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 3.. July 9 - Sept 21
TERM 4 .... Oct 8 - Dec 7 (12noon)
(Term 4 PUPIL FREE DAY – 22nd Oct)

2013 TERM ONE DATES
Wednesday 30th Jan –
Thursday 28th March

Mary Did You Know?
Mary, did you know..
that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know..
that your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know..
that your Baby Boy will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby you kissed the face of God?

Mary did you know.
The blind will see.
The deaf will hear.
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap.
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.

Mary, did you know..
that your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know
that your Baby Boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your Baby Boy is heaven’s perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you’re holding is the Great, I Am.

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene
A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Chillout Zone continues to be a popular place for students at playtime. Along with board games, Lego, giant chess and dress-ups, we now have a puppet stage to play with thanks to the kind contribution and hard work of a very artistic Grade 3 mum. If you are able to donate a portable clothes rack and hangers for our dress-up area, please drop me a line via the school email.

While the Bounce Back program has wound up for the year and Sparkles has taken a break over the Summer, we are focusing our attention on personal safety. Teachers will be taking students through four lessons throughout the course of the term to help them in gaining an understanding about themselves and the many ways they can keep themselves safe. I will provide more information on the Safe Start program in next week’s newsletter.

As part of this, we will be offering 2 parent information sessions. It just so happens that they are on consecutive nights, an issue that was unavoidable due to the limited availability of the presenters. Please put these dates in your diary.

Personal Development and Sexuality Education - 7-8pm Wednesday, 28th November Cybersafety - 6:30-7:30pm Thursday, 29th November

Kathy Casley  Guidance Counsellor

PARENT SURVEY

Today a hard copy of a survey has been sent home with one student from each family. The survey is the Parent Community Group’s attempt to gain more feedback on social functions, fundraisers and parental involvement. We are aiming for 100% return!!!!

In Semester 1, $8,865 was raised through the fundraising levy and deposited in the PCG bank account.

BREAST CANCER RAFFLE

Mel who works at the Child Care Centre is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Our prayers and thoughts are with her and her very young family. The Centre is conducting a raffle of hampers to raise some funds for the family. We have some raffle books available in the front office if you would like to help out.

REDLANDS ON STAGE

A concert will be held on Saturday 3rd November at 2:00pm in the Performing Arts Centre. The concert will include performances by international opera singers Shaun Brown and Sarah Crane. Bookings can be made by phoning 3829 8131 or www.rpac.com.au

COLES COLOURING COMPETITION

Coles is running a competition for Halloween. The posters are available in the student entry for children who are interested. The competition closes on 26th October.

STRADDIE MASS

We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration on Straddie this Sunday afternoon from 5:30pm. I believe most people who are travelling across are catching the 4:25pm water taxi.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Next Monday, school will be closed for all children. The staff will be on site and engaged in professional learning.
YEAR 5 and 6 CAMP
Our leaders are off to camp next Wednesday for 3 days. They will have a great time with Ms MacKellar and Mr Hancock. I will join them Wednesday and return Thursday. Miss Williamson will travel to Mapleton on Thursday and return on Friday. Ms Macarthur will move into the Year learning area to help out Mr Stone.

KINDY VISITS
Next week I kick off my annual visits to our feeder kindergartens. My first visit is to Redlands C & K. Although this is a time consuming activity, the children look forward to my visit and it is a great opportunity to learn more about our soon to be Preppies.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
After school care will be moved into our school facilities from the beginning of next year. Before school care will still operate from the Child Care Centre.

POST – OCCUPANCY EVALUATION
The area of most discussion for improvement was the erection of covered walkways. We are hoping that funds remaining from Stage 3 will be accessed this term and work on these can be organized. The feedback from the panel following the focus groups was very positive and that we are using the facilities very effectively. The student focus group comprising 4 Year 4 students – Ryley Lietzow, Hayden Spencer, Lucy Keyes and Meaghan McGill- highlighted as their positives:
- The learning areas are very colourful and bright
- The flexibility of the furniture
- The ability to be able to sit in different areas and not at the same desk in the same chair.

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AN EVENING WITH IAN LILISCO
C&K Redlands Community Kindergarten invites you to an evening with Ian Lillico, High School Principal, Churchill Fellow and Father of 3 Boys. “SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN”. Any questions? Phone C&K on 3821 0642

When: Monday 29th October 2012 - 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Where: Cleveland State School Hall Queen Street, Cleveland 4163
Cost: $10 per person

What Do I Do?
1. Register now using the form below.
2. If you have young children, please organise a baby-sitter.
3. Tell your friends!

PLEASE RETURN PORTION BELOW WITH PAYMENT
(Please print using BLOCK letters)
Surname: ...........................................  Given Name: ...........................................
Phone: ...........................................  Email: ..........................................................
Number of people attending: ............................

Please pay by cash to C&K Redlands by Friday 26th October 2012
STAFF PROFILES

KATE MACARTHUR – Year 4, 5 & 6 Teacher

Schools I have worked in:

- St Ignatius’, Toowong
- St Finbarr’s, Ashgrove
- Our Lady Queen of Peace, Gladeville
- St Paul of the Cross, Dunwich Hill
- St Ambrose’s, Concord West
- Holy Innocents, Croydon,
- St John Vianney’s, Manly
- St Ita’s Dutton Park
- Star of the Sea Cleveland

My hobbies:
Looking after and teaching all your children!

My favourite movie:
Driving Miss Daisy

My favourite music:
Anything hardcore heavy metal.....Pantera, Metallica! On occasions some Susan Boyle.

My favourite sport:
Hang-gliding...or whatever sport the kids are playing.

My favourite food:
Anything I don’t have to cook!

JO MACKELLAR – Year 4, 5 & 6 Teacher

Schools I have worked in:

- St Ita’s Dutton Park
- Star of the Sea Cleveland

About my family:
Wonderful, patient husband, Darcy, and two awesome children, Amy and Ryan.

My hobbies:
Reading supernatural fictions.

My Favourite Movie:
Last of the Mohicans. The Shawshank Redemption. Twilight Sagas

My favourite music:
Movie themes, Top 40

My Favourite Sport:

To teach: Cricket
To play: Beach cricket

My Favourite Food:
Roast Vegies, nachos, chicken tacos, beef tacos and SIZZLER
PREP – It’s been another very busy week in Prep. We have been practicing our Liturgies in readiness for next week. Yellow, Green, and Purple groups will be on Tuesday at 9.30am in the Church. Red, Orange, and Blue groups will be on Wednesday at 9.30 also in the Church. We hope you can join us for your child’s liturgy. We are asking each family to please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea on their liturgy day.

We also started swimming. The children thoroughly enjoyed cooling off! The bus trip was a highlight!

Mrs Thompson and Mrs McLucas have been busy gathering lots of photos and samples of our work for our report cards. We have been so pleased with the progress that all the children have made!

We are still focusing on “How Toys Move” during our design thinking. Last Friday we watched some YouTube clips of people making toys from cardboard boxes and drink
bottles. We came back to Prep with so many wonderful ideas. Some of our creations have been amazing!!!

Don’t forget that Monday is a Pupil Free Day so there will be no Prep on Monday. Enjoy your long weekend 😊

YEAR 1 – Week Two in Year One has been busy, busy, busy! We had an amazing day last Friday on our first excursion for the term at SeaWorld, but we were eager to get back into our classroom work on Monday (our teachers were very happy to see this).

We started writing some of our own simple information texts but will look into the specific structure of these more closely over the next two weeks. We are still working on graphing skills in maths, however we had a quick revision this week on halves and had a good go at quarters, thirds and eights! We have been reinventing some of our routines in Year One this term such as our home reader time and our rotational activities.

Our new routine for home readers is so grown up, we are showing our teachers how responsible we are and how ready we are to move up to year two next year! We have 3 steps in our home reader changing time; step one is to read silently to ourselves for 5 minutes, step two is to read with a partner for 10 minutes and step three is to change our readers ourselves by going to the book boxes spread out around the room. We have only been doing this for a week and we have already got it all figured out! Parent Helpers at home reader times are still welcome as some of us are having some extra reading with adults during this time.

Our new routine for our literacy and numeracy rotations is also incredibly independent. We complete work from the 8 different topics for each learning area at our own pace. We also get to choose which activity we wish to complete each day! We have a huge chart in our room to display who is completing which activities so our teachers know when we can receive the rewards for excellent independent working! So far, this is working out brilliantly! We are loving the independence and responsibility and working harder to complete the activities than we ever have before! It must be the feeling of freedom!

On another note, we have an excursion this Friday! Can you believe it? Two excursions in two weeks! We would have to be the luckiest class around! We are heading to Straddie tomorrow and we are so excited. We will be exploring the water, sand and grass habitats outside the Moreton Bay Research Station, and then we will head inside for a special presentation and tour of the Station. We are hoping we will be lucky enough to hold and touch a few things!

Finally, we hope to see as many families as possible from year one at the Straddie Mass this Sunday 5:30pm at The Little Ships Club next to the Dunwich Ferry Terminal. If you wish to attend it is advised that you travel from the Cleveland Ferry Terminal departing at 4:25pm or earlier. At this stage, we only have one year one family attending and would hope that a few more could make it!

Final note: We are on assembly next week (Friday 2:30pm in the O’Dea Centre), so be there and prepare to be amazed! As always!
YEAR 2 - What a wonderful 2 weeks of immersion we have had in our Year 2 learning area. Our excursion last week was fun filled and the wet day didn't dampen any of our spirits. Our train trip was fun and the Science Centre taught us many things about science as a human endeavour.

We have continued immersing ourselves in "Masters of the Universe" this week, with an incursion from ‘Your Cake Kitchen’ at Ormiston. Jennifer, Andre and Bianca demonstrated the science of cooking. Then we were able to don our own chef’s hats and aprons to decorate cupcakes with monster faces and decorate a biscuit with a Halloween theme. We all enjoyed the session and hope the cakes made it home so our families could share in the spoils of our wonderful day.

Our consolidation of 3D and 2D shapes last week, led into a design made for a Penguin City. After designing in small groups, we made a class plan for what our city would look like and the important things a city needs. Then we each made our own 3D building to add to the city. Our buildings were made out of rectangular prisms, cylinders, spheres and a few triangular prisms. We are now in the process of describing our buildings using mathematical language such as faces, edges, corners, curved, flat....

Swimming started today. Remember to bring bathing caps, goggles and swim shirt. Next week we will need our togs and sunscreen to be packed in our swim bags as our lesson will move back to our normal time in the afternoon.

Next week is only a four day week, but we will be busy working hard in those four days, so rest and relax and enjoy your long weekend – ready for more work, work, work!!

YEAR 3 - In Year 3 we are aiming for the stars. Well, the planets actually. We've begun planning for the colonisation of space. It's not all space ship rides and anti-gravity games. It's a lot of hard work. We've been randomly sorted into groups and thrown onto our new planets. The first task was deciding on a name. While you might not know anything about the planets Galactus, Endor or Tawny yet, by the end of the term you will be able to take a virtual tour of them complete with information on how they are governed, what their rules are and what customs they have.
We have to plan how our new planetary communities are going to work. We get ideas from looking at how things are done here on Earth and then adapt them to our new homes. This week, we looked at the Australian and world flags as well as our coat of arms. We realised that flags aren’t designed just to look good, but that they represent what is important to a society. Then it was our turn to discuss what our new planets would value and decide how we could symbolise these on our own flags. It was great fun but it also got us thinking about what is important to us.

Back on Earth, swimming lessons began this week. It was a great effort by all Year 3s and their parents to have everyone remember all of their gear. PE lessons with Ms Mackellar will be on Fridays in Term 4.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Straddie Mass on Sunday. The Year 3s singing skills will again be on display.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - Throughout this week, the children have all been super focused and keen to take part in all learning activities!

The Year 5 and 6 children participated in a fantastic excursion last Friday. They visited Eureka!, a realistic recreation of a Gold Rush town. The children were greeted by the noise of horse’s hooves racing along the ground, and around the corner flew a bushranger on horseback. “Stick ‘em up!”, he yelled to everyone, gun in hand. The teachers have never seen the children so quiet and so obedient!

When the bushrangers yelled at Ms MacKellar and Ms MacArthur, he called them the ‘old girls’, everyone knew that this was serious! The children had a great day recreating a day in the life of a digger. They panned for gold, avoided gaol and the crooked traps, and also got to share in damper making and billy tea. The children made their teachers proud with their enthusiasm and behaviour.

The Year 4s have been busy collecting from their kitchen garden. They have been journaling their garden’s growth on Twitter, and have shared amazing photos of team work and excitement as the children share in their fruit and vegetables that they have been caring for since seeds.

This week, Ms MacArthur and Mrs Clough joined teachers from St Rita’s, St Anthony’s and St Mary MacKillop’s, to discuss curriculum and learning within the classroom. They loved showing the cluster schools Year 4, 5 and 6’s students work in Space, and were very proud of how well our students were able to display their learning.

We have continued the week, with further immersion into our term themes. The Amazing Australian Explorer Race and I found it! We can’t wait to see how the students wish to share their learning towards the end of the term.