TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

OUR VALUES THIS TERM WERE APPRECIATION AND THOUGHTFULNESS

TERM 1 AT STAR OF THE SEA

Our term started off with many happy eyes atop of various beautifully coloured masks! We welcomed some lovely new learners and teachers across the phases.

A brief break was taken over the Easter weekend, following the generous donation of Easter marshmallows by our amazing Stars.

As the assessments arrived our learners & teachers maintained those happy eyes, even when they were a little sleepy at the start of the day.

We pray that each learner receives the report they had hoped for and we continue praying that the year progresses smoothly.

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OUR NEW TEACHERS

This term we welcomed 5 new teachers to our Star family!

Mrs Treagus - Grade 2

Mrs Forrester - Grade 5

Ms Hartmann - Grade 6

Ms Blake - Coding & PhysEd

Mrs Sproat - Learner Support

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

THE NEW CODING PROGRAM

This term saw the start of a new subject for Grades 4-7. Coding is the process of writing computer programs using specific IT languages. This term learners focused on the languages of HTML and CSS, which are used to make websites. This might seem quite advanced for the learners, but coding teaches more than just how to create a game or a website. The learners gain problem solving skills, critical thinking abilities and explore their creativity. We are very excited to see what the rest of the year will bring for coding at Star!

What is fun about coding?
By Lana Jacobs (7P)
In Grade 7 I started doing coding with Ms Blake. Coding is very fun and interesting because we get to learn more about it. You can use coding in the future and together build something unique, share ideas and solve problems. In my opinion, coding is the best subject I've learnt in Grade 7 and I find it very entertaining and exciting.

What I love about coding is all the cool features. There are so many things you can do, like make your own game. You learn a lot of new things and big words and you can be so creative. The game that you just made can become so successful you could even start your own business! Skye Jacobs (6G)

I find coding really simple and fun to do, its really expanding my abilities. Coding is like a challenge that is fun to do and you always want to go back for more. Ms Blake is also the type of teacher that will explain stuff so smoothly that you will remember it forever. Mark V (7P)

I really love coding. Coding is my favourite subject because I learn a lot. And maybe coding will help me with my dream job. My mom saw that I was enjoying it so much that she asked me if I wanted to do online classes. I give coding a 10/10. Mason Davids 4B

Coding is great, it helps you learn new things you didn't know before. Like how to copy pictures from one place to another using ctrl+v. I like coding. Melisa Mahonye (5C)

At coding we learn so much stuff. I learnt that when you code you change the words on the left of the screen and it changes what the website looks like on the right. We help our friends in coding by using "your mouth not your mouse" so that they can learn for next time. Lorraine Kanyemba (5C)

Coding is really great and will benefit me as well as my classmates in the generation we are in. The fact is, it's not even that hard! You can literally make your own project or game, even your own platform. It's a new section of learning and personally, I love it! Ashwin (7P)

Doing coding for this past term has been extremely interesting and educational. I'm truly happy to be learning coding because it's something I've wanted to learn for a long time. This is a wonderful experience and once I've learnt everything I need to know about coding I hope to pass it on to someone else. We have finally been moving on to harder work in coding and it's even more interesting. I'm glad that the school has put coding in the curriculum because I feel we can learn a lot from it. I am hoping to go to a high school that does coding as it is my favorite computer class. Sean Phillips (7A)

Coding is one of my favourite things to do because it makes me a much better computer user. I wish we had more than 1 hours of coding a week. I would really like to learn more about computers and coding. Keitumetse Nailana 5C

I don't like coding, I love it! You can change colours and it's very interesting. I love coding so much that when I grow up I want to be an engineer. Tumisho 4B

Coding is the best, you can make your own website and more. I love it. One day we are going to do robotics to make our own robot. Samuel Serere 5C

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I love coding so much, its fun to do. Coding makes me happy. It might be hard but it's fun. I could code for ever. Ethan Leetjer (5C)

PREFECTS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS CEREMONY

On the 14th of April we had a ceremony introducing our Grade 7 prefects and house captains. They received their badges and made an oath to uphold the integrity of the school and God. A special thanks to Father Mark who blessed the Prefects and their badges. It was the first time in almost a year that the whole school was together (socially distanced) and it was a very special occasion for all.

The captains of 2021 finally got their badges on the 14th of April. A small ceremony was held in the quad. I was excited to be a recipient of a badge. My badge is like a mini trophy that I pin to my clothes every day (yes even on the weekends). I now carry the responsibility to care for my peers, those younger that me and my school. This means that as a captain I have to set a good example to everyone. I am one of many captains that draw strength from God and our Head-boy Nano and Head-girl Zoë. We appreciate our teachers and Father Andrew for giving us a blessed, pleasant and memorable badge ceremony. I also appreciate my mother for not questioning the badge-sized holes in my clothes. Mbali Lamula 7P

OUR CAPTAINS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

EASTER EGG DRIVE

Donations were requested for the **Fish Hoek Lion's Easter Egg Project.** This initiative was started to ensure that disadvantaged children could also be spoiled with the marshmallow eggs everyone has grown to know and love. All our families were encouraged to donate and our amazing Stars did an excellent job of donating various marshmallow eggs. Thank you to our families for donating and helping to bless those less fortunate by making their Easter a little sweeter.

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We at Star of the Sea would like to say a BIG thank you to Ms Liebenberg, Zhuan, Rea, Claire and Reece!

Without the support of our assistants, who started with us last year, the school would not run as smoothly as it does. We appreciate all that you have done for us and we wish you well on your new paths!

Thank you to lovely Ms Liebenberg for all she has done during her time in Grade 4. She has been wonderful with the Grade 4 learners and a great colleague. We are very grateful for all the care, calm and dedication.

As Mrs Emandien is returning from maternity leave, we wish Miss Liebenberg well on her next challenge at Jupiter Primary. We will all miss you!

Claire will be joining us as an assistant in Grade 1 as she begins her journey as a student teacher.

We are all very excited that she is joining us and we hope she has fun in Grade 1!

RISE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR APPLICATION

As 2021 began our school embarked on a new journey with a different communication platform called **Rise School Communicator**, This application is free to all via the Apple and Google Play Stores.

Many thanks to all of our parents who have taken the time to download this application.

Please note that this will be our **primary communication platform** going-forward.

MY SCHOOL CARD

Do you have a **MySchool card**? You can raise funds for Star simply by swiping at Woolworths, Builders Warehouse, Engen, Loot and Worksheet Cloud!

Follow the link to sign up for a MySchool card:
https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register

Its quick and easy!

If you already have a card please consider changing your beneficiary to Star of the Sea Convent.

From all of the staff at Star of the sea we wish you a good (if short) holiday. See you in term 2 on the 3rd (Group B) or 4th (Group A) of May