God of Mercy
Each day you walk with us

Present in every aspect of our human existence.
Help us to pour out mercy on those we meet

The abandoned and forgotten
Those who struggle

Friends and family
Work colleagues and strangers

May we embrace all with your tenderness and compassion.

Amen.

(Simmonds – The Closeness of God 2013)
Prep
This week we have had a wonderful time using the Bee-Bots during our Maths rotations! These friendly little robots have been a great tool, teaching us to problem-solve the path to take to get from one place to another.

The children have had to learn how to program their Bee-Bots by using the directional keys on its back in order to send it forwards, backwards, left and right.

We have also been doing lots of work with place value. The children have been using MAB blocks to work out how many tens and how many ones are in a two-digit number! Check out our clever little preppies!!

You may have heard about our secret mission for the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Stay tuned, as all will be revealed!

Don’t forget this Thursday is our Superhero day soon! We can’t wait to see all the kids in costume!!! (We better start organising our costumes!)

Year 1
It’s been go, go, go in Year One this week! How do we fit it all in? This week we have been learning to split numbers into equal groups. You may have seen some of the great work we have been doing on Twitter.

Can you believe that some of us have been splitting numbers as big as 100 into equal groups? It seems like yesterday we were counting to 10! Time flies when you’re having fun, and learning lots!
We have also begun exploring persuasive texts. Look out at home because we are sure to be practising our skills on unsuspecting Mums and Dads – our smooth talking will have you buying us ice creams before you even realise what’s happened. Stay on your toes!

We also watched ‘Bolt’. It had a lovely message for us all to remember – being fast, strong and brave are great qualities if you’re a super dog, but it’s much more important to have qualities that make you a great person like loyalty, kindness and honesty.

Over the term we will be exploring ways that we can be more like Bolt, and all dogs really! We will be focusing on how fast and strong we are next Friday at the athletics carnival, though.

We’re looking forward to a great day at Carmel College.

**Year 2**

This week we set up our Discovery Learning display for our topic, Ready for Take Off! Thank you to all our families who have sent items into school from all around the world.

The children have loved sharing them with the class and learning about new places and objects. We learnt more about Japan this week. We discussed some wonderful places to visit in Japan, including Tokyo and Mount Fuji!

In maths we are learning more about measuring area with blocks & counters. We have had to measure some of the books in our tidy trays and order them from largest to smallest.

We have also started preparing for our assembly performance in week 8. We are making African necklaces and doing an African dance and song. This has been a lot of fun but we hope we can remember all the steps!

We are also starting to practice our public speaking techniques in preparation for our big Discovery presentation at the end of the term. We are learning to project our voice, maintain eye contact and stand nice and tall.
**Year 3**

**Sugar, Sugar, Sugar!**
This week on Monday, we explored how much sugar is in a variety of drinks. We were shocked at how much sugar is in drinks such as juice, sports drinks and vitamin water! We know that it is okay to drink these sometimes, however they are not an ‘all the time’ snack! A 650ml bottle of coke has 15 teaspoons of sugar! Eek!

**Bread Science Experiment**
We are completely disgusted at how much mould our bread is growing! Our predictions were correct - the controlled piece and the piece touched only with clean hands grew less mould than the dirty piece. Feel free to come in and have a look on the wall at our experiment!

**Discovery Learning**
This week during Discovery Learning, we have been learning about shadows. We have come up with a definition of a shadow and played some cool shadow games including ‘shadow tag!’ On Tuesday, we traced around Eden’s body, and watched her shadow grow longer and change directions. It was very interesting!

**Year 3 Excursion**
We are super excited for our excursion to the Planetarium. Please bring back the permission forms as soon as possible - they were sent home with children on Wednesday, and you can re-print them from the Parent Portal. We will notify the 4 parents who have been pulled out of a hat on Tuesday afternoon.

**Reminders**
- Please start to collect bottle caps/lids to bring into class in the next few weeks.
- Please put aside a shoebox to bring in, in the next few weeks for use in our Discovery learning lessons.
- Year 3 reading afternoons continue from 2:30 each afternoon. Thank you to those who have already come in and helped out!
- Thursday 28/7/16 at 8:30am Excursion to Planetarium. Returning to school at 3:00pm - 3:15pm.

**Year 4**
Year 4 had an amazing week this week! We started our Science unit “Beneath our feet.” We kicked off our unit with a fantastic excursion to Thunderbird Park, Mount Tamborine.

Year 4 had a wonderful day entering the Crystal Mine and fossicking for Thunderbird eggs. We learnt how they are formed and enjoyed collecting a variety of rocks.
During English we have been reading “Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.” We have really enjoyed reading all of the funny moments and adventures that the character “Fudge” gets up to. We have also started looking at the structure of an Information Report. This week we researched cyclones and how they are formed.

The class used this information to begin writing an information report during their independent writing session.

In Mathematics we have continued learning about fractions. In particular this week we looked at “Equivalent Fractions” and what needs to be done to the numerator and the denominator when making these fractions.

During Geography this week, we looked at the continent of Africa and mapped a variety of countries, cities, seas, rivers, deserts and mountains that are found there.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- Week 3 - Thursday 28th July Homework Grid due
- - Friday 29th July School Athletics Carnival

Our learning area has been a hype of excitement in the past week as our Discovery focus is in full swing. We are bringing the Olympics to life by creating animations about the history of the Olympics. The creativity and enthusiasm we are showing is outstanding.

Our information reports are coming along nicely as we have almost completed our researching and first drafts.

In Art we are keeping with the Olympic theme, as we are creating sketches of landmarks from countries that are participating in the Olympics and painting them.

We enjoyed participating in AFL for PE with Mr Bermingham, as we honed in on our kicking skills.
WRITE4FUN COMPETITION
For The Sots Writing Enthusiasts

The 2016 Schools Writing Competition is now open. Write4fun is an exciting competition in which you can battle it out with other students across Australia to win great prizes, including a $1000 first prize with $500 going to the winner and $500 to their school.

The piece should either be a poem not exceeding more than 16 lines or a short story not exceeding more than 500 words. There is no theme.

The closing date is Wednesday 31 August 2016 and entry is free.

Enter online at www.write4fun.net or email to enter@write4fun.net

Please see Mrs O’Donnell if you would like more information.

FOUNDATION DAY

On Friday 12th August we will be travelling to The Little Ships Club at Dunwich for our Foundation Day Mass. Students need to be dropped and collected from school at normal times.

We will be walking to the Stradbroke Flyer to catch the 9.55am Water Taxi for Mass beginning at 10.45am. We hope to be at the taxi by 9.40am. We will catch the 12.25am Water Taxi home and will be back at school by 1.15pm.

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided to the students upon our return to school. Students are to wear normal school uniform. If you do not give permission for your child to attend, please email the school.

We would like to invite families and parishioners to join us in this celebration! Please rsvp to the school office no later than Tuesday 9th August or email pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au We only need the number of adults and toddlers who may be joining us.

YEAR 5 / 6 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.
DEARNERY APPEAL FOR ROSIES AND BABI:
This year’s annual appeal will run over two weekends in the parishes. The dates for the appeal are the weekends of 30/31 July and 6/7 August. If you are able to support the charitable outreach of Rosies and BABI to the disadvantaged in our community by donating an item from the following list and placing it in the designated location in the school or church, it will be greatly appreciated.

ROSIES: Coffee (Large tins), Milo (Large tins) Cup-A-Soup, Cordial, Biscuits, Plastic spoons/wooden stirrers. Small-sized Toiletries (soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, safety razors, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, small tissues). Glad wrap, food service gloves, serviettes. No tea needed this year – thank you.

BABI: Non-perishables such as Tinned Meals/Soups/Vegies, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Cup-A-Soup/Noodles, Biscuits, Cereal Bars, Crackers/Snacks, Baby Food, Long-life Milk, Coffee, Salt/Pepper, Sauce, Cleaning products.

PEEL ISLAND MASS: we will be doing the yearly visit to Peel Island on the 20th August. Everyone is welcome. More information coming soon.

FUNDRAISING SOTS CHILDCARE CENTRE FOR MEL & HER FAMILY: Mel, a long term educator at Star of the Sea was recently diagnosed with secondary cancer. Please join us in supporting Mel, her husband Chris and their three boys.

Please by a ticket $5 to go in the draw to win an entertainment book (from the Childcare or Parish office). Winner will be drawn Monday 1st August.

For details on any of these events please contact the Parish Office on 3821 4902

Feeling out of the LOOP??
Login to the Parent Portal TODAY!!!

You can download any notes from teachers, read the newsletter, view Class Blogs (e.g. news, notices & class learning plans), download permission forms, and check our calendar for upcoming events and see the latest news.

There are also interactive features where you can let us know your child will be absent, keep your contact details up-to-date, check attendance, see your child’s timetable and NAPLAN results.

From 2017, your child’s Report Card will be on the Parent Portal instead of paper copies being distributed.

Feature of the Week:

Click this tile up the top of the Parent Portal, to confirm your details that the school has in their system. You can make changes to your details in here if they are incorrect and it automatically updates them in the school system.

SPORT @ SOTS

Info from Mr B

Athletics Carnival

It is that time of the year for Athletics carnivals and the SOTS inter-house carnival will take place on Friday the 29th July at Carmel College.

All students are required to be there by 9:00am with the marshalling of first events starting at 9:15am.

We are hoping to have the presentation at 2:30pm and ALL children picked up by 3:00pm. If you are unable to get your child to and from Carmel College on the day of the carnival, please let the office know!

It will be a fun filled day, with activities such as sack races, vortex throwing, egg and spoon races, tug-of-war and ball games combined with the usual Athletics events forming the basis of the day. We also have a coffee van again this year and thanks to the PCG, we have a sausage sizzle similar to what we had at the cross country carnival.

Just a reminder that ALL children are required to be in their house colours for the day!

A timetable for the day is located Here on the Parent Portal.

Can ILUKA win again in 2016??
AFL Auskick Program

IS STARTING TODAY!!

Boys start on Monday and Girls start on Tuesday. Cost is $75.

Students receive:

- 4 x tickets to an AFL game at the Gabba
- Football
- Lunch box
- Cap
- Pump
- Footy Cards
- Height Chart
- Catalogue

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now!

Where: Star of the Sea Primary
When: Monday 25th July (Boys Prep-Grade 6)  When: Tuesday 26th July (Girls Prep-Grade 6)
Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Length of program: 6 weeks*
Cost: $75

Come and see The Brisbane Lions! Simply register and pay online by Sunday 31st July, to receive 4 complimentary tickets* (2 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at the Gabba. Further details about the ticket offer will be sent to eligible participants early August. *Selected matches only, subject to availability.

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3394 2198

To register - click [HERE](#)