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

God didn’t promise days without Pain
laughter without Sorrow
nor sun without Rain
but he did promise Strength for the day
Comfort for the tears and Light for the way
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
I have not received any enrolment applications for after school care yet from Centacare so hopefully these will arrive in time for 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  
- Hiliards................................. 0407 764 526  
- Mt Cotton............................... 0407 575 074  
- Ormiston College..................... 0407 378 939  
- Redland Bay............................ 0418 578 012  
- St Anthony’s............................ 0417 783 965  
- St Rita’s................................. 0407 590 547  
- Thornlands.............................. 0407 636 650  
- Victoria Point.......................... 0407 574 308

SCHOOL FEES
Term 4 school fees have been emailed this week (Wednesday). Jody has NOT emailed statements for Direct Debit families as she will be going through these over the next few days and making sure that payments will cover all balances by the end of the year. Direct Debit families will receive an email once this process has been completed.

If you are not a Direct Debit family and you have not received your account please email and we will forward another copy. The due date for these accounts is 13th November.

Prompt payment would be appreciated as we finalize the budget for the end of the year. Parents who are unable to pay the full school fees must make an appointment with me to discuss your situation.

BOOK FAIR
Book Fair has arrived and is on display in The Lighthouse. The Fair is open from 8:00am to 9:00am tomorrow (Friday) and 8:00am to 9:00am next Monday. The Fair will be packed up during the day on Monday. In a blue box in The Lighthouse, there is a selection of books that we would love to have in our collection. If you are able to donate, please see Jody and we will place an acknowledgement in the front of the book.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY
The race that stops the nation is on again next Tuesday 6th November. Children are invited to wear a decorated hat. Prizes will be awarded in each learning area. The teachers will organize sweeps for the children....no money changing hands though!!

PARENT SURVEYS
29 returned last Friday and as of Wednesday morning 69!!! 170 families take away 69 still leaves 101 surveys still to come in! A quick perusal of the surveys indicate some very positive and helpful feedback.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
All Year Levels will participate at the Cleveland Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 13th November. A letter was emailed to all parents on Wednesday. Please return to your child’s teacher as they will be helping to compile the swim program.

GROUNDSMAN
Our groundsman, Andrew Spencer, has resigned due to increased hours in his nursing job. We thank Andrew for the work he has done in looking after our school. We welcome Richard Peach into the role. Richard is also a groundsman at Sheldon College.
PREP – Halloween must have had some kind of effect on Prep this week as we have all been CRAZY!!! Crazy busy, crazy fun, crazy crazy!!

Back to normal routine this week meant recommencing of our literacy and numeracy groups. It is really amazing how far all the Preps have come this year. Our reading and our writing is amazing and we are even starting to do some addition and subtraction sums in numeracy groups!

By far, the best part of the week has been Wednesday – Halloween!! We had literacy and numeracy groups in the morning, swimming in the middle session and when we returned we had the afternoon to participate in lots of different Halloween inspired craft! We made Frankenstein, vampire and pumpkin masks, Halloween windsocks, threaded ghosts and pumpkins, scary headbands, yummy pumpkin biscuits decorated with liquorice and other lollies and scary spiders with googly eyes!! We were all so busy and the room was SOOOOO messy – but we had SO MUCH FUN! Be on the lookout this afternoon for some scary craft making its way home!! Love Prep!

YEAR 1 – This week in Year One has been really busy! We started our week off with our fantastic regular reliefs, Mrs Hyland and Mrs Kerr. They are always so much fun and we just loved having them in our classroom helping us learn and participate in activities.

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings were our Para-liturgies and morning teas with the parents. We performed so well and our parents were so very proud of our efforts. It was so nice because everybody had at least one job! It is always fun to invite our parents back to school with us to share in a morning tea. We are also very appreciative of all the wonderful treats that are brought in by our fantastic parents! Don’t be surprised if we don’t eat our lunches on liturgy days.

Thursday morning was packed full of stories from the previous night....HALLOWEEN!! OOOO! EEEEK! BOO! For some of us that were able to go trick or treating or even attend a Halloween Party, we were very lucky, funny looking and full! Our teachers saw a picture of Ziggi from his Halloween party and WOW he looked different! Black hair, and those eye brows.....!

Thursday afternoon was busy, working on our information texts and our literacy and numeracy activities. We have also come home today with wishlists from the library for the Book Fair! Don’t forget to send them back with payment details on the back if you would like to purchase any of the books on our wishlist! Tomorrow we are really looking forward to our usual library borrowing, PE and watching another class perform on assembly. Hopefully it will be a more relaxed day, we need some rest! Have a great weekend and you will hear from us again next week! Love Year One.
YEAR 2 – We have enjoyed lots of maths activities this week and have worked really hard on our procedural text writing. During religion time we have learnt about four types of prayers. This week more Year 2 children have written about our week:

On Monday Mrs Porter did an experiment with us using lollies. We were finding out what colours were in M&M’s, skittles and jelly beans. One jelly bean turned rainbow colours. *(Lachlan and Thomas)*

In Maths we put some numbers in the windows and door of a house. We made plus and takeaways using the numbers. We drew a 3D shape and then we wrote about it. We wrote if it could roll or stack and how many sides and corners it had. *(Hamish and Tali)*

We’ve been learning about procedures. A procedure is learning to write instructions in step by step. We wrote a procedure about coloured candy. We completed an activity about putting on your shoes and we also put a How to Clean Your Teeth procedure in order. *(Orwin and Catherine)*

This week we have been learning about the four types of prayer. They are Thanksgiving, Sorrow, Petition and Praise. Thanksgiving is when we thank God for something. Sorrow is when we are sorry for something we did wrong. A prayer of petition is to ask God for help. Praise is when we praise God. *(Kalab and Seb)*

In swimming this week, we were in the indoor pool. It was very warm. We went under hoops under the water. We had to swim underneath the water without our goggles and get them off the bottom of the pool. It was fun. *(Erin and Deanna)*

Today we got some shapes. We traced them and then we learnt how to flip them, slide them and turn them. It was easy. *(Jack and Holly)*

We welcome Zachary to our class. He has come from Wiggin in the UK. It is lovely to have a new family join us at Star of the Sea.

YEAR 3 - It's been another busy week in Year 3. Can you believe we've only got just over five weeks left before we become Year 4s? We've got a lot of work to do in those weeks. In Maths we've been working on subtraction. Today we worked on three digit subtraction with regrouping. It was tough work but we persevered.

Next week we will look at using subtraction with money. We need as many catalogues as possible to help us with these. So don't throw out that junk mail at home. Send it to Year 3 instead. Students really appreciate the chance to use maths real life situations.

We've been doing more work on our planets. While everyone wants to rule the world, we found that governments work better when they represent the people. We had a look at how Members of Parliament are elected and how they serve their electorates. We even had an activity in which we had to organise the day of an MP. Talk about busy! We now have a new respect for those politicians who work hard for our country. It was then over to us to decide how our planets would be governed. You'll be hearing more about that at our assembly at the end of week 7.
Thursday is our speaking and listening day. Today, we had nine people presenting information on topics such as hobbies, talents and holidays. Once they have finished speaking the class provides feedback about what the presenter did well and what they could improve next time. We have seen a big improvement in the quality of presentations this term. We understand that it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of a group and we are very proud that all the Year 3’s have been brave enough to try.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - This week the fives and sixes slid back into normal routine after an amazing camp last week. They were reminiscing about all the fantastic activities and fun they had. Some of their favourite activities included abseiling down a 6m and 17m wall, jumping off a tiny ledge in a tree to ride the flying fox, tipping the canoes, conquering the low ropes obstacle and using their knowledge of maps to race against the clock in the orienteering activity.

Another favourite was when each cabin member had to make a costume out of toilet paper and alfoil and design a symbol and cabin name. The results were very interesting. There was, iBoys, The Metallic Hooligans, GNO (Girls Night Out), and the Ringenators!! They had a blast dancing in the hallway and prancing down the catwalk.

Of course there were other things besides the physical activities that they loved - like the FOOD! The first meal that arrived was Nachos! Then it got better from there, roasts, pizza, pancakes, hash browns, salads, stir-fry, desserts and lots of cordial. It was an amazing experience for all!

The teachers all agreed that the students were very respectful to each other and the instructors, as well as being incredibly supportive to each other when some were a little uneasy about participating in the activities. They are all to commended on their attitudes, respect and friendliness towards each other and the teachers. Well Done!

This week the year fours have been busy collating the data from their individual evaluations of the Bean and Potato Salad they cooked last week. It has been very interesting looking at all of the data, and finding out what people liked the most and the least about our dish. We are also going to use this data to help us decide what we will cook next, using the produce from our garden and also the eggs from the school chickens.

The year fours had fun making Halloween treats and also a scary book mark that will help them keep track of what page they are up to in their reading books. We also enjoyed hearing all about the fun the year fives and sixes had at camp. We can’t wait until it is our turn!!