excursions, Arts Council Performances, swimming coaching etc and in Years 5, 6 and 7 it includes the cost of camps.

Prep	\$234	Year 1	\$250	Year 2	\$268	Year 3	\$268	Year 4	\$286
Year 5	\$430	Year 6	\$592	Year 7	\$640				

Technology Levy

This levy pays for loans on computers, future development of the technology plan, as well as computer consumables.

One child	\$60	Family	\$85
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Fundraising Levy

The only fundraiser now held by the school is the beach-a-thon and missions but we also support Parish fundraising activities.

One Child	\$90	Family	\$110
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Building Fund Levy

Building Fund Levy is \$388

Optional Activities

Instrumental Lessons \$90 per term

All Fees and Levies (excluding Building Fund) for a prep child can be claimed through Centrelink.

Discounts for Children at Xavier College and St Mary's

Star of the Sea and Xavier Catholic College offer discounts if you have a child at each of these schools.

Star of the Sea will offer the following discounts for families who have children at Xavier College.

1 child at Xavier	5% discount off SOS tuition fees
2 children at Xavier	10% discount off SOS tuition fees
3 children at Xavier	20% discount off SOS tuition fees
4 children at Xavier	40% discount off SOS tuition fees

In the Same way Xavier College fees will also be discounted as follows:

1 child at Star of the Sea	5% discount off Xavier fees
2 children at Star of the Sea	10% discount off Xavier fees
3 children at Star of the Sea	20% discount off Xavier fees
4 children at Star of the Sea	40% discount off Xavier fees