Our theme for 2012 is “What have you done today to make you feel proud?”

Great actions grow great habits
Great habits grow great character!
Great character grows a great DESTINY!!

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
If you have a query or need advice re: social functions and fundraisers, please direct these to one of the following:

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Assembly tomorrow -
Friday 2:30pm O’Dea Centre
ALL WELCOME!

2012 TERM DATES
TERM 4 .... Oct 8 - Dec 7 (12noon)

2013 TERM ONE DATES
Wednesday 30th Jan – Thursday 28th March
PARENT COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

Last Monday we had a great meeting with more parents than usual. Attached to this newsletter is a summary of responses collated following the PCG Parent Survey. We received 96 responses out of a possible 130... a tremendous response!!

Some actions to be followed up in 2013 include:

1. Working Bees – dates for one per semester- one Saturday morning and 1 Saturday afternoon- to be scheduled in the school calendar from the commencement of the new school year
2. Class Parent Representatives (CPR’s) – nominations to be called for 2 parent reps for each year level. Role will include organizing a term get together for parents, welcoming new parents and eliciting support for the year level social function.

Some of the Mums present at Monday’s meeting have already volunteered as you can see below. If you wish to nominate for a CPR role, please contact the office.

Prep:-------------Robyn Heilbronn and Kirsty Bell
Year 1: -------Kate Cherry and ..........
Year 2: ------Megan Forbes and Jo Oliver
Year 3: -------Nicole Fiteni and ........
Year 4: -------Angelique McKillop and Chae McMorrin
Year 5: ---------------and ..................
Year 6 and 7: .........and ..................

3. Assignment of 2013 Social Functions;
Opening of the Year Disco and BBQ -------------------------------Prep and Year 2 parents
Mother’s Day Function and Stall -----------------------------------Years 1 and 3 parents
Father’s Day Function and Stall-------------------------------------Years 4 and 5 parents
Mini-Fair to be held after Foundation Day Mass on Sunday 18th August --Years 6 and 7 students and parents

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Cleveland Pool proved to be an awesome venue for our Inter-House Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Iluka who won with 1,670 points followed by Barinya with 1,580 points and Elandra with 1,550 points. Support from parents and staff was exceptional. A huge thank you to Ms Jo MacKellar who co-ordinated the carnival.

BAYSIDE CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

All Year 4 – 6 students including some selected Year 3 students will be participating in our Inter-School Swimming Carnival at the Cleveland Pool on Friday 23rd November. More information, including permission form, will be emailed shortly.

INTERNAL REVIEW

Today, our Area Supervisor Neville McDonald, visited to review some of the components of our Strategic Renewal Plan. The components included Learning and Teaching of Religion, Curriculum, Staff Support – Engagement, Professional Practice and Professional Learning Community, Leadership and Management in ICLT, Budgeting and Finance and The Physical Learning Environment. We had not completed the review at the time the newsletter was distributed so more details in next week’s newsletter.

VACATION CARE

It is our hope that numbers will be sufficient to open Vacation Care on site here from Easter next year. Listed below are the centres offering Vacation Care for these Christmas holidays.

Cleveland..............................3821 0135 St Anthony’s..........................0417 783 965
Hilliards...............................0407 764 526 St Rita’s ..................................0407 590 547
Mt Cotton.............................0407 575 074 Thomlands..............................0407 636 650
Ormiston College....................0407 378 939 Victoria Point..........................0407 574 308
Redland Bay ..........................0418 578 012
EXTRA UNIFORM SHOP TRADING DAYS
During Term 4 2012 the uniform shop will be open every Wednesday from 8.15am to 9.30am.

Extra days and hours are as follows:
Monday 26th November --------------------------------- 8.15 am – 11:00am
Wednesday 28th November --------------------------------- 8.15am – 11:00am
Monday 3rd December --------------------------------- 8.15am – 11:00am
Wednesday 5th December --------------------------------- 8.15am – 11:00am

2013 OPENING TIMES
Monday 21st January 2013 --------------------------------- 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday 22nd January 2013 --------------------------------- 9:00am – 12:00noon
Wednesday 30th January 2013 --------------------------------- 8.15am – 10:00am

Please be aware that LJ Apparel no longer accepts Personal or Business CHEQUES in the uniform shop. They have full credit card and EFTPOS facilities and still accept cash.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Every week until the end of this term, you will find attached the enrolment form for After School Care commencing within our school site from Day 1 2013. I am aware that some families have enrolled at the Child Care Centre. Please complete and return to the Child Care Centre or Centacare. Please do not return these forms to the school as Centacare is administering and organizing staff for this service.

LAST DAY
School finishes for 2012 on Friday 7th December at 12noon. All students need to be collected by 12:30pm as staff will be leaving the site. There is NO After School Care on this day.

TERM DATES 2013
Term 1 ........... 30th Jan – 28th March
Term 2 ........... 15th April – 21st June
Term 3 ........... 8th July – 20th September
Term 4 ........... 8th October – Friday 6th Dec 12noon

SCHOOL LUNCHES
Beginning Monday, there was a dramatic change in lunch and afternoon tea routines. In an effort to reduce waste, children are now required to take all scraps and paper home. Parents are encouraged to keep the use of gladwrap, paper and other packaging to a minimum. Afternoon tea will be eaten in the learning areas before 1:30pm and the children will have play from 1:30pm to 1:45pm instead of only eating during this timeslot. Many of the staff have already commented how much cleaner our outside areas are looking.

END OF YEAR REPORTS
Currently, staff are preparing your child’s report. These will be distributed as a hard copy and CD on the last day of the school year – Friday December 7th. If you are leaving early on holidays, these will be posted to your home address.

NO PE LESSONS TOMORROW DUE TO THE SWIM CARNIVAL ON TUESDAY

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH’S MOTHER’S CLUB
Star of the Sea Parish’s Mother’s Club is on again next Monday 26th November from 9:20am in the McKinlay Centre (behind the Lighthouse next to Parish Hall). It will run every SECOND Monday morning and is for Parents and under school age children. This is the last Mothers Club for this year.

If you are interested please call Therese Staley on 0420 306 774 or Michelle Mair on 0407 700 322.
**ORIENTATION / TRANSITION FOR 2013**

New Parents and parents of Preppies 2013 are invited to join the staff for a Wine and Cheese Evening on Monday 26th November from 6pm to 7pm. Our new Preppies will join us on either Wednesday 28th November or Friday 30th November from 9am to 11:15am. New students in other year levels and all other students will have a transition day on Friday 30th November from 9am to 3pm.

**BORROWING FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE**

This will be the last week for library book borrowing. Students have the books for 2 weeks and then they need to be returned. Overdue notices will be sent out as reminders.

**STOCKED PENCIL CASES**

Students in Years 2 – 7 are required to bring a fully stocked pencil case to school. The items required are:
- lead pencils
- 30cm ruler
- felt pens
- rubber, sharpener
- glue stick
- highlighter
- scissors
- coloured pencils

*Years 4 – 7 require a red pen as well. Year 6 and 7 require a blue pen as well.*

Although the Book Fair stocked novelty rubbers, pencils etc, bringing these items to school is strongly discouraged. Staff and students are reporting that these items tend to go “missing” so they are better left at home. Keep to sensible and plain tools for your child to use in the learning area.

**TRADING CIRCLE**

Attached is a flyer explaining the Trading Circle. The group will be setting up in the McKinlay Centre from Friday 16th November to Sunday 18th November. This would be an opportunity for some different Christmas shopping and helping a worthy cause as well.

**CHRISTMAS BY STARLIGHT CONCERT – SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER**

Redland City Council is proudly presenting the Redlands annual Christmas by Starlight concert. The event will be an unstoppable night of fun held at Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds, Long Street, Cleveland on Saturday 1st December 2012.

The concert is free to enter and offers lots of free family fun activities. From 3pm there will be food stalls, children’s activities including an animal zoo, jumping castles, roving entertainers and a visit from Santa. A special children’s concert begins at 5.15pm featuring entertainers *Christmas in Wonderland*.

The twilight carols begin at 5.45pm, with the headline act Mirusia being supported by a host of talented local performers. The finale will be a fireworks display at 8:00pm lighting up the Redlands sky.

Free courtesy buses will be running to and from the event, departing at different locations around the Redlands including the ferry terminals at Toondah Harbour, Cleveland and Redland Bay Marina.

Christmas by Starlight is a great family event to get into the festive spirit. Come along and enjoy the Christmas cheer. For more information, including the free bus timetable, visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au/christmasbystarlight](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/christmasbystarlight) or call 3829 8580. Christmas by Starlight is an alcohol-free event.

**ENGINE ZONE**

On Thursday 22nd November I will be explaining a support system being used in our school for our students with ASD called ‘The Engine Zone’. If you would like to know more about this please join us in the Lighthouse at 2:00 pm.

Thanks – Kylie Williamson
A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

With many parents juggling work and family commitments these days, it is increasingly important for parents and children to learn how to balance the needs of family, school and the workplace. Triple P Parenting offers some suggestions to help parents to cope with the stress of managing a range of responsibilities.

Be organised
Having set places in the house where particular items are kept will save precious time with searching for items.

Teach children to do things for themselves
Use praise and encouragement to help children become independent with dressing, feeding themselves, making their bed, packing their bag.

Develop a leaving home routine and have some basic ground rules
Children are easier to manage if they can follow a basic routine every day. Offer praise and encouragement if they cooperate with the morning rules.

Avoid unnecessary conflict before work
This can make getting ready to leave even more difficult. Carefully select which behaviours can afford to go unnoticed.

Avoid scheduling important early morning meetings
This can add unnecessary pressure in being on time. It’s important to have some flexibility to account for the unpredictability of meeting the needs of your child.

Make sure you and your partner work together as a team
A home runs more smoothly when the work is divided fairly and you and your partner work as a parenting team. Write a list of tasks that need to be done and divide them amongst the family members, including all adults and children who are old enough to contribute. Check your budget to see if you can afford to have any housework done by someone else. Make sure you look for practical and emotional support from your partner.

Choose your childcare carefully
Parents have greater peace of mind when they know their child is being well looked after.

Make your family your priority
You will be more productive and successful at work if you can relax and enjoy your children when you are with them, rather than being pre-occupied about work.

If you would like more information from the Triple P Parenting program, please feel free to visit Snug Harbour. Kathy Casley Guidance Counsellor

Do you want to encourage your child to live a healthy lifestyle?

Join Lifestyle Triple P today! This 3-week program offers parents practical and easy-to-follow steps to help the entire family live a healthy lifestyle. Learn how to…

✓ Manage both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
✓ Help your family eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
✓ Learn to read food labels and provide healthy meals and snacks
✓ Establish healthy family eating routines
✓ Motivate your child to be more active

Groups are run at St Lucia and Ipswich during school term. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering this program FREE-of-charge to parents of children aged 3 to 7 years in exchange for participation in research. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life.

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Phone: (07) 3103 3395 (please leave a message)
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
As part of our ‘Lighthouse Keeper’s Project’ we will be fundraising for St Vinnie’s this Christmas. Each class will create a hamper of Christmas goodies for the last three weeks of school. We would like each family to donate gifts (such as toiletries, toys, books) and food items that could be used by families to celebrate Christmas lunch. All items should be new and good quality please. Thanks so much for your support on this!

SCHOOL SATCHELS
All orders for school satchels have now finished for the term. If you require a new satchel can you please inform the office and an order will be placed at the beginning of the 2013 School Year. The cost of each satchel is $12 and will be added to your Term One 2013 fees account.

SPORTS POLO SHIRTS 2013
At a PCG meeting, there was discussion about having a polo shirt printed with the house colour for sports and swimming carnivals. LJ Apparel have organized a blue, yellow and red polo with the house name printed in white on the back. The shirt will sell from the uniform shop for $15. Orders are being taken now so that the shirts will be available in January. Could you please email your child’s name, colour and size to the school so that orders can be processed? The Uniform Shop would like to place the order on Friday 23rd November.

PREP – It’s been another huge week in Prep with the highlight being the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Congratulations to all the Prep children who took part! You should be incredibly proud of yourselves! We have also been busy practising for our assembly this Friday. Move over Year One – the Prep children are going to knock your socks off with their amazing dance moves!!!

Next week we will start to look more closely at the Nativity story. We are asking each child to please bring in ONE WIRE COAT HANGER. We are also looking for donations of Christmas fabric and calico for a very top secret Christmas activity. Ideally we need around 2 metres per child so if you are out and about, and you see some cheap material, would you mind please picking it up for us? The width of the fabric isn’t important and any Christmas fabric will be fine – egg white, gold, green, red, pale blue etc…….

We are looking for some volunteers to help us out with the final cleaning of our room before the end of the school year. If possible, we would like 4-6 helpers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (3rd, 4th and 5th Dec) of the last week of school to assist us with the cleaning of chairs, tables, furniture, walls and equipment. If you can help out on one or more of those days for 1-2 hours in the morning, would you please know?

YEAR 1 – Week Six has been a crazy week in Year One! Monday was full with literacy and numeracy activities and a huge focus on Religion as we are starting to come into the Christmas Season. Tuesday was obviously taken up with our school swimming carnival and we all had such a blast! We all got to swim in at least 3 races and for those of us that stayed until the end, we got to swim in a year level relay against our opposing houses! So many of us received ribbons for many races on Tuesday and we are so proud of all of us!

Two things that our teachers were extremely proud of, had to be the attitudes and behaviours of every year one student. Olivia Gregori said to Miss Foy that even though she
After the extremely fun but somewhat exhausting swimming carnival on Tuesday, we all turned up to school very tired on Wednesday. Lucky our teachers knew this would happen, so they let us have a pretty relaxed and slow day. As life would have it, that never lasts for long! We were back into the swing of things on Thursday, participating in some testing with Miss Williamson and brainstorming ideas and creations for our Discovery Learning Projects.

Friday is another jam-packed day with literacy and numeracy activities, library borrowing, dance lessons and assembly! We are going to need some down time this weekend! That’s about all from us this week. Don’t forget Homework is due on Monday so please bring it in on time!

Chat to you all again next week, Love Year One.

YEAR 2 – This week Erica, Bella, Lily B and Jaxon worked together to write what they have thought about our week:

This week we have been doing oral presentations. We have had lots of different procedures. Some of our equipment included, paper, bubbles, milk, milo, bread, rope and paint. Some of our finished procedures were drinks, food, paper aeroplane, paper dolls, snowflakes and a recycled sprinkler. They have been very interesting and sometimes yummy!

Mr Mair came in to visit us as a master of electricity. He gave us a balloon and some wool. We rubbed the balloon on the carpet, backwards and forwards for a few minutes. Then we tried to pick up the wool using the balloon. It stuck! This happened because of static electricity!

On Tuesday we had our Swimming Carnival. We all had a turn at doing some of the races. Some people did butterfly, backstroke, freestyle, breast stroke and kick board and noodle. We felt excited and happy. The best part was when we felt the water and dived into the pool.

After all of our wonderful masters coming to visit us, we are now busy researching and discovering facts about our own questions in discovery. We all have different ideas and some of us are working in groups, partners or some on their own. We can’t wait to show the class when we are ready to present. We would like to present a model, a voki and a poster. (Erica, Bella, Lily B, Jaxon)

Wow, only 3 weeks left of grade 2. We are concentrating very hard on working as if we are Grade 3 students. Hope our teachers notice how grown up we are over the next 3 weeks!

YEAR 3 – What a week we’ve had! This morning the Galahs led us in our first ever class Mass. We were able to use the beautiful grassed area next to the adventure playground. The weather was perfect and the environment reminded us that God’s presence is everywhere. The Mass was all about acceptance. Accepting God into our lives and accepting others as they are.

Congratulations to all our readers, those who carried gifts and the actors who demonstrated what the story of the prodigal son might have looked like. The partying by the prodigal son and the enthusiasm of the pigs will be long remembered. Thank you to all those
parishioners and parents who attended and to those who sent in food. A special thank you to Mrs Stone for helping organise our celebration. Next week, the Wombats get their turn to lead the class in Mass. We are hoping to celebrate in the same location if the weather permits. We have all been recovering from our swimming carnival on Tuesday. It was great to see so many Year 3s attempting the 50m events. Congratulations to Iluka for their victory.

Tomorrow is our usual spelling test as well as our ÷7 test. Is this the same class that, at the start of the year, was so nervous about a two times tables test? All students have come such a long way and they should be congratulated for their hard work. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped them study along the way.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - Term Four is such a fantastic time of year! The children are always well in routine, organised and enjoying their little niche in the classroom; we get to enjoy the warm weather with swimming lessons, carnivals, open play....and....we are gearing up for Christmas! How we love Christmas crafts, cooking and activities!

This week we have definitely been tidying up all loose ends, and finalising all class projects, in preparation for the end of the school year. Our Year 456s have been working on the final stages of the Term 4 Discovery Learning projects, with the Year 48s finalising the modern day explorations around Australia.

They are all so clukey! Imagine planning for a Dust Devil (thanks Joseph and Aidan...you even taught your teachers something new this week!). Our Year 5 and 6 students’ Discovery Projects, being that of a Gold Rush theme, are amazing the teachers! We can’t wait to see the handmade clothing of a Gold Rush era, and the online diary of Ned Kelly (imagining he was IT savvy!), and the clay bust of the most famous female bushranger, Black Mary.

Our Year 56ers must be commended on the application to maths this week. They blew Ms MacArthur away with their abilities to work with integers...mostly as a result of the time and effort they have put into their division and multiplication work. There was even a handful of kids who powered through the curriculum, with Ms MacArthur even pulling out the Year 8 and Year 9 requirements for Integers. Wow!

As a class, we have been looking at ‘Feeling Safe’, part of our Personal Development program at SOTS. This week, all children beautifully participated in an activity where they looked at their own uniqueness, and the uniqueness of their friends. It was heart-warming to hear everyone share reasons why they think their friends are special.

Our kids even mentioned how nice it was to have someone say something special about them...and sometimes it was something no one had ever mentioned before. We loved the funny comments...and it was easy to see why everyone gets along so well....we have a class of very unique little people!

Thank you to everyone for joining us at Assembly last Friday. As our Year 456 children are getting older, it has been lovely to work with them on topics of great depth. They were all very interested in the history of Remembrance Day, and were very keen to lead the school on a very solemn topic.

Don’t forget to keep checking Moodle and Twitter for daily updates. We have been messaged and mentioned many times lately on Twitter, with regards to the students’ Discovery Projects, and the kids have been so proud of themselves knowing schools in England and America are watching them. Have a great weekend everyone!
They are coming on the 16\textsuperscript{th}, 17\textsuperscript{th} and 18\textsuperscript{th} November. They'll set up on Friday afternoon in the McKinlay Centre.