A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

At yesterday’s opening school mass, we joined with our school and parish community, in hope, in prayer and in friendship, to look to the school year ahead. It was wonderful to share in this occasion with so many families, parishioners, staff and students and I extend our thanks to Fr Ashley for leading our Eucharistic Celebration.

Our mass was a very special time for all in our community with our year 6 students receiving their leadership badges and shirts from family and friends. As these students begin their leadership journey, they will discover the gifts and talents that they have. Importantly, through the everyday encounters with staff, family, friends and other students, they will begin to discover that good leadership is about being the best person that we can be.

Through their experiences, they will be inspired by the love of others, just as they can also inspire others with the love that they show to them. Often, we can inspire others by our actions. At times, we may not even realise that we do it. Inspiring others is about offering leadership. The kind of leadership that isn’t always about the person that is out in front. Instead, it’s the kind of leadership that can make a difference by the way the actions and words that we choose each day, by the way that we choose to use our gifts and talents, that enables the light of Jesus within us to shine for others to see.

To be the light for others takes ‘boldness’.

Our theme for this year is to ‘Be Bold.’ God is calling each of us, each day to ‘Be Bold’. He challenges us to be guided by His spirit to:

Be bold for yourself
Be bold to be a better person for others
Be bold to be a better person in the world for God.

May we each be guided to ‘Be Bold’; to be the light of Christ for others; wherever we are, in whatever we do.

May Christ Light Your Way

Veronica
Prep

We love reading in Prep! Over the past couple of weeks, we have been learning Nursery Rhymes. We have enjoyed learning the words to these rhymes and are becoming quite good at being able to sing them!

This week our focus is Hickory Dickory Doc and Humpty Dumpty. We have sequenced Hickory Dickory Doc, talked about some rhyming words and have made some mice to go on our grandfather clock. After reading Humpty Dumpty, we watched some different versions of Humpty Dumpty and then brainstormed ideas on why we think Humpty Dumpty had a great fall, some ideas were: he over-balanced, he was frightened by the King’s horses, a bird flew past and scared him and he wasn’t sitting properly on the wall.

In Discovery this week, we have looked at our families. We made a graph of how many people are in our family and the things we like to do with our families. The children enjoyed making their house out of lego and blocks, as well as making their families out of playdough.

This week our Homework packs went home! We were so excited to receive Homework for the very first time (Parents, we know you’re excited too!). Over the next week or so we kindly ask that you please contact your child’s homework book with something special that they like!
Year 1

It has been such a busy week in Year 1. In maths we have started learning all about number lines. We have practised using these to do simple addition and experiment with the count-on strategy. We are also learning to navigate our way around a 100 chart. We have worked out how to identify 1 more & 1 less and 10 more and 10 less. It’s amazing how many patterns we can see in our 100 chart! In literacy we have been looking at nouns and doing so much writing. We wrote all about the kookaburra and are getting better at our ‘Dear Journal’ entries. We really enjoyed putting together a list of 10 things we love about Father Ashley for his birthday. This is what we came up with –

* You tell us stories.
* You care for us.
* You are KIND.
* You say lovely prayers.
* You are VERY funny.
* You are beautiful.
* You are always HAPPY.
* We love your voice.
* You always remember our names.
* You always say hello.

* Remember to check the school portal for our weekly timetable and spelling words!

Year 2

It has been a very busy week! The children have been working very hard. This week we started to plant our seeds as part of our Discovery Unit. They are all very excited and we can’t wait to see the tiny seeds grow. They have also started to fill in their Plant Journal as they will write weekly reports on the growth of their seeds.

The children also planned delicious, healthy dinner. Many of them sounded like they where professional chefs! They enjoyed this activity as they where able to share what their favourite foods are.

We also celebrated two birthdays. A belated happy birthday to Sophie, and a very happy birthday to Tom. They were both very happy to receive their birthday card.

We are very proud to say that we have a range of talents and gifts in our class. We had the privilege of hearing Angus play guitar. The class enjoyed hearing him play, and so did his teachers!

Year Two talent was showcased on Thursday when they presented their ‘Pokemon Johto’ song. It was lovely seeing how the rest of the school joined in with the actions. The Prep children looked adorable when they joined in.

Here are some of the children’s favourite parts of Week 3...

Millie- I really enjoyed planting the seeds it was so much fun touching the soil.
Zane- I liked listening to Angus play the guitar. It was so cool!
Oscar- I liked planning a healthy dinner with my friends.
Nichola- I loved planting the seeds, it was so much fun. I can’t wait to see my flower grow.
Year 3

Another busy week has flown by with many students keen to get into our daily routine. It has been great to see children following music prompts to pack up, moving around the classroom calmly, and beginning their work straight away.

This week we introduced maths rotations. These hands-on activities allow us to put our understanding into practice and do it in a fun way. This week’s favourite activity would have been playing skip counting hopscotch! It was also great to see so many children challenging themselves with tricky number patterns. Here’s one the hexagon group did: 3, 6, 12, 24, 48... And then they just kept going!!! The enthusiasm during mathematics is amazing!

During English, we read the classic, Wombat Stew. We focused on Character profiles and used the acronym STEAL to help us describe the Dingo in the story. STEAL stands for Speech, Thoughts, Emotions, Actions and Looks. We brainstormed words for each area that described the Dingo, then put it into a paragraph. The vocabulary that was being discussed was fantastic.

Congratulations to Thomas who received the Student of the Week for his perseverance when completing tricky maths problems.

Respect for Self: Lara
Respect for Others: Grace
Respect for the Environment: Henry.

Well done to everyone this week for pitching in and helping others.

Year 4

Now we are three weeks down, we are really starting to settle into the routine of Year 4! We have enjoyed starting spelling rotations and completing different word study activities each day. Mrs. Gough is really proud of how quickly we are learning our spelling routine and how beautifully we are presenting our work.

We’ve also been learning about healthy eating and lifestyle choices. We’ve enjoyed researching the five food groups and learning about what foods we should be eating to give
us energy. Mrs. Hazleton thinks we should have a tropical fruit day, with all this hot weather we are having!

We finished the week attending our first whole school mass and sat beautifully throughout, with our seniors doing a wonderful job leading our mass.

Keep cool over the weekend and rest up for another action packed week!

Year 5/6
A big congratulations to our Seniors for 2017. Yesterday you did yourselves proud, leading us in what was a beautiful opening School Mass. A big thank you to all the parents who came to support the students. I’m sure you were all very proud.

In Maths we’ve been polishing up on our number skills, especially working with larger numbers. We are gaining a lot of confidence in Maths already this year.

In Discovery we are doing a lot of research on cyber safety and the internet and are working through some great interactive websites.

Next week we will start designing our prototypes which will be used to educate our peers about everything to do with the internet.

On Tuesday we had our first Instrumental Music lessons for the year. We had so much fun and all came back thinking we were rock stars.

PCG NEWS: AGENDA AND MINUTES
During Monday’s PCG meeting, some new processes were put in place to support the development and sharing of our agenda and minutes. The points below outline the guidelines/timelines that were decided to support this:

Minutes: Meeting minutes will be distributed to our parent community on the morning following the PCG meeting. These will be distributed as below:

- Via an email attachment to all parents (the day after the PCG meeting)
- Attached as a pdf file to the weekly school newsletter
- Uploaded to the parent portal (access via the school community groups icon)

Agenda:
- Email reminder/call for agenda items to occur two weeks prior to scheduled PCG meeting (eg Items called for on Mon 20/2 for Mon 6/3 meeting).
- Items will be received and added to the agenda up until the Friday of the week of this reminder (eg. Agenda closes Fri 24/2)
- Closing date for agenda items is to allow for the development of the agenda so that it is ready for sharing prior to the meeting.
- Agenda will be shared via email and the parent portal on the Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting (eg. Wednesday 1/3 for Mon 6/3 meeting). This will support our community to be aware of the items to be discussed at the meeting.
BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT: UPDATE ON OUR REVIEW PROCESSES
At our recent Parent Information Evenings, it was shared that our staff have undertaken a process of reviewing our whole school’s approach to supporting and managing behaviour at Star of the Sea.

This process commenced during Staff Development Days conducted prior to the commencement of the 2017 school year. A priority of the review was to promote a consistency across our school, and to build on the positive ethos that already exists at SOTS when supporting student behaviour, that is based on respect for self, others and the environment.

This process will be finalised in the coming days and relevant documents shared via email and the parent portal.

We value your feedback and invite you to share this with us via: pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au

THE ROLE OF OUR CPRS
We are currently seeking expressions of interest for our 2017 CPRs – Class Parent Representatives. The role involves being the first port of call for parents in your year level.

It involves –

- Liaising with other CPRs
- Liaising with class teachers and members of the Leadership team
- Co-ordinating your year level social event – such as the disco
- Co-ordinating pastoral care – such as frozen meals etc for families in need
- Updating Facebook with class reminders
- Organising morning tea after class liturgies
- Organising a cup of tea or sausage sizzle after Celebration of Learning mornings
- Promoting school events
- Organising volunteers when needed

It doesn’t need to be limited to the tasks above. It can be as broad as you like and may include –

- Organising play dates for year level families
- Organising a night out for Mums or Dads
- Organising staff gifts at the end of the year or for special occasions

The possibilities are endless!

At the PCG meeting on Monday night the following social events were assigned –

- Prep – Welcoming Disco
- Year 1 – Father’s Day Celebrations
- Year 2 – End of Year Celebrations
- Year 3 – Mother’s Day Celebrations
- Year 4 – Foundation Day Fair
- Year 5 – School Musical
- Year 6 – Welcoming Disco and Graduation Celebrations
Thank you to the following people who have already volunteered –

**Prep** – Janelle Jahnke and Rebecca Story  
**Year 1** – Amanda Wuth and Janelle Jahnke  
**Year 2** –  
**Year 3** – Lisa Barry  
**Year 4** –  
**Year 5** –  
**Year 6** – Anna Gregori

We need at least two volunteers for each year level. Please send an email to pcleveland if you are interested or would like to know more. We look forward to working closely with you this year!

**APRE NEWS**

The concept of our school logo came from an aboriginal design plate made by Kathy Jauncey. This is the story behind our logo:

“The design is based on both my Catholic upbringing and being an indigenous woman. I believe everyone has a spiritual core (whether they know it or not) and this is represented by the spiritual figure in the middle of the design.

The three circles (yellow dot surrounded by the white ones) represent the Trinity (Catholic) but also sea, earth and air (Indigenous).

The wavy lines between the four symbols represent the interconnectedness of things both spiritual and environmental, with the waviness adding the emphasis of the importance of water to our Straddie culture.

The dotted line across the design delineates the land from the air. The spiritual being is firmly ‘rooted’ in the land, being strengthened by it – trying to show that our connectedness to nature builds and supports our spiritual being.” Kathy Jauncey

Our Motto – ‘Christ Lights Our Way’ is shaped by our belief that Christ is the lighthouse that guides and directs us safely home to the Father.

We celebrated our Opening School Mass yesterday and were led beautifully by our 2017 senior students. Thank you to the Yr 5/6 team for making our liturgy moving and memorable.

We also launched our school theme – ‘Be Bold’ - and our school song – ‘Pokemon Johto’ – at assembly yesterday. Thank you to our Yr 2 team and students! We wish Fr Ashley a very happy 70th birthday tomorrow and thank him for joining us on assembly.

Please keep the McGuire family and Mrs Cantwell’s family in your prayers. We also ask God to bless Veronica Hyland and her family. Veronica’s husband Rob passed away this week. The funeral will be on Tuesday.

May Christ Light Your Way!

**QUEENSLAND ARTS COUNCIL**

Each year Star of the Sea invites the Queensland Arts Council to come and perform a piece of work for the students. This year, the Arts Council will be coming to Star of the Sea on Thursday 9th March. Tickets are $8 and will be charged to student accounts if permission is granted. Please email the school if you do not receive
permission for your child to attend the performance on this day. The show this year is called *Benjamin and Me* and is suitable for our whole cohort from P-6.

*Benjamin is Will’s best mate in the whole wide world. Benjamin is also a dog.*

*One morning, Will wakes up with an idea. He has decided to build the first ever boy-dog operated flying machine. And so, this coming-of-age adventure takes to the skies…*

*Follow the extraordinary journey of this young boy, his dog, their wild imagination and a ukulele. The show features a smattering of songs, crazy contraptions and illustrations by visual artist Jacinta Larcombe.*

*Benjamin & Me is a show for families and adventurous adults. It’s the newest work from award-winning writer and performer Mark Storen (The Polite Gentleman), and is the debut production for his new company Whiskey & Boots. Produced for Whiskey & Boots by Georgia King.*

**NO HAT NO PLAY**

Just a reminder that students must bring their hats to school every day.

We had No Hat No Play in 2016 when we noticed that children were forgetting to bring their hats to school.

From next week, any students who do not have a hat will be sent to the library staged area for to sit down during play time.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS**

As Year 5/6 have taken on the responsibility to assist with making props for the school musical, we are asking for families to bring in cardboard rolls and small cardboard boxes as pictured below.

There will be a labelled box outside the office for the donations, which will be emptied each day. Thanks for your support.

**SPORT @ SOTS**

**Basketball**

**AUSSIE HOOPS IS BACK**

In Week 4 we have Aussie Hoops starting after school in the O’Dea centre. We will have a GIRLS ONLY day (Monday) and a BOYS ONLY day (Wednesday). Please see dates and times below.

**GIRLS – 6 Week Program**

Mondays 3:15pm – 4:15pm  
February 20th – March 27th

**BOYS – 6 Week Program**

Wednesdays 3:15pm – 4:15pm  
February 22nd – March 29th

To Sign up – [CLICK HERE](#) and search for our school!
District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Star of the Sea at the Bayside District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 13th February at Chandler Aquatic Centre.

Year 4:
- Eden Fox
- Quinn Oliver
- Emma Forbes

Year 5:
- Michael Bradley
- Chloe Michell

Year 6:
- Michael Forbes
- Amy Bradley

We wish them all the best of luck!

FUN RUN

FUN RUN - Started Today!!! And will continue until the end of Term.

The Fun Run will be from 8:15am - 8:40am on the top oval.

Students may wear their sports uniform with coloured house shirts and white Joggers to school for the day!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Fun Run this morning. Even though it was a very hot morning the effort from all participants was outstanding. The Fun Run will be held each Friday morning in Term 1, commencing at 8:15am. Parents are most welcome to join us running or walking laps.

The current scores are......

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Remember, every lap you do earns a point for your house colour.

We also welcome Debbie from Rolling Brew Coffee who is going to be available every Friday morning for the Fun Run. To keep Debbie coming, it would be great to give her some business, therefore we wish to invite ALL the parents and STAFF to come and have a coffee whilst the fun run is on every Friday from now until the end of Term 1.
Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons will begin in NEXT WEEK down at the Cleveland Aquatic Centre. All students will have 2 lessons each week on Mondays and Wednesdays from Week 4 until Week 7, with our Inter-house Swimming carnival being on Friday of Week 7 the 10th March.

Week 4 - 13 Feb, 15 Feb
Week 5 - 20 Feb, 22 Feb
Week 6 - 27 Feb, 1 March
Week 7 - 6 March, 8 March

What do I need to bring?
All named please;

Togs
Towels
Thongs
Sunshirt
Swim cap
Goggles

***Sunscreen to be applied before school ***

Swimming Caps are available for sale at the school office:

- Plan Red Lycra Caps for $6 each.
- Silicon Colour House Caps for $10 each.
SOTS Touch Football Academy

Star of the Sea Touch Academy had its first training session yesterday, and it was lots of fun learning new skills:

Coach James Ryan did some great reaction skills training using reaction balls. He also did some brain training with all of the players. Mr B did a rucking drill with all of the players, we are practising our rucking so that the players can get faster at it. The faster they all get a rucking, the faster the team moves u the field. Coaches Kelly and Steve Gough did a great attaching drill with all of the players.

Once again focusing on speed, communication and getting in the right position for each play. We finished off with a fun game of touch which involved all Academy Players and Coaches.

It’s not too late to join – ALL CHILDREN FROM GRADE 1 – 6 WELCOME!!

DISCO - LET’S DANCE

Star of the Sea School Disco allows students, parents and staff an opportunity celebrate the start of the new school year. This is a great chance for both new and existing family to have fun with their child and meet people.

Disco Details:

Who can come? The whole family
Where? O'Dea Centre
When? Friday 17th February 5 - 7pm
What to wear? Cool light clothing
What should I bring? Chair or picnic blanket, food & drinks (if you want).

What is provided? DJ with lights and Dance Games, Water, Cordial, Chill out Zone.

What can I purchase & how much?

• Rom'in Pizza Van will be available with cheese pizzas $10 & other topping (11 inch) pizzas $15.
• Mr Barista Mobile Coffee Van will be serving medium coffee $4.50, Iced Coffee $6 and kids milkshake $4.
• School will provide free popcorn.
Have you Logged in Today??

Don’t miss out on important information about what’s happening around the school!!!

You can download any notes from teachers, read the newsletter, view Class Blogs (e.g. news, notices & class learning plans), download permission forms, and check our calendar for upcoming events and see the latest news. There are also interactive features where you can let us know your child will be absent, keep your contact details up-to-date, check attendance, see your child’s timetable and NAPLAN results.

From 2017, your child’s Report Card will be on the Parent Portal instead of paper copies being distributed.

Feature of the Week:

Click this tile to Inform the school of student absence or early departures. It will automatically send a notification to the school and be recorded.