Stella Maris.....OUR SCHOOL SONG

God knows our teachers here, will help us understand,
He knows how hard we strive, to do the very best we can.
Our hopes and dreams rely, on what we learn right now,
We trust in those who guide, our journey on this land.
Ooh ooh, Quandamooka land, ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh.

The wind and waves may rise, try and toss us to the shore,
We’ll look to the guiding light for security and hope.
This time won’t pass us by, we have a course and plan,
Our future’s looking bright, together hand in hand.

It’s all about Faith, Hope, Love and Family,
Peace, Joy, the Holy Trinity,
At the Star of the Sea.

Mother Mary Star of the Sea,
Shine your light, Shine on me,
From Stradbroke across the bay,
Shine your light, Shine on me.
Like a lighthouse guiding our way,
Shine, shine, on me.

We all believe in you,
Christ lights our way,
We all believe it’s true,
Christ lights our way.

Our theme for 2016 is
“You Light the Way!”

Our theme song for 2016 is
“Flashlight”
– Jessie J
Prep

We have had a very fun week this week! With the excitement of the Olympics on television and lots of families visiting the Ekka, we decided to combine the two events to set the theme for our short week!

We started the week by looking closely at the Olympic Games. The kids enjoyed learning about the different coloured rings on the Olympic Flag, the torch, the different sports played and the different countries competing in the games.

The kids loved matching the people to the equipment in our sorting activities and sequencing the medals from smallest to biggest during Maths rotations.

On Wednesday we made our way to the Adventure Playground with our Olympic Torches to open our very own SOTS Mini Olympic Games! We competed in gymnastics, relays, hurdles, long jump and javelin. We even had a Ribbon Ceremony the next day!

On Thursday we had a bit of EKKA fun! The kids loved making clown headbands, designing their own Show bag, eating strawberry ice-creams and getting their face painted!

Just to top our week off, we are back to Stradbroke Island tomorrow for our Foundation Day celebrations! The kids are so excited to go on the ferry again and have a play on the beach!
Year 1
Year 1 had a fantastic excursion to the EKKA! Stayed tuned for all the details and photos in next week’s newsletter.

Year 2
This week we have set new goals for ourselves. We have learning and behaviour goals that we will reflect on and practise each week.

In maths, we have been learning about symmetry. We have used the IWB to draw mirror images of shapes. We have also started repeated addition, which is one way to work out multiplication problems.

We have almost finished our research about our countries in Discovery.

Our favourite things have been learning about the different foods and sacred cultural sites. Our discovery corner is full of interesting objects that we have bought in from our own travels around the world.

Yesterday Mrs Datar came in and taught us about sand art (Rangoli). We made our own landscapes which depicted flowers, grass, sky and storms. We got to mix some colours together to make new ones to make our pictures pop!

Year 3
Olympics
In light of the Olympics, we have been having some fun learning about different sports and events. On Thursday, we ran our very own Year 3 Olympics. In the O’Dea we did some timed activities such as how many bounces you can do with a basketball in 1 minute, how many laps of the court you can do in 1 minute and how many skips you can do in 1 minute.

It was lots of fun recording our results. We even used straws to do Javelin and bean bags to do shot put. We then created some beautiful Olympic artwork – you will have to come in and check them out.

Planted Seeds
During Discovery this week, we planted some seeds! We each have our own cup, with soil and seeds – we can’t wait to watch them grow. We will be writing descriptions of their progress. Pictures will be coming in the following weeks.

Foundation Day
This week on Friday, we held our annual Foundation Day! It was such a beautiful day, with a lovely mass. Thank you to the parents and friends who joined us for this special day.
Year 4

This week we enjoyed a lovely start to the week with the Ekka public holiday on Monday. We researched how cyclones and tornadoes are formed and answered some interesting questions about them.

We really enjoyed watching a video of a tornado in America. This led us to a discussion of natural disasters and how they can cause erosion.

We have continued our word sorts in English and our spelling is improving nicely. The children listen to a dictation of 6 sentences every Friday morning in order to improve their listening and spelling skills.

In Religion we have been discussing Mercy and how we can see Mercy in the parable “Jesus heals a blind man.” After locating and reading the passage in the bible we discussed how sometimes we can see metaphors in Bible stories. We discussed that a metaphor makes a direct comparison of two unlike things.

Year 4 concluded that the metaphor in this passage was that the blind man was healed because of his faith or belief in God. The students noted that Jesus was trying to teach the community to accept others.

We really enjoyed presenting our learning at our school assembly this week. It was lovely to share photos of all of the wonderful things we have been doing in class so far this term.

**Dates to remember**

**Week 6**

Monday 15 August- New homework grid distributed

Friday 19th August Bayside District Carnival- Carmel College
Year 5/6

What an amazing day we had today celebrating our Foundation Day Mass on Stradbroke Island. The weather was breathtaking which made it such an extra special event.

A big thank you to Miss Williamson for organising such a great day and also thanks to Father Ashley for celebrating the Mass with us.

Still focusing on the 'Year of Mercy' in Religion, we have written and produced our own stories about Mercy.

We look forward to sharing them with the Prep and Year 1 students, to help them understand how they can show Mercy in their lives.

Next Monday, we are looking forward to our incursion about the Rio Olympics. We will be learning about the native dance of countries that are competing at the Games and will get the chance to show off our dance moves in a presentation at the end of the day.

BAYSIDE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Letters have been distributed to students who have been selected in the team to compete next Friday 19th August at Carmel College.

Please make contact if your child requires transport to or from Carmel College. Collection in the afternoon is 2pm.

FATHER'S DAY FUNCTION

RSVP's to date have been slow. The organizers would appreciate your response quickly. Only 2 weeks to go!!!!

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

I want to acknowledge the wonderful support of the school and parish community for the Hill Family. We have managed to source everything on the list of needs.

I would also like to thank members of our local St Vincent de Paul group who assisted me with picking up furniture and delivering it to the Hill’s unit.
OVERDUE SCHOOL FEES

For the past three years, we have not increased any school fees or levies. Apart from a stocked pencil case in Years 2 – 6, all requirements are supplied from the school budget.

Term 3 fee accounts have been sent home. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring your fee accounts back to a nil balance owing.

If families are experiencing financial difficulties, please make an appointment to meet with Karen to discuss a way forward.

RED FLEECY JACKETS

Could parents please check that your child does not have Eva de Wet’s (Year 3) red fleecy jacket please?

IGA REWARDS

This week I was contacted and advised that our school has $913 in accrued points with which we can make purchases.

My thanks to the support of local community and IGA as this is very easy and no cost fundraising.

PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

The PCG currently has almost $30 000 in the bank with another $8000 in fundraising levy to be collected in Semester 2 and the profits of sushi and sausage sizzles.

Feedback is sought from the parent community as to where these funds should be directed. Some suggestions are below

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Following the completion of our beautiful mural by Cara Bujeja and John Fox, there was some discussion about a mural including a mosaic for the front wall of the school - Passage Street end. The suggestion was to fundraise for this project aiming it to be unveiled on the 10th anniversary of our school.

The parents who attend PCG meetings are keen to hear from the wider parent community as to your thoughts.
NEXT PCG MEETING: THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 9am – 10am

KURRAWA SLSC NIPPERS
Please find attached a flyer with information about Sign On for the new season of surf lifesaving.

QLD CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL
Our Senior Choir will be performing around 6:30pm tonight. We wish them luck and will be there to cheer them on.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER’S PROJECT – WALKATHON
This year, as part of our Lighthouse Keeper's Project, the children from Year 5/6 are organising a Walkathon to raise money for the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital and for the Motor Neurone Association of Queensland.

The Walkathon will involve all the children at Star of the Sea and will take place on Friday, 26th August. The children will walk the fun run track at school as many times as they can in one hour and we are asking each child to seek sponsorship from family and friends to raise money for these 2 wonderful organisations.

For those children who run out of puff before the hour is up, we will have an orange/fruit station and water station set up to give them a breather during the walk. The morning will start at 9.15am and parents and families are welcome to come along to cheer your child along.

We are seeking prizes for the day and would appreciate any donations for highest money earner, lucky spot prize, most laps in the year level, etc. We have lots of exciting ideas for our walkathon and look forward to it being a really successful event.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home with all children closer to the date. Stay tuned for more details.

PARISH NEWS
Peel Island Mass: Saturday 20th August

Bishop Joseph Oudeman's Parish Visit: Friday 26th – Sunday 28th August

All Nations Mass: Sunday 28th August

First Communion Masses: Sat 3rd Sept, Sun 4th Sept, Sat 10th Sept and Sun 11th Sept

PUPCAKE DAY
As part of our mercy unit Year One will be hosting Pupcake day this Tuesday 16th August to raise money for the RSPCA.

Bring your dog on a lead and with an adult to the oval at 8.30am to buy pupcakes for $1.00 and cupcakes for $3.00.

Thank you for your support!
Book an interview with teachers via PTO

It's nearly time to book Term 3 interviews with your child's teacher. These interviews will be booked via PTO. Use the PTO tile on the Parent Portal to get to this school PTO page!

Feature of the Week:

The Library Tile links directly to Star of the Sea's school Oliver (library) homepage. Once in the Oliver page, parents can search the catalogue for books and resources that are in our school Library. Why not give this a try to help your child choose their next library books!

From 2017, your child's Report Card will be on the Parent Portal instead of paper copies being distributed.
Congratulations to the 70 children from grades 4, 5 & 6 who were selected to represent Star of the Sea in this carnival next Friday the 19th August.

These carnivals are a great opportunity for students to participate against some of their peers from other local schools in an inter-school based setting.

**Bayside Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival**

We had 24 children trialling to make the touch team yesterday afternoon. The final team of 12 will be posted on the Parent Portal early next week.

Once again this year, we have the best uniform design ready to go!

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEAM SPONSORS!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE TEAM, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL TO DISCUSS OPTIONS!!!**

**Sports Aerobics**

We are thrilled to announce that we have been invited to perform at the Industrie One End of Year Concert on December 4th!

All girls involved will be training during lunch times, with possible extra sessions leading up to December.

At the moment, we are waiting on a new music mix to be completed for the routine, as this performance will be a whole school display (new routine!).

Each year Industrie One sells out the Chandler theatre, as this concert is highly anticipated throughout the year. It is a huge honour to be asked to perform at this event! WELL DONE!!!!!
RSPCA Pupcake Day

On the Oval

August 16th
8:30 AM

Pupcakes $1  Cupcakes $3

Bring your dog on a lead and with an adult

If you can't be there please support Year One at
https://rspcacupcakeday-qld2016.everydayhero.com/au/year