CLEVELAND WEEKEND MASS TIMES:  Saturday 5:30pm  Sunday 7:00am  Sunday 8:30am

Year of Mercy

Mercy is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it.

Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.

Pope Francis

Our theme for 2016 is "You Light the Way!"

Our theme song for 2016 is "Flashlight" – Jessie J

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Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection

2016 Term Dates
TERM 1
Jan 27 – March 24
TERM 2
April 11 – June 24
TERM 3
July 11 – Sept 16
TERM 4
Oct 4 – Dec 2 (12noon)
Prep
This week in Prep, we have been learning about the two stories of the birth of Jesus. Half the class re-enacted Matthew's story.

They loved dressing up as wise men who followed the star. The other half of the class re-enacted Luke's story. They dressed up as shepherds and sheep.

They saw an angel and went to find baby Jesus! This was such a fun way to learn about these two stories!!

We can't wait to watch our Prep Movie premiers next week in class! (May need to organise some popcorn for this event!)

Year 1
Another week is all done and dusted and the countdown is really on. We mean literally – we are actually counting down the days left in Year One with a balloon display, which you may have seen on Twitter.

Each day we burst a balloon and now there are only 10 days left! We are beginning to prepare for the end of the year by practising our Christmas carol for the end of year celebration. It should get everyone grooving and we can't wait to share it.

This week we also started decorating our art folios with a special patterned drawing method called zentangle. It's very relaxing and it looks super effective when it's finished. In our folios will be different samples of work that we have completed throughout the year. We are so looking forward to showing you our amazing work.

Speaking of showing off our amazing work, just wait until you see our completed narratives and ‘The Best Things I've Learnt in Maths' booklets. We can't believe how much knowledge we have acquired this year to complete both of these great pieces. You will also soon be able to learn a little bit more about the sacrament of Eucharist from the information brochures that we’ve produced.

We are really looking forward to Transition Day next Friday when we will get a chance to see what it’s really like to be in Year Two. Miss Willis and Miss Bustamante better get ready because we certainly are!
Year 2
Year Two really enjoyed our assembly performance yesterday. We had such a great time getting into character and sharing one of our favourite Nick Bland books with you. Based on the *The Wrong Book*, we will be creating a version of our own using the green screen! The children have already been preparing for this and are enjoying creating their own characters.

In Discovery this week, we have moved onto our assessment task. The children are working in groups to create their own celebration. Each group is given a budget of $20 to spend and we have busily been creating budget lists, items required and choosing themes.

We have compared and contrasted our party plans with another group assessing each other’s plan using a NUF template – Is it NEW? Is it USEFUL? Is it FEASIBLE? We have provided recommendations for each other to consider. We will have a morning of celebrations to see if our tireless planning has all come together.

Year 3
Poetry
This week during our literacy rotations, we have focused on different forms of poetry such as acrostic and shape poems. On Monday, we each selected a shape and wrote our own special shape poems, and on Wednesday, we wrote an acrostic poem for the letters of our full name.

We discussed that these forms of poetry do not need a rhyming pattern, and that they are forms of free writing. This week, during these lessons, we have also been learning about ‘onomatopoeia’ - words that imitate a sound. For example, ‘pop’, ‘crackle’ and ‘bang’. Our challenge now is to be able to spell this tricky word!

‘Your Cake Kitchen’ from Ormiston
Two lovely ladies, Jenny and Chrissie, from ‘Your Cake Kitchen’ at Ormiston came into the Year 3 learning area on Tuesday and taught us how to decorate cupcakes for Christmas.

We created cupcakes that looked like snowmen, Christmas baubles, wreaths and Christmas trees. We got to eat one cupcake, and take the other home in a special box to show our families. We loved it!
Year 4

We would like to thank all of our Year 4 families for supporting us last Sunday during our school sponsored mass. It was lovely to see so many families. We would like to congratulate all of the students for displaying such reverence during the Mass.

This week we enjoyed continuing creating different forms of poetry. The students enjoyed experimenting with a range of devices and deliberate word play in poetry, such as nonsense words, rhyming, spoonerisms, neologisms and puns. We created a variety of poems about jam, nutella, peanut better and vegemite.

We have continued the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum by discussing ways to recognise when we are safe or unsafe. The students were split into boys and girls and had a discussion about our body. We discussed that “Our Body is Ours.” We continued discussing what a rule or a law is.

We emphasized that it is not okay for anyone to touch our body if we do not want them to. The students identified that if they feel uncomfortable, then they have the right to say no. We focused on the word “private” and highlighted that teenagers and adults know these rules and that it is wrong to break them. If anyone breaks these rules, students need to tell an adult who can help as soon as possible, to keep themselves safe. We call this reporting.

During Mathematics we have been consolidating our knowledge of the order of operations, telling time and subtraction.

Year 5/6

With the end of the year fast approaching we are still busy finalising our work and finishing off assessment tasks.

In Japanese, our assessment task was to create a party invitation. Writing the invitation in Japanese was challenging, though a lot of fun.

We are waiting in anticipation for the last day of school, as we can't wait to open our Secret Santa presents, which are starting to appear under our Christmas tree.

We had an amazing day today at Wet and Wild. This was a reward for our hard work and dedication during the year.

PCG MEETINGS 2017

At the last PCG meeting for 2016, it was decided that meetings next year will be held on the first Monday of each month from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} March from 6:30pm – 8pm

The Welcome Disco will be held on Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February. Next year’s Prep parents and Year 6 parents will be co-ordinating the event.

Please find the minutes of the last meeting attached.

NEW FAMILIES ORIENTATION

New families for Prep and other year levels will be held on Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} November from 6pm – 7pm. CPR’s are invited to attend to make our new families feel even more welcome.
END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

All families are invited to celebrate the end of the 2016 school year on Thursday 1st December from 5pm – 7:30pm. The event will be a BYO everything and will be held in and around the O'Dea Centre.

Our students will be entertaining us with Christmas carols. Our Junior and Senior choirs will also be performing. Dress for the evening for all our students:

- Denim shorts/skirts with a red, green or white shirt / T-shirt
- Staff will organize any additional props

TRANSITION DAY – YEARS 1 - 6

Each year we help our students to transition to the next year level by providing them with the opportunity to spend the day in their new learning area for the next year and with their teaching team. This event is scheduled for Friday 25th November.

SCHOOL SPONSORED PARISH MASS

It was great to see so many families join us for Mass last Sunday. The children participated well and the Thanksgiving liturgical dance was beautiful.

Many thanks to Paul Holmes, Danielle Golle, Erin Hardy, Olivia Horn and Lauren Mill for their work in preparing our students in Years 2 and 4.

PREP – YEAR 4 SCIENCE INCURSION

Funds from the PCG fundraising levy are used to support an annual science incursion for our Prep – Year 4 students. Students will participate in a variety of hands on science experiments and activities. The date has been set for Monday 28th November.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

Although there was only a small group able to join us this morning, it was great to be able to provide this gesture of appreciation for the wonderful work parents do for our school and students. Many thanks to Danielle Bennett who organized the morning tea. Her creativity and attention to detail is amazing.

STAR OF THE SEA YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, 26 November: Youth Mass hosted by Youth Group at Star of the Sea Parish for 5:30pm mass...All youth are invited to the mass.

Please advise the school office if your child is willing to read, join the choir or be involved in any way.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING FROM THE PRIMARY LEARNING LEADER

Learning Opportunities for our Children for the Holidays

The Christmas holidays are long and lovely, and a great time for your children to recharge their batteries. Parents often not only wonder how they will keep their children occupied for seven weeks but how do they continue their children’s learning for seven weeks away from the classroom.

The following are a few tips that you may find helpful. I know I will be using them with my two children over the holidays!
Exploring new places or looking for new things in familiar places, for example looking for critters in the gardens of your local park.

‘Old fashioned’ play at home, such as craft activities, baking, making play dough or making tents with sheets inside or in the yard.

Writing a holiday journal, post cards and letters.

Taking photos, printing them and filling a book with captions under photos.

Using pocket money and calculating costs and change.

Having competitions when out and about, such as who can find the most S’s on signs, who can calculate the cost of lunch, who can guess the kilometres from A to B.

Keep up the daily reading and visit your local library to get out of the heat and enjoy some quiet reading time. Find out from your local library about any children’s holiday events.

Find out about activities that are advertised through magazines, such as Brisbane’s Child.

Visiting the various museums and art galleries around South East Queensland.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

We are fast approaching the end of the year! Last week I had the privilege of running our parent and parishioner retreat at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. The beautiful view of the ocean really added to the reflective atmosphere of the day.

It was an honour to meet some of our beautiful parishioners and lovely parent. We were able to share our stories and had time to reflect on and apply some psychological and well-being theories to our lives. Thank you to those who came along to the day. Whilst an intimate group of 14 was lovely, unfortunately I was only able to meet one parent. I’d love to meet some more of you!

Please consider our next year parent/parishioner retreat. Our numbers are dwindling and our parent/parishioner retreat (which does make us unique amongst other schools) is coming under threat. We’d love to see you at the next one! It’s a great way to connect with each other in a meaningful way.

I’ve been reflecting also on the other ways I have met and worked with parents this year – and how much I enjoyed meeting you all 😊. From the very first tissue and tears morning with the Prep parents, to the 123 Parent Magic course in first semester, to the Year 2 classroom information evening on behaviour and emotional regulation, to the Individual Education Planning meetings and the Individual meetings I had with parents all through the year. It’s been a busy year indeed! I’ve met many parents but still have many more to meet! Hopefully we will meet sometime next year. Feel free to drop in and say ‘Hi’ at any time.

I’ve also had a great year getting to know our children. Meditation with the Preps and Year 1 class has been very rewarding. It has been a delight to see the Year 2 children use their upstairs brain and I’ve enjoyed working musically with the Year 3 children.

Many of the Year 4 children have partaken in groups and individual work with myself and I was really excited to run Rock and Water with some of the Year 5/6 students. Chill Out Zone on a Monday and Wednesday has also been a great opportunity to get to know the kids. Thanks kids for making me feel so welcome!

Finally, working with the staff at Star of the Sea has been an absolute pleasure. I immediately felt at home here and have continued to feel that way since. You know it’s a special community when you feel at home at once.

I’d like to wish you all a great Christmas break, and hopefully I’ll see you in the new year.
Here is some feedback from our parishioners and parent about our retreat last Friday:

“The quietness of the venue was conducive to thinking about our feelings and meditating”

“I feel much more positive and understanding of myself and others as we journey through life”

“Lots of valuable information was given and the day matched the needs of our group. A very relaxed day”

“Good resources and ideas given. I’m now more focused to give myself time to meditate and be reflective every day”

“A valuable examination of self. I don’t do this enough. I’ve become more accepting about emotions. Thank you for the hand-outs”

“I enjoyed the peace and calm of the day and now feel courageous”

“I felt accepted and was able to relax. Thank you for this opportunity”

“Coming together in a beautiful, peaceful setting and learning and growing as a person with guidance into mental and emotional well-being”

Rachael Lovett. - Guidance Counsellor.

MOGRESS REPORT

Just a friendly reminder that Mr Holmes, Mr Waters and Mr B are participating in Movember this year.

Some of you may have noticed that Mr Waters has ‘thrown the toys out of the cot’ and shaved his Mo due to it being ‘itchy’ or something. Mr Holmes’ is showing some good Mo-gression and Mr B’s Mo was looking thick after 24 hours!

Get behind the team – if you donate Mr Waters will have no choice but to push through the ‘summer itch’.

You can donate to our team page – SOTS STACHE FOR CASH
Semester Two School Reports

Later this term your child will be receiving their semester two report. This Semester, all student reports will be released on the Parent Portal only. On the Parent Portal, your child’s report will be in PDF format, which makes it easy to view, download and print from any device.

You will notice that your child’s Semester One Report is already present on the Parent Portal. Please view the information below on how to access your child’s reports. If you would like to receive a paper copy please email pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au to request this.

To view and download reports, Parents will need to navigate to the My Students site of the Parent Portal and then select the Academic Reports link on the left hand navigation menu or the Quick Links menu.

**ACADEMIC REPORTS PAGE**

The Academic Reports page will display any SRS Reports that have been uploaded for the current and previous academic year. It will also display any other report-related documents that the school has uploaded under the Documents section.

If applicable, parents can navigate to any of their other children enrolled at the school.

Parents open the appropriate document by clicking on the blue link. They can save this document on their own device. **Note:** Ipad and Iphone users will need to select and hold link and then select the Open in new tab option to view full report.
SPORT @ SOTS

SPORTS AEROBICS

The SOTS Sports Aerobics team, will continue training ahead of their end of year Performance. The team was invited to perform at the Industrie 1 End of Year Concert on December 4th.

Please see some more information about this below.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS DAY!!!

This concert is set to be an exciting combination of all our dancers at Industrie 1. From our 2 and 3 year old ‘Minis,’ dancers right through to our senior dancers.

Showcasing numerous styles of dance including hip hop, ballet, jazz, break dancing, contemporary, acrobatics and sport aerobics!

The Industrie 1 End of Year Concert is sure to be a fantastic afternoon of entertainment!

Date
Sunday 4th December 2016

Time
4:30 PM Show Time

Venue
Chandler Theatre 1763 Old Cleveland Rd Chandler, QLD 4155

Ticket Prices
Adults $30.00
Students / Seniors $25.00
Children (10 & Under) $20.00
(plus $0.30/booking fee)

Tickets are available HERE

SOTS AEROBICS IN 2017

We will be conducting auditions next week for places in the 2017 Sports Aerobics Teams. Thank you to all the parents who have returned forms. Just a reminder that forms were due TODAY.

Any forms handed in after Friday the 18th November will not be accepted!

If you lost your form, please find it HERE.
Important Announcement regarding Star of the Sea Touch Football in 2017. A whole new level for us!!

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ANNOUNCEMENT!!

More information will be released before the end of the year!

**OZTAG SUPER SUNDAY**

This Sunday the 20th of November, we have 60 kids participating in the OZTAG SUPER SUNDAY carnival.

These are the last round games before the grand final next Thursday night.

We have 6 SOTS teams that currently play in the Redlands competition on Thursday nights and each team will be playing 2 games as part of the SUPER SUNDAY.

All oztag teams have been training on Wednesday afternoons this term and we wish them all the best of luck for SUPER SUNDAY and in their remaining season games.