For our Nanas...

Child of my child
Heart of my heart.
Your smile bridges the years between us...
I am young again
Discovering the world through your eyes.
You have the time to listen
And I have the time to spend,
Delighted to gaze at the familiar,
Loved features made new in you again.
Through you, I see the future.
Through me, you’ll see the past.
In the present, we’ll love one another
As long as these moments last.

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Our theme for 2016 is
“You Light the Way!”
Our theme song for 2016 is
“Flashlight” – Jessie J

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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

We have enjoyed having our student teacher, Mrs Moore, help us in the classroom during the past two weeks. She has settled in well to our classroom and has been busy creating fun lessons and activities for the children to do. Next week will be her last week with us and it will be sad to see her go!

In Maths, we have been looking at 3D Shapes and addition. The children had a great time walking through the school looking for 3D Shapes. They used ipads to take photos of the items they found and will use these photos to make a class “3D Shape” booklet. The children also loved how we taught addition this week – with Jelly Beans!!! They loved picking their favourite colours, lining them up and adding them together!

In English, we have just finished looking at stories written by Pamela Allen. There are so many books she was written and the children thoroughly enjoyed creating art pieces to go with her books and discussing the different characters and settings she uses.

Now we are going to be looking at Fairy Tales. So far we have read ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ and ‘Jack and the Beanstalk.’ The children have been busy making a ‘Story Map Bean Stalk.’ The children drew on a leaf showing either the setting, the characters, the problem or the solution. They also had fun making finger puppets for the story of ‘Little Red Riding Hood.’
Year 1

This week we have taken some time to slow down for Well Being Week. We have taken extra time each morning and at different times throughout the day to focus on prayer. We have been thinking about them as conversations with God. Sometimes we talk to God – asking for things, thanking Him for things or being sorry for not showing Mercy.

Sometimes we listen for God’s presence in us – in the wind outside our classroom, or the birds in the trees. We have also added some mindful activities during meditation time. We love the fluid app, which is like moving calming water, the prayer rocks, our new prayer journals, and colouring relaxing mandalas. It’s safe to say we are feeling very well.

Another thing that makes everyone feel wonderful is helping a great cause. This morning we walked until our little legs could walk no more to support Motor Neurone Disease, a cause very close to Mrs McLucas’ heart, and Paige walked proudly, too, in support of her Pa.

It was such a special morning and we hope you can help us by sponsoring each lap that we walked. This afternoon you will find a piece of paper with the number of laps we did – prepare to be impressed!

We’re going to be relaxed, but tired, little Year Ones this weekend!

Year 2

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of having Fr Ashley join us for our class liturgy. Our theme was Compassion and Love and we loved having members of our family join us to share in the celebration. Thank you to the families that were able to supply some items for the morning tea.

In our literacy rotations we have been learning about rhyming poetry. We have been on the lookout for words that look the same and sound the same. We used the IWB to match groups of words that sounded the same. In maths we have been manipulating shape to see what they look like when they turn either clockwise and anticlockwise.

Last Friday we combined different mixtures to see how they reacted with each other. We made predictions about what we thought would happen and then tested these predictions and observed what happened. We discovered that oil floats on water and that dishwashing liquid mixes with both.

This week we finished our African plain silhouette. They look really good and hope to have these displayed on our wall next week.
Year 3
Discovery Learning

Wall-E Movie
Last week on Friday, we watched the movie ‘Wall-E’. We watched this movie to look at how our Earth could end up if we keep polluting our planet and not looking after it.

The movie gave us lots of cool ideas for our Discovery Learning - creating our very own environment that could support life.

Baylee - My environment is called ‘Food Land’. The trees are lollipops and the waterfalls are pink lemonade.

Jayda - My name of my environment is called ‘Bush Land’. There are heaps of trees, rivers and square grass patches.

Noah - In my environment you will see hot water, and the fish are fire resistant! There are mountains and forest land.

Eden - ‘The Peaceland’ has lots of rivers and stepping stones that lead into a peaceful garden.

Food Chains
We have focused our Discovery Learning lessons this week on food chains. We were asked to research a food chain and present this as either a presentation on the iPads, a poster, a physical chain made of card or any other means of presenting. Here are some photos of our food chains...

Spelling
There are three different activities each week that help us to improve our spelling. The first activity is our ‘Words their Way’ word sorts. This is where each spelling group is given a different sound or letter pattern to focus on each week, and are provided with a set of cards with their words on them. The group is to sort the words into their sounds. E.g. aw/au.

The second activity we do is a fun activity that gets us to practise our ‘Words their Way’ words; Spelling City! Spelling City is an App on the iPad with lots of fun games to consolidate our learning. The third activity is where we work on spelling words correctly from our writing each week.

We practise these words in our spelling journals. We practise them in lots of fun ways including chalk drawing, rainbow writing, backwards writing, dot writing, writing with the opposite hand and fancy/bubble writing. We are then asked to do two tests with a friend and one teacher test.
Year 4

This week Year 4 started looking at the text type ‘procedure’. We analysed a procedure and discussed who would be the audience and why we would use a procedure in our everyday life.

We have continued looking at our goal setting this week. We discussed as a class that “In order to achieve our goals we need to ensure that the actions we take or the small steps we use, help us to do so. We talked about making a plan that can take you from where you are now, to where you want to be.

During Religion we began planning our discovery-learning project. We looked at ways we can describe Mercy and how we can see Mercy in the stories that Jesus told.

We are all looking forward to the Walk-a-thon on Friday.

Dates to remember
Week 8
Monday 29th August- Last homework grid distributed for the term.

Year 5/6

What a great end to the week, as we hosted our inaugural Walkathon. Every student in the school did an amazing job, walking as many laps as they could in 45 minutes around the school Fun Run course.

We are hoping to get close to our goal of $2000 for The Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital and the Motor Neurone Association of Queensland.

A big thank you to The Big Mushroom Fruit Barn (88 Shore St East, Cleveland QLD 4163) for their very generous donation of 50 kilograms of oranges at a discount price.

With the upcoming Paralympic Games in Rio, we have been inspired by the athletes who are competing in the games. We have each chosen an inspiring athlete to write a Biography on.

In Maths we’ve been using our decimals and percentage skills to work out our own budget. We have chosen a job, worked out our monthly wage and are now trying to work out how we can pay for a car, house, food, electricity etc.

We realised how difficult it is to fit all of our monthly expenditure into a budget. We now know why our parents nag us about turning the lights off if we aren’t in our room.
FILMING TODAY BY UNIVERSITY OF QLD

Today saw the first part of a series of visits from Professors in Education and Science from the University of Qld. Today the visit involved my being filmed and interviewed about how our approach to learning motivates students and encourages deep thinking.

The next visit after the holidays will be to film groups of students with their teaching teams engaged in deep learning. This filming is for a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) that UQ is developing with edX/Microsoft called “Promoting Deep Learning through Transformative Pedagogies.” Star of the Sea School is a major feature in the online materials and we will be seen internationally.

It is one of five courses in the edX-Microsoft Series Leading Transforming Schools with other course contributions from MIT and the University of Michigan.

Deep learning encourages students to become creative, connected, and collaborative problem solvers; to gain knowledge and skills for lifelong learning; and to use a range of contemporary digital technologies to enhance their learning.

To facilitate deep learning, teachers employ a diverse range of powerful teaching strategies and authentic learning activities to assist students to become independent thinkers, innovative creators, and effective communicators.

The course explores deep learning by bringing together the most up-to-date research from cognitive psychology, contemporary educational theories, and neuro-scientific perspectives.

Course Audience:
Target audience(s):
School principals / administrators
Teachers
Pre-service teachers
Interested individuals from the corporate and government sector
Parents and caregivers

Audience characteristics:
Global audience
Variety of education levels, ages, and cultural backgrounds

BISHOP JOSEPH’S VISIT

Our Bishop visits each parish every three years for a long weekend. We welcomed Bishop Joseph to our school today. He enjoyed his time meeting students and staff and touring our school. He has a busy three days ahead of him.

Following our time with him, Bishop Joseph spent time at Carmel College and then joined members of the Parish Council for dinner in the evening.

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 6:30pm – 7:30pm

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK FAIR NEXT TERM

Book Fair arrives on Tuesday 18th October for a week.

Book Week Parade will be held on Thursday 20th October from 9:15am. The theme this year is “AUSTRALIA – STORY COUNTRY”
PARISH NEWS

We warmly welcome Bishop Joseph Oudeman, OFMCap DD, to our Star of the Sea Parish this weekend. Bishop Joseph will celebrate all Masses and he will look forward to meeting many of you after Mass. Please make him welcome.

ALL NATIONS MASS will be celebrated this Sunday 28 August, 8.30am. A gathering will follow in the Parish Hall. Please join us on this special occasion.

FIRST COMMUNION DATES
A reminder to parents whose children are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion, to please ring the parish office to book your child into one of the Masses -

- Sunday 4th September at 8.30am (rehearsal 1st Sept - 4.30pm)
- Saturday 10th September at 5.30pm (rehearsal 8th Sept - 4.30pm)
- Sunday 11th September at 8.30am (rehearsal 8th Sept - 4.30pm)

(Please note that Saturday 3rd is now full)

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

~ PARENT PORTAL ~

Book an interview with teachers via PTO

IT IS TIME to book Term 3 interviews with your child’s teacher. These interviews will be booked via PTO. Use the PTO tile on the Parent Portal to get to this school PTO page! If you have already had a meeting with the teachers, you DO NOT need to book another one!

Interviews must be booked before Saturday the 3rd of September!!!
The OZTAG season will be starting on the 8th of September. If you would like to play OZTAG for one of the SOTS teams, you need to sign on ONLINE by clicking HERE!!

If you are having trouble signing on, we are also having a SIGN ON afternoon next Thursday the 1st of September at 3:15pm in the O’Dea Centre.

We will have some people from QLD OZTAG assisting parents in the online Sign up process.

**OZTAG Info**

**Divisions:** Boys & Girls U5 - U15’s

**Venue:** Redlands Showgrounds Complex

**Round 1:** 8th September

**Game Times:** Games start at 4pm

**Game Day:** Thursday

**Season Length:** Season consists of 12 games (over 10 weeks **we do not play during the school holidays**)  

**Cost:** $85 per player ($7.08 per game) plus $25 for Official shorts and $10 for playing shirt!!

We require parent volunteers to assist at the games! If you are able to assist, please let me know!!!
Congratulations to the SOTS All-Stars parents and staff OZTAG team for winning their grand final last night.

The team finished 4th after all the normal round games, but really turned up the heat for the finals by knocking out the number 1 team last week in the semi-final and then beating the number 2 team in the grand final last night.

The team fought back after being down at half time, with the final score being 11-10.

WELL DONE ALLSTARS!!