Our theme for 2016 is
“**You Light the Way!**”

Our theme song for 2016 is
“**Flashlight**”  – Jessie J

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### Student Protection Contacts

- **Karen Bakon**  --------  Principal
- **Kylie Williamson**  -----  APRE
- **Rachael Lovett**  --------  Guidance Counsellor

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**Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection**
Prep
It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, in Prep this week. The colours green, red and silver are starting to pop up in our classroom and Christmas carols are playing (and we won’t mention the glitter that seems to be everywhere)!

The children have loved making decorations for themselves and their family. We have started making baubles for our Christmas Trees at home. These are going to take us a few days to finish. We’ve made thumb print Christmas Tree portraits to hang up in the classroom. There is more craft planned during the last week, and maybe even a bit of cooking with our buddies!!!

Thank you to everyone for dressing up their children beautifully on Tuesday. The photos are absolutely gorgeous. We will be using these photos to make gifts for our families.

Don’t forget next Tuesday is our ‘End of Year’ Liturgy for Prep. We would love it if you could join us. It starts at 2pm in the classroom.

Year 1
We cannot believe it’s our second last week in Year One! Today we are getting a taste of what it’s like to be in Year Two with Miss Willis and Miss Bustamante. We are sure to be full of exciting stories from Transition Day this afternoon.

Earlier in the week we were busy little Year One bees finishing off our work and doing some awesome Christmas craft. We are making the best Christmas gifts for our families, but don’t even be tempted to ask about them because our lips our sealed.

We’ve also found some time this week to rehearse our Christmas carol for our end of year celebration next Thursday evening. We hope that lots of us can make it to bring our carol to life. Each afternoon we have done some drama, dance or played a ball game - it’s the most wonderful time of the year!

Only five days to go… don’t forget that next Wednesday is a wet fun/cleaning day and there are more details on the parent portal.

Year 2
We have had a really fun couple of weeks reading Nick Bland’s books and hopefully by next week we will have our green screen pictures ready to show off.

It has been lots of fun with Mrs Golle learning new art skills and making Christmas and water themed pieces this term.
We had a wonderful Liturgy on Tuesday morning where we were joined by some of our parents and grandparents.

Our theme was Saints and we had special prayer cards that we made for our families to take home.

This last week is very exciting. We have been singing up a storm getting ready for the Christmas concert and the end of year Mass as well as looking forward to Transition Day and the coming year with Mrs Porter.

### Year 3

#### Activity Matrix
This week we have introduced an activity matrix. This is a grid of 30 activities (a range of Literacy, Mathematics, Discovery, Religion, Art and iPad based tasks), which provides children with more choice in their learning.

Each activity is set to take 30 minutes, and before moving onto the next activity, they must have their work marked, and a stamp placed on their grid. The children enjoy having a choice, and getting to select whether they work individually or collaboratively.

#### Discovery Projects
As you know, over the past 8 weeks, Year 3 have explored a range of different cultures; their Religious beliefs, their traditions and their celebrations. This week, the children have all selected a country to complete their research on, and display this as a media presentation.

Some children are choosing to demonstrate their understanding through iMovie, Puppet Pals, Notes or Story Buddy. It is fantastic to see so many creative and informative projects! Some of us may even be able to tell you how to say a few words in their chosen country’s language. Tricky!

#### Christmas Craft – Week 9
Next week, the children will commence their Christmas craft activities. If you are interested in coming in to assist with these activities on **Monday**, please let us know either through email or face to face. Thank you!

### Year 4
Year Four has been learning about the season of advent this week. We know that it is a time that we spend waiting in anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ. During

Religion we have been reading the Nativity Story and have identified when the waiting period was over for Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the three kings.

In English we have been continuing to explore poetic devices and poems. We recited *Mulga Bill’s Bicycle* and are developing poetic rhythm as we read.

During Mathematics we have been consolidating our multiplication and division facts. We know that Year 4 is the time for us to learn them so that we are ready for Year 5.
This week we also voted as a class and unanimously decided that we want to share the meaning of giving at Christmas through a Secret Santa. Year 4 is going to present our Secret Santa gifts to each other on Thursday the 1st of December. Please make sure that gifts are valued at ten dollars and are wrapped with the child’s name clearly on the gift.

Year 4 is looking forward to celebrating the last week of school and have been organising our Christmas Carol for next Thursday night, the 1st of December. Year 4 students have been asked to wear a white shirt and a denim skirt or pants.

Please also wear a Christmas decoration such as a Christmas hat or earnings, etc. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 5/6

It’s hard to believe there is only one week to go. Our seniors had a beautiful celebration last night for their graduation. It was a time of reflection, as we were all pondering on how blessed we are to all be part of such an amazing school community.

In Maths, we have been working on co-ordinate plots and cartesian planes, with a Christmas theme. We enjoyed the challenge and realised that the key to success was to maintain total concentration.

In Literacy, we have still been working on writing tasks, also with a Christmas theme. We had fun writing a Christmas gift list for our family, with an unlimited budget.

In Discovery Learning we have been looking at the impact that using non-renewable energy is having on our planet. Some of us wanted to go further with our research, as we made dioramas and prototypes of ways to create energy.

We are enjoying the odd occasion of having some down time, listening to carols and making Christmas gifts for our family, especially making our giant Christmas stars.

We wish everyone a happy and Holy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.
END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

All families are invited to celebrate the end of the 2016 school year on Thursday 1st December from 5pm – 7:00pm. The event will be a BYO everything and 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. This part of the evening will commence at 6pm.

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.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Reports will be uploaded onto the Parent Portal next Friday 2nd December.

Please ensure that you have subscribed to the Portal.

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.

LAST DAY OF THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Students arrive at school at the usual time. At 10:30am we will move to the Church for Christmas Carols followed by Mass beginning at 11am. Students are collected and taken home by 12 noon.

After School Care is operating from 12 noon so any students not collected by 12 will be accompanied to the After School Care facility.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

**2016**

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School resumes: Tuesday 24 January 2017

Public Holiday: Thursday 26 January 2017
PRAYERS PLEASE
Please remember in your prayers all those who are in need in our community, the sick, those struggling with family challenges and those who are grieving.

Please remember in your prayers one of our Foundation teacher aides, Kathy Clark whose Mum’s funeral was celebrated today in Star of the Sea Church. Kathy and her family have lost both Mum and Dad in just a few short weeks.

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS
Last night’s celebration was both beautiful and sad. There are mixed emotions shared by parents, staff and students as we farewell our Seniors. They have grown so much in so many ways since starting their school journey in Prep.

At Mass on the last day, they will be farewelled again by the school community and especially farewelled by their Prep buddies.

A NOTE FROM THE YEAR 5/6 TEACHERS
Sincere thanks to all the wonderful parents who made last night’s graduation so successful. It was a truly beautiful night. Nicole, Jason and I felt so incredibly proud of each and every one of the seniors. They looked amazing!

We would also like to make special mention of the wonderful Year 5 parents who worked tirelessly in the kitchen and behind the bar – thanks Anna Gregori, Sally Butler, Anne Retief, Leanne Terry and Dave McLucas - the night wouldn’t have been as successful without you there.

We would also like to thank the older siblings who helped with serving the food. Thanks for all your support this year. We have enjoyed working with the 5’s and 6’s so much this year and we sincerely wish the seniors all the best.

FAREWELL TO STAFF
We need to acknowledge and thank some members of staff who will be leaving Star of the Sea at the end of this year.

Lauren Mill is off to Canada to work and play. She came to us as a graduate and she has shone brightly as a valuable member of our team.

Olivia Horn will return to us as a relief teacher as she transitions their eldest son to Prep and becomes more familiar with the new State and Suburb she and her family have moved into after such a long time living in Sydney.

Paul Holmes’ contract ends at the end of the year. He has been actively involved in supporting our Sports program and he has such a happy, friendly nature.

Jane Eugarde, Jane Davis and Elle Nelson have worked closely with our teaching teams and students to support them in the learning areas.

We wish Elle well as she prepares for the birth of her 3rd child, 1st daughter. All three ladies have been awesome staff members and terrific workers in the learning areas.

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 2017
STAFFING 2017

**PRINCIPAL**  Mrs Karen Bakon

**APRE**  Ms Kylie Williamson

**Teachers**

**PREP**  Mrs Laura Rogers  Mrs Sarah Gibbs

**YEAR ONE**  Mrs Sally Kirby  Mrs Erin Hardy (Mon-Wed)  Mrs Danielle Bennett (Thurs-Fri)

**YEAR TWO**  Ms Bridie Willis  Ms Priscilla Bustamante

**YEAR THREE**  Mrs Tanya Porter

**YEAR FOUR**  Mrs Nicole Cantwell (Mon-Wed)  Mrs Kelly Gough (Thur-Fri)

**YEAR FIVE/SIX**  Mr Jason Waters  Mrs Louise McLucas  Mrs Nicole Clough

**Support Teacher - Inclusive Education**  Ms Kylie Williamson

**Guidance Counsellor**  Ms Rachael Lovett

**Primary Learning Leader**  Mrs Danielle Bennett

**PE Teacher, Sport Coordinator, ICLT Coordinator & Data Coach**  Mr Dave Bermingham

**Classroom Music Teacher**  Mrs Erin Hardy

**Instrumental Teachers**  Mr David & Mrs Kathleen Smith

**WHSO**  Mrs Jody Lennox

**School & Enrolments Secretary**  Mrs Jenny Sharp

**Finance Secretary**  Mrs Michelle Kay

**School Secretary (Wednesday)**  Mrs Lisa Sticher

**School Officers**

Mrs Kathy Clark  Ms Cheryl Hart

Mrs Annabelle Hazelton  Mrs Terry Larsen

Mrs Lisa Sticher

**Groundsman**  Mr Chris Larsen
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.

The Reports will be uploaded on Friday the 2nd of December. 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.

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.

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.
Because of its huge success in 2016, we have decided to continue with the BYOD Program in 2017. Like this year, in 2017 the program will take place in the Grade 5/6 learning area only.

A new addition to BYOD @ SOTS is a ‘FAMILY FUNDING PROGRAM’ with Apple Store Carindale.

The ‘Family Funded Program’ will provide in-store, telesales and our custom online store with pricing only available for parents of Star of the Sea.

This covers discount iPad pricing for students attending our school, AppleCare+, accessories personal set up of the iPad including family sharing for the parent and your child(ren). This initiative is an option only.

If you are purchasing a new iPad or any Apple product from the Carindale Apple Store or over the phone just let the Specialist know you are parent of Star of the Sea to access these pricing arrangements.

If you wish to purchase online, the custom on-line store offers all the same features of the regular Apple Online Store, like free delivery and engraving.

Recently the Year 4 and 5 students received some paperwork regarding the BYOD program at Star of the Sea next year. Included in the paperwork was: BYOD information for Parents, BYOD Code of Conduct, BYOD Policy and BYOD Program Information Booklet.

I am also happy to announce that we have completed the development of the Star of the Sea Cleveland custom online Apple store. This store includes discount pricing and great deals on Apple Macs, iPads, Accessories, Financing and Protection Plans.

Our custom online Apple Store is only available through the BYOD Portal located on our public website. Please CLICK HERE to access the BYOD Portal.

Just a reminder, if you wish for your child to participate in the BYOD program next year, we require the signed Policy Document to be returned to the classroom teachers or school office before the end of the term.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Dave Bermingham if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.
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 2016.

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
1 Adults $30.00
2 Students / Seniors $25.00
3 Children (10 & Under) $20.00
(plus $0.30/booking fee)

Tickets are available HERE
SOTS OZTAG

As the season of OZTAG wraps up, we would like to congratulate all children on their participation in the competition.

This year we had 6 teams in the local competition down at Redlands Showgrounds. It is a great sport, in a relaxed atmosphere and the kids have a lot of fun playing.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Next Monday and Wednesday are the last PE lessons of the year. This also marks the end of our Gymnastics program with Bounce4Kids. All classes have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons and have learnt so many great skills.

We had a lot of children doing a cartwheel for the first time, whilst some other managed to build up the strength to complete an assisted back flip. Thank you to Bounce4Kids for their great Program!

SOTS TOUCH 2017

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!